

**RICHARD ACKERLEY 1690 ADMIN Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Dec 1690**

Transcribed by S.Gordon

A true & pfect Inventory of the goods & chattells which were belonging to Richard Ackerley late of Settle in the pish of Giggleswicke in the Diocesse of yorke Deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this twenty ninth day of November Ano Dom 1690

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Inprimis his purse & apparrell	0	15	6
some small houseold goods	0	13	4
In debts due to the Deceased	1	10	0
	2	18	10

Bryan Cookeson

Thomas Kidd

his marke

Henry H Hewton

Jo. Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN ALTHAM 1602 Borthwick v28 f726**

In the name of god amen the thirteenth day of May one thousand six hundred and two I John Altham of Settle in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance the lord's name be praised for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: viz. first I commend my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick in the said county of York.

Item I give the lease of my tenement in Settle and all my right estate title and demand of and in the same tenement to Agnes Altham my daughter and to the issue of her body lawfully to be begotten. And for want of such issue to Margaret my daughter and to her lawful issue for ever provided always that Elizabeth Altham my now wife shall have hold and enjoy all that third part of my tenement which I lately have occupied and so much the more as will extend to make the same a full half thereof for and during her pure widowhood and provided also that my natural father Robert Altham shall have his finding with meat drink and apparel bedding and all other necessaries upon the same tenement and be accepted used and taken to be the best and head of the house during his life if he will be so therewith contented. And when he shall dislike of his finding and usage above said then my will is that he shall enter into and have the other half of the same tenement during his life natural for his said finding. Further also it is my will that my said daughter Agnes shall give to my said daughter Margaret her sister ten pounds of current English money to be paid unto her at the time of the marriage of the said Margaret in consideration of my said tenement.

Item my will is that if my lord do make a redemption of my said tenement that then my said daughter Agnes shall have the money which is to be paid for the same for and towards the procuring and getting of a new estate thereof for her use.

Item it is my will that my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged out of my whole goods. And that then my wife have one third part of the rest. And for the other two parts I will that the same be equally divided amongst my said wife and two daughters. And I make and ordain my said wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Christopher Preston, Robert Altham, John Kydd Robert Morehouse and Thomas Claphamson.

*Seddell  
Giggleswicke*

### **RICHARD ALTHAM 1626 Borthwick v41 f788**

In the name of God amen the twelfth day of January 1626 I Richard Altham of Settle sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be god) do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting through the most precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. Inprimis I give unto my son Roger Altham his executors and administrators all my houses and garths with all the profits and commodities thereunto belonging with all my writings and assurances thereto pertaining during all the said term of years expressed in the said writings. And also that he the said Roger Altham shall discharge and pay out for the same all these sums hereafter expressed.

First my will and mind is and I give unto Jane my wife half of all the said houses and garths during her life natural and after her decease the same to remain to my son Roger aforesaid. Item my will is that my son Roger Altham shall pay forth of the said houses and garths unto my two other children Thomas Altham and Jennett Altham either of them five pounds. And he shall pay the one five pounds of it unto them within one whole year next after that my son Thomas Altham be loose out of his apprenticeship and the other five pounds he shall pay unto them within one whole year next after the decease of my wife and both those payments as they grow due equally to be divided between them. Item my will further is that my son Roger Altham shall pay and discharge all such debts as I am indebted that is to say to John Wharfe three pounds four shillings ten pence, to James Willson twenty one shillings six pence, to James Butterfield ten shillings nine pence, to Anthonie Knowles ten shillings nine pence, to Christopher Lawson three shillings four pence. Item I give unto my son Roger Altham all my work tools belonging to my trade whatsoever they be. Item for all my other goods whatsoever when my funeral expenses is paid I give the remainder thereof unto Jane my wife to dispose of at her pleasure. And I do make and appoint Jane my wife and Roger Altham my son sole and joint executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Henrie Kyng, Henrie Lupton.

*Settle*  
*Gigleswicke*

**ROGER ALTHAM (not Asham) 1658**

**The National Archives PROB 11/280**

Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen** the twentie third day of Januarie in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England one Thousand six hundred fiftie and seven I Roger Altham of Settle in the countie of Yorke yeoman being sicke and weak(?) in bodie, but of sound and perfect memorie praise be given to God for the same, and knowing the uncertaintie of this life on earth and being desiring to settle thinges in order, doe make constitute ordaine and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme following Revoking and adnulling by these presentes all and everie testament and testaments, will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or by writing And this is to be taken onely for my last will and testament and none other And first being penitent and sorrie from the bottome of my heart for my sinnes past most humbly desiring forgivnes for the same, I give and commend my soule to Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sinnes, and be saved by the precious death and merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus And my bodie to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in such decent and Christian manner, as to my executrix hereafter named together with her friends shalbe thought meet and convenient And as for such temporall estate, goods, Chattells and debts as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestowe upon me My will and meaning is the same shalbe employed and bestowed and hereafter by this my will is expressed, That is to say, First I will That all those debts and duties which I owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shalbe well and truly contented and paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease, by my executrix hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Roger Altham the summe of Fortie pounds to be paid or employed for the use of the said Roger my sonne at or upon the twentie fifth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred sixtie and three Item I doe give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Altham my daughter the summe of fortie pounds To be paid unto the said Elizabeth my daughter when she shall attaine unto the age of one and twentie yeares And in case either the said Roger my sonne or the said Elizabeth my daughter shall happen to die before they attaine unto the full age of one and twentie yeares, Then my will and meaning is, That the moneye thereby bequeathed remayning due unto either of them at the time of their deceasing shall become due and payable unto the survivor or longer liver of them Item I doe give and bequeath unto Agnes Altham my grandchild Eldest daughter of Michaell Altham of Overkellat in the Countie of Lancaster Clerke my eldest sonne the summe of twentie pounds To be paid or consented to the said Michaell Altham her father or to some Feoffee in trust by him appointed or upon the five and twentieth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred sixtie and foure, And by him the said Michaell her father or the said Feoffee by him appointed to be employed to the onely use and behoofe of the said Agnes, And the said moneye together with the profits thereof by them truly to be paid or contented to her the said Agnes when she shall attaine to the full age of one and twentie yeares Item I doe give and bequeath unto Michaell Altham my grandchild (eldest sonne of Michaell Altham aforesaid my eldest sonne) the like

summe of twentie pounds in like manner To be paid unto Michaell Altham his father or some Feoffee in trust by him appointed at or upon the five and twentieth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one thousand sixe hundred Sixtie and five and by him the said Michaell his father or the said Feoffee in trust by him appointed to be employed to the onely use and behoofe of Michaell Altham the sonne, And the same together with the profits thereof by them truly to be paid or contented to him the said Michaell when he shall attaine to the age of one and twentie yeares Item I doe give and bequeath unto Roger Altham my grandchild (second sonne of the said Michaell the father) the summe of Twentie pounds, in like manner to be paid unto the said Michaell his father, or some Feoffee in trust by him appointed, at or upon the five and twentieth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand sixe hundred sixtie and sixe And by him the said Michaell the father or the said Feoffee in trust by him appointed to be employed to the onely use and behoofe of the said Roger And the same together with the profits thereof by them truly to be paid or contented to him the said Roger when he shall attaine to the age of one and twentie yeares And in case any of my said Grandchildren Agnes Michaell or Roger shall happen to dye before they come to the full age of one and Twentie yeares, Then my will and meaning is That the legacie or legacies by me hereby given and bequeathed to the partie or parties so deceasing shall become due and payable to the survivor or survivors, the longer liver or longer livers of them my said grandchildren Item, and for the due performance of all things conteyned herein I doe hereby ordaine, constitute and appoint Agnes Altham my now wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale, the day and yeare abovewritten Roger Altham his marke signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us with the word (paid) interlined William Newhouse Henry Towller John Howson

**This will** was proved at London before the Judges for probate of wills and granting Administrations the nine and twentieth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred Fiftie eight By the oath of Agnes Altham the Relict of the said deceased and sole executrix therein named To whome Administration of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased were granted and committed She being First sworne by Com[missi]on truly to administer

#### **THOMAS ARMESTEAD 1632 Ref. Borthwick vol 41 fol 785**

In the name of God Amen the first day of April Anno domini One thousand six hundred thirty and two I Thomas Armestead of Giggleswick in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect memory (praised be God therefore) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following . And first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my saviour and redeemer trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of my alone saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven. And for my body I commit the same to earth from whence it came in hope of the resurrection to everlasting life. The same body to be buried in Christian and honest burial at the discretion of my loving wife, executors and friends.

And as touching my worldly estate my will and mind is as follows: First whereas I have by my deed or writing conveyed to the use of my wife Jane before our inter-

marriage certain lands or grounds lying within the Lordship of Giggleswick for her jointure and in satisfaction of her dower and claim to all my lands tenements and grounds which I either hold in fee by lease or otherwise or to that effect. Now my will and mind is And I do ratify confirm and allow the same to be my own act and deed and to continue in full force effect and virtue against me my heirs, executors and administrators further my will is because god has given a blessing to us since I married her, she shall have £14 out of my goods. Also whereas I have lately bought certain titles in Giggleswick aforesaid of Mr Baynes attorney at law for which I am to pay £500 at several days And for which Thomas Carr my brother-in-law stands engaged my will and mind is that the same with all other debts whatsoever I owe shall be paid out of my personal estate of goods and if the same will not extend the payment thereof then I will and devise that my executors hereafter named shall sell and dispose of those parcels of grounds hereafter mentioned which were late parcels of Mr Shute's tenement in Giggleswick aforesaid vizt the Ostell Bancke, the hollow gate and all the grounds beneath the highway parcel of Mr Shute's tenement and also of those other parcels also called Upp Jacks Close, the Blew Breake Close lying about Roome and the Hirst Close within the lordship of Giggleswick aforesaid.

And if my executors cannot by the disposition of my personal estate in goods nor by the sale of the aforesaid grounds raise sufficient money for the satisfaction of my debts then it is my will and mind and I do hereby give my executors full power and authority to sell any what part of my lands I hold by lease (as to them shall be thought fit) which does lye at an outside or furthest off from the rest of my lands. Also it is my will and mind that my executors hereafter named shall take and retain the mean of profits from all my messuages houses lands tenements and grounds and shall dispose thereof for the education of my children till they come to that age to possess these rights and legacies I have bequeathed them as hereafter is mentioned further also it is my will and mind that my son John Armesteade after he shall accomplish the age of 21 years (having his education with the rest of my children as aforesaid) and other limitations performed as above is limited shall have and enjoy to him and his heirs executors administrators and assigns all my messuage or mansion house wherein I now dwell with all houses rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging together with those closes or parcels of grounds hereafter particularly mentioned vizt the Browne Wattikers, the foread heade and the little close thereto adjoining together with all other my lands tenements and hereditaments I hold in free socage saving and always reserving to my said loving wife Jane such jointure as I have granted her for her life in the same premises and not otherwise.

And as such all mean profits as are before mentioned and limited to my executors And for the rest of all my leases lands and tenements held by what tenure held soever (saving and reserving as aforesaid) I give devise and bequeath the same to my son William Armesteade his heirs executors administrators and assigns for all such estate time term and terms number and numbers of years as I hold the same by force of any writings or assurances whatsoever to enter to the same when he shall accomplish the age of 22 years. And as concerning my tythe before mentioned which I purchased of Mr Baynes as aforesaid my will and mind is that the same shall be disposed of as follows: vizt that my three eldest daughters shall have hold and enjoy the same successively each after other for and during the space of two years a piece now next. And my two younger daughters after that term expired shall enjoy the same either of them a year. The remainder thereof to be and descend to my said son John

Armesteade his heirs and assigns with all other my lands tenements and heriditaments I hold as parcel of the rectory of Giggleswick aforesaid. And if out of the mean profits of my lands formerly disposed to my executors any surplus as does remain that then that surplus shall go to my two youngest daughters to make them equal in portion with their eldest sisters. And when that equality is had if any more surplus be my will is that the same shall be equally disposed among all my five daughters.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my natural brother William Armesteade clerk and my brother-in-law Thomas Carr to be sole executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Arthur Coldcoll, John Carr, James Newhouse Henry Lawson.

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswick & Gigleswicke*

**ANNA or AGNES ARMETSTEAD 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.1616 Ref.Borthwick Vol 35 f236**

In the name of God Amen. The thirtieth day of November 1616 I Annas Armetstead late wife of Thomas Armetstead of Settle deceased sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish church of Giglesweeke at the discretion of my friends.

Item: my will is and I give unto Thomas Armetstead my eldest son all that my whole estate in Settle of my houses and garths with the appurtenances thereto belonging and also one close or eighth part of the tythe of Settle thereunto belonging withal the writing thereunto belonging. And also further my will is that the said Thomas Armetstead my son shall pay to his brother James Armetstead and to his two sisters Elizabeth Armetstead and Ellen Armetstead my other three younger children every one of them twenty pounds when they shall come to their full age of twenty one years. And for my goods when my debts are paid and my funeral expenses discharged I give the same wholly to my three younger children James Elizabeth and Ellen Armetstead equally to be divided amongst them and I appoint Ellen Taylor my aunt whole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Richard Balderston, Oliver Newhouse and Henry Lupton.

*Settle modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ELIZABETH ARMITSTEAD of Settle (buried Giggleswick) widow January  
22nd 1665  
Borthwick volume 48 Folio 259**

In the name of God Amen To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall Come greeting know yee that I Elizabeth Armitstead of Settle widdow being sick and weake of body but in perfect and sound memory God be prayed doth make this my last will and testament in Manner and Forme Following: First I bequeath my soule to God Almighty to whom it belongeth through Christ my Redeemer and Saviour And my body to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Giglesweeke Item after my

Funerall Expences be discharged by my Executor I give & bequeath unto Alice Armitstead of Settle widdow twenty shillings Item I give unto every of Alice Armitstead Children William John Mary and Jane twenty shillings A peece Item I give unto Agnes Craven twenty shillings Item I give unto Richard Craven and Issabell Windsor all my household goodes Equally to be devided betwixt them And all the rest and Residue of my goodes and Chattells these legacies being First payd my Funerall discharged unto my Executor soly I doe appoint Robert Windsor of Settle my sole Executor of this my last will and testament And I doe hereby Revoke all Former wills by me made In wittnes where of I have here unto sett my hand the 22th of January 1665 Elizabeth Armitstead her X marke \Witness/ Jennet Windsor her T marke William Holmes

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JAMES ARMITSTEADE 1612 Borthwick v32 f457**

In the name of God Amen the seven and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred and twelve I James Armitstead of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect memory, God be praised therefore, do make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God assuredly trusting through the merits and precious passion of my sweet saviour Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven. And for my body I commit the same to the earth whereof it is made to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends in the church yard of Giggleswick.

Item my will is that my debts mortuary and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods and also whereas god has blessed me with two daughters only and that I have no other children which daughters I have heretofore preferred in marriage according as God has enabled me yet never the less I give to either of my said daughters one cow or forty shillings in money to either of them to be paid or delivered at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named before the tenth day of August next. Also I give and bequeath to Anne my daughter thirty shillings which Thomas Gregson owes me and because that Mabell my wife has been the only means and help to me gathering together that small portion of goods which God has now lent me therefore I give unto her all the residue of my goods and cattels whatsoever shall remain after my debts paid & legacies and funeral expenses discharged AND

for the lease of my tenement my will is that my said wife Mabell shall have and enjoy the full third part of the said tenement and of all the houses garths lands meadows and other appurtenances thereto belonging enduring the lease if she continue so long a widow after my decease. And for all the interest title and term that I have besides in the said tenement my will is that John Carr my son in law and Katherine his wife and their children shall have the same according to a former agreement made between him and me if they will allow my said wife her right therein according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament. And moreover I do desire my trusty friends Allan Carr of Rathmell and William Lawson of Giggleswick to be the supervisors of this my last will And I will that my said wife and my daughters and their husbands shall be directed and ordered by my said friends if any variance happen

amongst them either about setting out of my said wife her thirds of my tenement or any other thing concerning this my will. I do also request my wife to be kind to my daughters and their children if they shall behave well at her hands.

And I do ordain and appoint my said wife Mabell Armitstead to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, these being witnesses Allan Carr Willm Lawson,

*Gigleswicke  
Rawthmell*

**RICHARD ARMESTEAD 1612 Borthwick v32 f159**

In the name of god Amen the third day of June in the yeare of our lord god one thousand six hundreth and twelve I Richard Armetstead of Knight Stainforth in the countie of yorke yeoman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance god be praised doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following First herebie I do revoke all former wills by me made and now I commend my soule into the mercifull hands of almighty god trusting through the merritts and passion precious bloudshedding of my sweet saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of life everlasting And for my bodie I will that the same be buried in the parish churchyard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends Itm it is my will that Anne my wife shall have and enjoy her Feoffment according to the true meaning of the writings in that behalfe made and that all my lands tenements and hereditaments in Stainforth aforesaid shall remaine discend and come after my decease according to the uses and lymittacons in the said writing conteyned Itm I give unto Thomas Armetstead my father and his assignes all my groundes and pasturing in and upon Studfold moore and all my estaite interest and terme title clame and demand whatsoever of in and to the same And my will is that Anne my said wife shall have the moitie or one halfe of all my other goods chattells credittes and rightes whatsoever according to the custome of the cuntrie And I do also give unto my said wife eleven pounds thirteene shillings foure pence out of the other moitie Itm I doe give and bequeath unto my brother John Armetstead seaven pounds thirteene shillings and foure pence and to my brother Richard Armetstead foure poundes six shillings eight pence Itm I give unto my brother in law Stephen Peart six poundes thirteene shillings foure pence and unto Christopher Pearte Thomas Pearte and Jane Pearte children of the said Stephen everie of them six poundes thirteene shillings and foure pence to be paid and allowed out of that twentie two poundes two shillings tenne pence which the said Stephan oweth me And my will is also that my said brother in law Stephen shall have the governance of the said legacies so by me given to his said children for and during their severall minorities so as he will enter bond to my said father Thomas Armetstead and to my executrix within a quarter of a yeare next after my decease for payment of the said legacies [payment of the said legacies] by the said children when they shall accomplish the severall ages of twentie one yeares or other wise preffered in marriage and if any of them the said children die before that age or marriage then I give such porcon or porcons to the survivor or survivors of them and my will is that the bonde so to be entered by the said Stephen shalbe made accordingle to that effect. Itm I give unto the poore people of this parish of Gigleswicke twentie shillings to be distributed at the discretion of Mr Christopher Shute and of my said father and of Barnard Browne my brother in law Itm I give unto George Ivesonn and his wife five shillings Itm to Agnes Twiston daughter of



Anthonye five shillings Itm to Roger Preston sonne of Thomas five shillings Itm to Elizabeth Browne daughter of the said Barnard five shillings Itm I give to the said Anthony Twisleton tenne shillings Itm I give to Thomas Preston and John Clapham either of them two shillings Itm I do appoint my said wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Thomas Armetstead Thomas Tailor Barnard Browne George Swainson William Lawsonn

Latin text

*Giggleswick*

**RICHARD ARMETSTEAD of Settle April 12, 1661 Died April 1663  
Borthwick Volume 45 Folio 384**

IN THE NAME OF GOD Amen I Richard Armetstead of Settle doe Make this my Last will and Testament in Manner and Forme Followinge First I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God and my body to be buried att the discretion of my Friends Item I give to my daughter Margaret Forty pounds which Robert Kidd and John Kidd oweth me. Item I give all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable to my wife Elizabeth Armetstead and my daughter Margaret equally to be devided betwixt them. Item I give to my wife Elizabeth and my daughter Margaret all my houses wherein I now dwell during the longer Liver of them And after there decease I give the said houses Gardens with there Appurtenances unto Richard Armetstead my elder brother sonne John Armetstead deceased to him and his heires For ever. And my wife and my Daughter shall have the orderinge of this my Last will and Testament. I have sett my hand the xij th Day Aprill in the yeare of our Lord 1661 Richard Armetstead marke wittnesses Richard Craven Robert Kidd Thos Cockman

**JOHN ARMISTEAD 1675 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.56 fol.268  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of November in the yeare of our lord God one thousand six hundred seaventie five I John Armistead of Giggleswick In the Countie of yorke yeoman being of good and perfect memorie praise be unto Almighty God make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge that is to say First I Comend my soule unto Almighty god my maker and Redeemer hoping through the passion of his son Jesus Christ to have Eternall life and my body to be buried at the parish Church of Giggleswicke according to the discretion of my Executor And as for my worldly estate after my debts and Funerall Expenses be paid and performed I will that all my goods Chattells and debts be divided into three equall parts whereof I will that my wife Mary shall have one equall part to her owne proper use in manner and lieu of her third part the second equall part of all my goods Chattels and debts I give unto my daughters Ann Armistead Ellen Armistead Mary Armistead and Elizabeth Armistead equally to be divided amongst them and the third equall part of all my goods Chattells and debts I give and bequeath to my son Stephen Armistead my said son Stephen Armistead when he accomplisheth the age of one and twentie yeares giving good security for the true and just payment of three pounds yearely and everie yeare unto my daughter Jennett Armistead soe long as she shall live And if it fortune the said Jennett Armistead shall dye before the

aforesaid Stephen Armistead accomplisheth the Age of one and (twenty) yeares that then he the said Stephen shall have his third part unto his selfe And if my son Stephen Armistead refuse to give security as aforesaid that then it shall be lawfull to and for my Excutor to detain and hold such some or so much money in her hands which some or soe much money the Consideration shall not amount to above three pounds yearly or everie yeare And if it fortune my execut.....my said son Stephen shall accomplish such an Age or give securitie as aforesaid.....then my will and minde is that my Excutor shall secure the sume of three pounds.....yearly as aforesaid likewise my will and minde is that if it fortune that any one of my said daughters (viz) Ann Armistead Ellen Armistead Mary Armistead.....Elizabeth Armistead should dye before they accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares my will and mind is that her part shall be equally divided amongst the other three and finally of this my will and testament I make and ordayne Mary (my wife my executrix) In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale John Armistead sealed and signed in the presence of us Henry Nowell Richard Armistead John Armistead ..... (Swaynson?)

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN ARMISTEAD 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York. Aug 1696  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of June Anno Dom 1696 I John Armistead of Rathmell in the Parish of Rathmell and County of York husbandman beinge sick and weak in body but of good and perfect (remembrance?) praised be God for the same do make this my last will and testament in writeing in manner and forme following viz: first I commend my soule into the hands of my lord and saviour Jesus Christ by whose meritorious death and passion I trust to be saved, and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came and to be buried in the Church or church yard of Giggleswick in some convenient place att the discretion of my freinds And as for my worldly goods I dispose of them as followeth for the preventing of .... distress that might arise amongst my wife and children first I will that my just debts and funeral expences be Discharged by my executors hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Armistead and John Armistead my two loveing and obedient sonns all my messuages and Lands within Rathmell aforesaid to be held and enjoyed equally betwixt them and their heirs forever, they ye said Richard and John paying out of my said Messuages and lands the yearly sum of four pounds unto Katerine my loveing wife for her naturall life Item I give unto my said wife Katerine the sume of sixty pounds of good and lawful money to be paid out of my personall estate Item I give unto my daughter Katerine the sum of sixty pounds, And all the reversion and remainder of all my goods Chattells and money whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my two sonns Richard and John; And itt is also my will and mind And I do nominate and Appoint Richard and John my said sonnes to be executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year first above written

John Armistead

Sealed signed published and  
Declared in ye sight and presence of  
Charles Nowell

Anthony Foster  
 John Swinglehirst jurat  
 Leonard Watkinson

June 29<sup>th</sup>. 1696

An Appraisement made of all the goods Creditts Chattells and Cattells of John Armitstead of Rathmell lately decd by us whose names are here under subscribed  
 John Swinglehirst Leonard Watkinson Thomas Swinglehirst Thomas Watkinson

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Inps. his horse purse & Apparrell	20	00	00
Itm. Eleaven Cowes and Six Calves	55	00	00
It. five Twinter and one Bull	20	00	00
It. five Stirkes	10	00	00
Itm. In horses	12	10	00
It.Plowing and Seed	10	00	00
Itm. for bedding and other Goods in little parlour westend	02	10	00
Itm In Loft bedds and bedding in west end	02	00	00
Itm. Bedds bedding and other goods in little Chamber (east)	02	15	00
Itm. Great Parlor Bedds bedding and other goods	09	00	00
Itm. In Kitching loft wooll & bedstocks	01	10	00
Itm. two Rainges	00	13	04
Itm. sheets & table Clothes	01	10	00
Itm. Butter and Cheese	03	00	00
Itm Meale and Malt	09	00	00
Itm. In Wood vessell	01	00	00
Itm. In Brass and Pewter	04	00	00
It. In Sacks & window cloth	01	00	00
It. In Beefe & Bacon	01	10	00
It. In swyne	01	00	00
It. Bakestone Briggs & other goods	01	10	00
It. Carts Coups & Wheels & Iron gear	04	00	00
Itm. In huslements	01	00	00
It. debts owing to the deceased	140	00	00
Totall	314	08	04

**JAMES ARMITSTEAD 1624 Borthwick v38 f72**

In the name of god amen The eighteenth daye of Novemb. 1623 I James Armitstead of Settle in the Countie of yorke husbandman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance praised bee god doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing. First I comend my soule into the handes of Almightye god my maker and redeemer trusting through the deare blood shedding of Jesus Christ my onelie Saviour to bee saved and my bodie to bee buried in the Church yarde of the parishe Church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my freindes Inprimis I give unto Roger Armittstead my sonne all my houses leases and groundes in Settle whatsoever .....whereas I have tenn poundes oweing unto mee of George Knowles of Mallhammore and Peter Atkinson of Sellside I doe give the one halfe of it to James

Armittstead my sonnes child to whom I am grandFather unto. And the other half of it I doe give unto Margrett Thompson my daughter Elizabeth child whom I am grandFather unto, and moreover my mind is that for the said five pounds wch I have given unto Margarett ..... That my sonne Roger Armitstead shall have the sa.. .....handes to lett or dispose of to her use until .....make him a lawefull discharge for it And for all .....my goodes, when my debtes and funeral expences be paid I give the remainder of my goodes unto my sonne Roger Armitstead and to my daughter Elizabeth ..... equally to be devided betweene them all save one Cupboord wch I had of John Spencer and wch hee hath a lease(?) in it, and if hee doe not lease(?) it then I give that unto my sonne Roger to remaine at my said house And I make and ordeine Roger Armitstead my sone sole Executor of this my last will and testament These beeing witnesses Antho Procter Thomas Hall Henrie Lupton and James Armitstead.

*Latin Text*

*Selside*

### **JOHN ARMITSTEAD 1638 Borthwick bundle Oct 1638**

In the name of God Amen, upon the Thirteenth daie of Februarie: in the yeare of our Lord: One thowsand six hund.....I John Armetstead of Langcliff in the County of yorke Bachellor eldest sonne of Thomas Armetstead deceased ..... being at this tyme sick in my bodie, yett of pfect mynde and memorie I praise god for the same, doe make this my last ..... and Testament, in manner and forme following, utterly revokeing and disanulling all former wills by me made whatsoever, ..... and principally I Comend my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye god my maker, trusting assuredly through the ..... blood shedding of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to bee saved, and my bodie to bee buried in the Church or Church yarde of Gigeswick, at the discrecon of my frends. And whereas the said Thomas Armetstead my late father did by his last will and testament in writeing bearing date the First daie of Aprill 1632: Give devise and bequeath unto mee, and to my executors adminrs and assignes, One mesuage or dwellinghouse sett and being in Gigeswick afforesaid, wth all rights members and appurtennces thereunto belonging, which said premisses the said Thomas Armetstead my father, held by lease, for the residue of a terme of Sixe thowsand yeares, by Indenture from Stephen Dockrey Clerk and Jennett Dockrey widowe for and under the rent of vij<sup>s</sup> yearly payable to the right hon<sup>ble</sup> Francis Earle of Cumberland at Pentecost, and (*Ma*)rtinmasse by equall porcons, as by the said Indenture bearing date the xxvij<sup>th</sup> daie of June 1614 more at large maie appeare And whereas the said Thomas Armetstead my laste father did by his said last will and testant Give devise and bequeath to mee and to my Executors and assignes One Close called the Broadhead of the rent of xij<sup>d</sup> which my said father held by lease for the residue of a terme of Sixe thowsand yeares, by grannte from John Armetstead his late father: My will and mynde is that my Executor hereafter named shall have the use and occupacon and receive toe issues and proffitts of all the foresaid premisses from and after my death for during and untill such tyme as Willm Armetstead my brother shall accomplish his full age of one and twentie yeares. And after hee the said Willm accomplishe his full age of xxj<sup>tie</sup> yeares, I give devise and bequeath all the said premisses to him the said Willm Armetstead and to his assignes, for all the residue

wch then shalbe to come unspent of the said termes, together wth all writeings wch I have concerneing the same, Upon Condiscon that hee the said Willm Armetstead or his assignes doe well and truly paie and discharge all these sevrall somes or legacies hereafter menconed, at or before the tyme of his entry to the said premisses: that is to saie, to my Unckle Thomas Carr for and inconsideracon of certaine monies wch my said Unckle hath disbursed for mee, and for and in discharge of my funerall expences, the full some of Twentie sixe pounds thirteene shillings foure pence. And to Elizabeth Anne and Marie my naturall sisters everie one of them ..... pownds sixe shillings eight pence apeece. And to Isabell and Hester Armetstead my halfe sisters either of them Sixe pownds thirteene shillings foure pence apeece: And to Katherin Carr my loveing Aunt Three pownds sixe shillings eight pence. And to Richard Lawson tenn shillings, And to Isabell Carr Elizabeth Carr and Anne Carr everie one of them six shillings eight pence apeece, And to Katherin Paley my Cosen tenn shillings: Provided alwaies and upon Condiscon that if it happen the said Willm Armetstead my brother doe make defalte of the true paymt of all or anie of the said sommes or legacies abovesaid, at or before the tyme of his entry to the said Mesuage or dwellinghouse and prmisses: Then my will and mynde is that my Executors hereafter named, his heirs execrs admirs or assignes shall sell assigne & settovr the same premisses to anie other pson or personnes whatsoever. my said Executor or his assignes paying and discharging all the said somes and legacies to the psons above named within the terme and space of two yeares next after my said brother Willm should accomlishe his said age of one and twentie yeares, if soe much monie canne bee made and raised forth of the same by the sale thereof. And if ~~the~~ soe much monie cannott bee made and raised by the sale of the said prmisses, then my will and mynde is that the said legators shall abate everie one a rateable pt according to their legacie; And if the same extend anie further, then my will and mynde is and I give devise and bequeath all the surplusage thereof to my said brother Willm & to his three Sisters Elizabeth Anne, and Marie, to bee equally devided amongst them: And I n(*omina*)te and appointe my said Unckle Thomas Carr to bee the sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. And In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the daie and yeare First above written. //

In the psence of these wittnesses. Viz<sup>t</sup>

John Armitsteaad

Wm Carr Thomas Paley

Rich: Coulton Antho: Bainbrigg

**ROGER ARMITSTEAD 1637/8 Borthwick bundle Feb 1637**

.....Armitstead of Rawthmel in the County  
 .....body but of good & pfect remembrance  
 ..... to make this my last will  
 ..... to be voyde first I give  
 .....& redeemer & my body to be  
 .....of Gigesweeke at the descretion of my  
 .....Armetstead of lang(*cliff*?)  
 .....eight yeares past beffore  
 .....yeares wch is due to be paied to .....  
 .....Agnes .....Armetstead my Eldest .....

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.....John Armetsted and he was to ..... me  
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.....year first above written.

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Roger Armetstead

*Rathmell*

**ANNE ARMITSTEAD 8<sup>th</sup> September 1620**  
**Borthwick V36 f210**

In the name of God Amen. The eight day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty, I Anne Armitstead of Capelsyde in the county of yorke widow late wife of John Armitstead deceased sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praise be to God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to buried in the church yard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my executors. And as concerning my worldly goods and chattels my will and desire is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the whole, and whereas I am administrix of the goods and chattels of my late deceased husband John Armitstead and therefore am accountable for his charges with the portions or child's parts of Isabell, Willim, Katherin, Elizabeth and Margaret my younger children my will and mind is that the said portions shall be paid truly out of such goods and rights as I am now possessed of and entitled unto. And whereas I have interest unto and possessed of and in the wardship marriage and custody of the body of Stephen Armitstead my son and of the government profits and benefits of the lands and tenements lately belonging unto my said late husband John Armitstead by the gift and grant of the right honourable Francis Earl of Cumberland during the minority of my said son Stephen it is my will and mind and I do give bequeath and assign my whole interest right and estate therein unto my executors herein named in trust and upon the condition that out of the benefits and profits thereof my said executors shall pay unto my said four daughters four score pounds of lawful English money equally to be divided amongst them or the survivors of them so soon as it can be conveniently made out of the marriage and wardship of my said son Stephen, Also it is my will and mind that my said daughters and the said Stephen shall be maintained and brought up upon the tenement during the minority and nonage of the said Stephen, Also it is my will and mind that my said executors shall have the tuition and government of my said children and the occupation and usage of the said lands and goods for the education and bringing them up, Also it is my mind and will that my executors shall not be charged with the performance or execution of this my will and further or otherwise then they

may therein be saved harmless from all damages or costs that may arise (if the goods and profits will not extend to discharge the portions and legacies above mentioned according to the bequests and limitations herein expressed, Also I will that out of the marriage and wardship of my said son my said executors shall be saved and kept harmless from all costs and troubles concerning the execution of this my said will and not be charged further then shall come to their hands. Also I give unto my said son Stephen Armitstead all my husbandry gear and the meat table in the house with one arke, one almorie, and one salting tub, And I make and ordain my brother in law Richard Houghton of Rawthmell and Anthonie Knowles of Mearbecke the joint and whole executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses, Willim Nowell, Willim Banks and Roger Carre

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**CHRISTOPHER ARMITSTEAD 1608 Borthwick v31 f691**

In the name of God Amen the sixt day of June in the yeare of our Lord 1608 I Christofer Armitstead of Settle in the County of yorke yeoman sick in body yett nevertheles of good and pfect remembrance praised be god therefore doe make and Ordeyne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing First I Comend my soule into the handes of Almightye god trusting through the meritts and bloud shedding of my Sweet Saviour Christe to have my salvation wrought And for my body my will is and I freely Comitt the same to the earth from which it came to be buried in the Churchyard of Gigleswick att the discretion of my frends Itm my will is that Agnes my wiefe shall have her thirdes out of all my goodes and Chattells whatsoever according to the lawes of this Realme and Custome of the Country Itm I give unto John Armitstead my sonne and heire and to his heires forever All my messuage and Tenemt whereon I dwell wth all those landes and appurtennes thereunto belonging wch I purchased of John Tatham and which are pcells of those lands sometymes called Kettlewell Landes in Setle and Gigleswicke Itm I give to the said John and his heires for ever halfe an acre of grounde lyeinge on Rundlay one Close Called Aneham one Rood be it more or lesse called Stacksteade and Comon for and accordinge to the foure shillings rent throughe out all the moores & Comons of Setle (vizt) that which I had by grant from George and Robert Somrscales upon Condition that he the said John or his heires shall pay to Marye Armitstead my daughter twenty poundes when he shall accomlishe his full age of one and twenty yeares or wthin twoe yeares next followeing And for defalt thereof I give the sayd halfe Acre lyeinge on Rundlay the said Close Called Aneham and the said Roode att Stackstead be it more or lesse and the siad foure Shillings Comon to the said Mary and her heires for ever Itm I give unto Richard Armitstead my second sonne and to his heires forever All that my grounde lyeing under Cammocke conteynge by estmacon seaven Roodes be it more or lesse wch sometyme was pcell of Richard Cookesons Tenemt and all that one lathe or Barne nowe in my possession which was alsoe Richard Cookesons and halfe an Acre and halfe a Rood lyeinge in Radbrake one Close Called Ellersyke lyeing att Threlainefoote one Close lyeinge att on short Farricar adioynge to the houses and garthes of Richard Foster alsoe xijd Comon wch did belong to Cookesons Tenement and foure shillings Comon which did belong to Willm Tatham upon Condison that he the said Richard or his heires shall pay to the said Mary xx<sup>li</sup> wthin twoe yeares next after he shall accomlishe the full age of xxj<sup>tie</sup> yeares and in defalte thereof then I give unto her the said Mary and her

heires for ever, all that the said Close Called Ellersike and the said Close Called short Farricarr lyeing next the house and garth of Richard Foster And if my said sonne John shall dy without yssue of his body laawfully begotten before he accomplishe the full age of one and Twenty yeares Then I give devise and bequeath to my said sonne Richard and his heires for ever all my said landes Tenemts and hereditaments with thappurtennces soe that the said Richard or his heires doe pay to my said daughter Mary the some of Forty pounds wthin twoe yeares next after he accomplishe his age of xxj<sup>tie</sup> yeares. And lykewise if the said Richard my sonne shall dy without yssue of his body lawfully begotten before he accomplishe his said age of xx<sup>tie</sup> then i give devise and bequeath all my said Landes Tenemts and hereditaments to my said sonne John and to his heires for ever soe that he the said John or his heires will pay to my said daughter Marie the said some of Fortye poundes wthin twoe year next after he accomplishe his said age of xxj<sup>tie</sup> yeares and in defalt that the said Fortye poundes be not paid to her according to the true meaneinge of this my will by the survivor of my said sonnes if the one of them dy then I give to her the said Mary and her heires for ever All the Landes formerly in this my will lymitted to her for want of thereof and if boeth my said sonnes dy without yssue lawfull then I give all my said landes and hereditamts to my said daughter Mary and her heires for ever. And for my goodes my will is that my debts legaces and funrall expences be first paid out and the rest I give and bequeath Equally to be devyded amongst my said three Children John Richard and Mary allwhome I doe here nominate and appointe to be the Joint Executors of this my said Will And I Comitt the tuicon of my said Children dureinge their minorities to my trusty frendes and neighbours Willm Hall Richard Armitstead and Henrie Kinge whom I hartelie request to take the Charge thereof and to governe my said Children and guide their porcons according to that trust and confidence I repose in them And I give unto the said Willm Hall Richard Armitstead and Henry Kinge evrie one of them xx<sup>s</sup> towards their paines willing that they have their reasonable Charges alsoe allowed unto them out of my goodes In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written in the presenc of us Thomas Walkinson Henry Lupton and Willm Lawson

*Latin text*

*Giggleswick*

**JAMES ARMETSTEAD 1619 Ref.Borthwick v35 f464**

In the name of god amen the fourteenth day of June in the year of our lord God 1619 I James Armitstead of Rawthmell in the County of yorke husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my Saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my \wife and/ friends. Also I give devise bequeath all my houses garths lands meadows commons and other grounds with their appurtenances parcels of ground Tenement commonly called Quickwood tenement in Rawthmell aforesaid now in the tenure and possession of me and my assigns and all my estate right title interest and term of years therein and also all my leases scripts evidences and writings concerning the same unto Richard Armitstead the youngest son of my late brother Allan Armitstead deceased and to the



issue of his body lawfully to be begotten and to the executors and assigns of his issue under the Condition hereafter in this my will expressed; and for lack and default of such issue then I give all the same premises to James Armitstead eldest son of my said late brother Allan and to his executors and assigns under the conditions hereafter also following that is to say first upon Condition that the said Richard Armitstead and James Armitstead and their and either of their lawful issue executors administrators and assigns shall permit and suffer Elizabeth my now wife and her assigns to have hold occupy possess and enjoy all and singular the said houses garthes lands grounds and other appurtenances to her only use and behalf that is to say the one half thereof for and during the term of her natural life and the other half thereof for and during the term of her widowhood.

And also upon Condition that if the said premisses by virtue of this my will shall descend and come unto the said James Armitstead by the death of his brother and \of/ his lawful issue that then the said James Armitstead his executors and assigns or some of them shall truly pay or cause to be paid to John Armitstead brother of the said James and to Jane Armitstead sister of the said James either of them six pounds of lawful English money within one quarter of a year next after that so the said James shall or may enter unto have hold and enjoy all the said leases garths lands grounds and commons by virtue of this my last will and testament or in default that the said James shall not be paid by the said James Armetstead his executors or assigns unto the said John Armitstead and Jane their executors or assigns or some if them in manner and form above specified then I give devise and bequeath all the said houses grounds and appurtenances to the said James Armitstead John Armitstead and Jane Armitstead, that is to say to every one of them and to his and her assigns a full third part thereof also my will is and I ordain if the said Elizabeth my wife her executors or assigns shall give and \pay/ or cause to be given and paid unto the said John and Jane Armitstead either of them twenty shillings to be paid unto them when they shall accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years in full recompense of all such part or parts of goods as to them or either of them did belong by the death of their said late Father Allan Armitstead and for the rest of all my goods chattels and other rights my debts and funeral expences being first discharged I give the same wholly unto the said Elizabeth my wife Also I give unto (she) Elizabeth my wife and her assigns all my right title interest claim and demand which I now have or ought to have of in and unto all these houses and grounds in Rawthmell aforesaid and now in my possession being a whole third of that tenement which was late in my fathers possession and which unto me now belongs either by virtue of lease or grant to me thereof made by my mother or by virtue of an order or decree lately made by the right honourable the lord president and Counsell established in the next part Also I give devise and beueath unto the said Elizabeth my wife and to her heirs and assigns for ever all my right title interest Claim and demand of in and to one parcel of land called Overraike now also in my possession and I constitute ordain and appoint the said Elizabeth my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Mathew Procter Edward Carr Willim Bancke and Willim Lawson

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**JAMES ARMITSTEAD 1678**

**Borthwick vol. 58 fol. 366**

trans. J. Dodd

In the name of God Amen the twenty ninth day of May in the thirtieth yeare of the reigne of Charles the Second over England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith Anno Dni 1678 I James Armitstead of Stainforth under bargh in the county of yorke being weake and feeble of body but perfect in mind and memory thanks be to God almighty doe make ordaine and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following First I committ and commend my soule into the handes of Almighty God my creator trusting through the merritts death and passion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have pardon & remission of all my sinnes And my body to be buried at my parrish church at Gigeswicke att the discretion of my executors And now for the setling of my temporall estate I doe order give and dispose the same in manner and forme Following vizt. First my will and minde is that all my debts and Funerall expenses be paid of my whole goodes and chattells Imprimis I give and bequeath to my sonne Richard Armitstead his executors administrators and assignes all my houses landes goodes and chattells as I have in my owne title undisposed of vizt. one Close called Goskar & little bottom Land with the old house and garden I bought of Leonard Wiglesworth, And also the fulling or walke mills And also it is my minde and will he shall permit and suffer my Grand sonne William Armitstead to full or mill all such peeces of cloth as shall by him or for his use be made freely without pay Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandsonne James Armitstead the summe of tenn shillings Item I give to his brother William Armitstead the sume of twenty poundes And the said sumes of money to be paide when they attaine the age of twenty one yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Alice and Elizabeth Swainson my Grandchildren every one of them forty shillings And to be paide as they come to the age of twenty and one yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Agnes Thomas and James (Geldard?) my grandchildren each of them forty shillings when they attain to the age of twenty one yeares Item I give and bequeath to Richard Iveson and Ellen his wife the sume of eight poundes and to be paide at the terme of foure yeares next ensuing the date hereof Item I give unto Anne and Jane daughters of my sonne Christopher Armitstead deceased either of them five shillings All which said legacies and summes of money as is above expressed to be paide out of my landes goodes and chattells my sonne Richard abovesaid whome I doe nominate and appointe my whole executor of this my last will and testament for Witnesses whereof I have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare First above written James Armitstead Witnesses hereof Thomas Armitstead Richard Iveson James Armitstead

**KATHERINE ARMITSTEAD 1629 Ref. Borthwick v40 f512**

In the name of God Amen the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April ad 1629 I Katherine Armitstead of Rathmell in the county of York sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick.

Item whereas my brother John Armitstead does owe unto me forty pounds of lawful English money which was due at or about St Andrew's day last past and the same is

as yet all unpaid and discharged therefore I dispose of the same as follows: first I give twenty pounds of the said forty pounds to my brother Stephen Armitstead in consideration that he shall be executor of this my last will and testament. Item I give ten pounds of the said forty pounds to my sister Jennett Armitstead but my will is that my father Roger Armitstead shall have the use of the said ten pounds until my said sister Jennett shall be married and my will is that then he shall pay the same to my said sister Jennett.

Item when my funeral expenses shall be honestly discharged and performed and other charges discharged concerning the probation of my last will and testament then I give all the rest of my goods movable and immovable to my said father Roger Armitstead. Item I make my said brother Stephen Armitsteade sole executor as is aforesaid of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses hereof Henry Becrofte, Robert Houghton and Thomas Browne.

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke*

**MARGARET ARMITSTEAD of Settle spinster about January the 16th 1665  
Borthwick vol. 48 fol. 670**

Memorandum that on or aboute the sixteenth day of January Anno dni one thousand six hundred sixty five Margarett Armitstead of Settle spinster being sick and weake in body but of perfect memory spoke and declared these words following or words to the like effect to be her last will and Testament That is to say First I doe give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Windsor tenne pounds Item I doe give to Richard Craven and and to Anne his wife to either of them five pounds Item to Margarett Lowcock two pounds Item to John Lowcock children when they shall come to age three pounds to be equally devided amongst them Item to Margarett Leyland twenty shillings and the remainder of my goods I doe give and bequeath to Robert Windsor and doe nominate and appointe him sole Executor of this my said last will and Testament Witness hereof Issabell Windsor her marke

*Nuncupative*

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1621 Borthwick v36 f488**

In the name of God Amen February the twenty sixt Anno 1620/ I Richard Armitstead of Gigleswicke singleman sicke in bodie But of perfect memory I praise Almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following And First of All I Comend my soule into the hands of Almighty god my heavenly father beleiveing through the meritts of the death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my readeamer to be saved and I will that my bodie be buried in Gigleswicke Church yeard at the discretion of my freinds item I give to the seaven Children of my brother John Armitstead of fryer Stainforth that is to saie to William Thomas xpofer Anne Easter Isabell and Jaine to everie of them xx<sup>s</sup> in money to be set forward to their uses Item I give to the five sonnes of John Stackhowse of Stackhowse that is to saie to Thomas Richard Henry Robert and James to everie of them xx<sup>s</sup> Item I give to John

Bullockes three children my brother in lawe That is to saie to James Grace and Ellin to everie of them ij<sup>li</sup> wch I will and appoint that mine executors hereafter to be named shall set forward to their uses untill they accomplish the age of eightene yeares a peece and if anie of them dye in the meanetyme my will is that the portion of the dead shall remaine to the survivour or survivors equallie Item If anie of the sonnes or daughters of my said brother John Armitstead shall fortune to dye then my will is that the survivor or survivors of them shall enjoy the portion or portions of the deceased equallie And in like manner if anie of the aforesaid five sonnes of the said John Stackhowse shall dye my will is that his or her porcon or porcons shalbe equallie devided amonge the rest. Item I give to Thomas Browne sonne of Adam Browne my brother in lawe xx<sup>s</sup> Item I give to Richard Armitstead my godsonne the sonne of John Armitstead x<sup>s</sup> Item I give to the rest of the Children of the said John Armitstead tenn shillings to be equallie devided amongst them Item I give to the fower Children of Mathew Wildman of Selside xxx<sup>s</sup> equallie amongst them Item I give x<sup>s</sup> to the pooer of gigleswicke parish whereof Robert Foster wife of Stainforth the widow shall have twelve pence Item I give to M<sup>r</sup> Shute the Viccar of Gigleswicke x<sup>s</sup> to preach my Funrall sermon the rest of all my goods my funrall expences paid I give to my brother John Armitstead aforesaid whom I make sole executor of this my last will and testament theis being witnesses Richard Armitstead John Stackhowse Thomas Craven Adam Browne xpofer Shute and others Memorandum Item to William Wilson of Sutton ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Richard ?ewitt(?) ij<sup>li</sup> Item to George Wilie(?) ij<sup>li</sup> Item to henry Squeer of glewsburie ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Anne Wilson of Silsdmore ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Mary Wilson of Silsdmmore ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Thomas Hardacree of Kildwicke ij<sup>li</sup> Item I give to Richard Hardacree ijli Item I give to Margaret Mitchell ijli Item I give to henry Wilson of Kildwicke ij<sup>li</sup> Also I do leave William Wilson of Silsdmmore and Thomas Wilson of Sutton wthin the parish of Kildwicke glovers(?) to be my Executors for to devide theis legacies above written in manner and forme aforesaid as also to devide the rest of my goods that is left besides the charges of my burieing at the sight and descretion of these my Executors In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Comon marke the daie and yeare first above written Witnesses Edward Wilson Robert Lawson

*Latin text*

*Friar Stainforth     Stackhouse  
Giggleswick     Kildwick*

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1654**  
**The National Archives PROB 11/241**  
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**In the name of God Amen** the last day of August In the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred fiftie and three I Richard Armitstead of Knight Stainforth in the Parish of Giglesweeke and Countie of Yorke being sicklie and weake in Bodie but of sound and perfect remembrance Laud and praise be to Almightye God Yet Considering that it is the dutie of everie good Christian soe to dispose of his Estate and sett his house in order before his death to the end his Children and freinds may after his inioy his Estate and goods in peace love and quietnes Therefore doe I make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I Committ and Commend my Soule to the mercifull hands of Almightye God my maker and Creatour

trusting assuredlie through his mercie and by the merritts of Jesus Christ my only redeemer to be saved and to have full pardon and remission of all my sinns and my Bodie to the Earth whereof it was made and to be buried att my Parish Church of Giglesweeke in Christian manner att the discretion of my Freinds And for my worldlie goods and temporall Estate I give bequeath and dispose of the same as followeth First my will and minde is that my debts and funerall expences shall be paid out of my whole goods and after my debts and Legacies paid and my funerall expences performed I will that all my goods Chattells and debts shall be devided into three equall parts whereof I will that Elizabeth my Wife have one equall part to her proper use and the other two parts of my said goods Chattells and debts I bequeath to Thomas Armitstead my eldest sonne and my two younger sonns Richard and John and to my fower daughters Hester, Marie, Elizabeth and Hellen equallie to be devided amongst them Seaven And if it fortune anie of my said Children to die before they accomplish the age of twentie one yeares That then I bequeath his or her part or portion soe deceasing to be equallie devided amonst the rest of my said Children then surviving Item I give to my Sonne William five shillings Item to my daughter Agnes and her husband five shillings Lastlie I doe nominate and appoynte Elizabth my Wife sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament and in testimony hereof I have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Richard Armitstead Witnesses hereof Christopher Lawson Tho: Armitstead

**This will** was proved att **Westminster** the Three and twentieth day of October In the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie fower before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations etc by the oath of Elizabeth Armitstead the Relict and sole and onlie Executrix named in the above written Will To whome Administration of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased was Committed she being first Legallie sworne by vertue of a Commission trulie and faythfully to administer the same

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**RICHARD ARMISTEAD 1665**

**Borthwick vol. 48 fol. 253**

trans. J. Dodd

In the name of God Amen the Fourth Day of December one thousand six hundreth sixty and Five I Richard Armitstead of Stainforth underbargh in the parish of Gigleswicke and countie of yorke yeoman being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance prayed be God doe make this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Following First I doe comitt and willingly resigne my soule into the mercifull handes of Almighty God my maker & Creator trusting through his mercy and the Meritts of Jesus Christ my onely redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and Remission of all my sinnes And my body to the Earth where it was made to be buried att my pish Church of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my wife Children & Friendes And for my worldly and temporall goodes and estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth, First I will that my debtes and Funerall expenses be payd out of my whole goodes Item I give to William Armitstead my Eldest sonne two partes of my houses and groundes lyinge and being in the towne and towneshipp of Stainforth aforesayd Item I give the other third part of the sayd houses and groundes to Agnes Armitstead my wife dureing Fifty yeares if shee soe long doe live And after her death

I give the sayd third part to the foresayd William my Eldest sonne Item I will that the sayd William shall have all my tables Firmes (*sic*) Chaires bedsteads Cupboardes arkes and husbandry gere Item I give to Agnes my wife Five Cattle gates in Lanckliffe over Close during Fifty yeares if shee soe long doe live And after her decease I give the sayd Five Cattle gates to John Armitstead my youngest sonne, Item I will that the specialty I have allowed my sayd sonne John to take in his owne name be made upp two hundreth poundes out of my psonall estate. Item I give to Anne the wife of Thomas Hardy of Cuniston my daughter Five poundes Item the Remainder of my psonall estate goodes Catteltes and Chatteltes I give to Agnes Armitstead my wife and John Armitstead my youngest sonne equally betwixt them Item I doe nominate and appoint the sayd Agnes my wife the sayd John my youngest sonne Joynt Executors of this my last will and testament In wittnes whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare First above written Richard Armitstead: witnesses hereof Anthony Foster Richard Armitstead.

*Giggleswick* modern spelling  
*Langcliffe* " "

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1683 Ref.Borthwick.York.Oct. 1691 bundle.  
Trans. by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the twelwe day of January in the five & thirtith yeare of the Reigne of our soveraine Lord King Charles the second Anno Dni. 1683: I Richard Armitstead of Rathmill in the County of yorke yeoman being of good and perfect Remembrance Laud & praise be to Almighty God knoweth that I am naturally borne & ordained to dye & to pass from this mortall world & Transitory life when it shall be his heavenly will to call me to him doe willingly & with a free hart render & give againe into the hands of Almighty my Lord & Creator my spirritt which he of his fatherly goodnesse gave unto me when he first fashioned me in my mothers wombe makeing me a living & reasonable Creature nothing doubting but that for his infinite mercy setforth in the (precious) blood of his forme Jesus Christ my onely saviour & Redeemer he will receive my soule into his Glory & place it in the Company of the heavenly Angels & blessed Saints And as conferring my body even with a free will & a free hart I give it over commending it to the earth whereof it came nothing nothing (*sic*) doubting but according to the Articles of my faith at the great day of Generall resurrection when we shall appeare before the Judgement geate of Christ I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God whereof he is able to subdue all things to (himself) not a Corruptible weake & vile body as it is now but an Incorruptible Immortall strong & perfect body in all points like unto the Glorious body of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, & minding to put in order as well all & singular my goods & Chattels whatsoever I have & debts whatsoever to me oweing as also to setle & declare how & to whome my reall estate shall goe after my decease to the intent there shall be noe strife for the same after my decease doe first of all after thankes given to Almighty God for his great benefitts desire & pray my Children to be obedient to their mother in all things & that she & they will be contented with this my last will & Testament without any trouble buisnesse or vexation of any of them ag (*sic, against?*) the other as they will Answere the same before his Judgement seal of God who is the rewarder of all good persons & a severe Judge & revenger of all those that doe evill And to avoid all occasion of Trouble I doe hereby revoke & ..... all former & other wills & Testamt. Whatsoever heretofore by me made by word

writing or otherwise & make & ordaine this to be my very true last will & Testament for & confirming all Lands goods Chattels debts Creditts & every part & parcel thereof in manner & forme following: That is to say first I give & bequeath unto Henry Armestead my sonne his heires & assignes forever all my messuages lands tenemts. rents reversiones hereditaments & premises within Rathmell in the County of yorke & all my right title interest claime & demand therein or within the County aforesaid he paying thereout to my daughter Jane when she attaines the age of one & Twenty yeares the sume of Twenty pounds of Currant English money & it is my will & mind that Elizabeth my wife shall have the full & free enjoyment of all my said messuages Lands rents reversiones hereditaments & premises within Rathmill aforesaid & elsewhere until my said sonne henry shall attaine the full age of one & Twenty yeares for & towards the education & bringing up of my said sonne henry & my daughter Jane until such time aforesaid without rendring any Account to my said sonne for the same and afterwards she to enjoy a full third part thereof for her single maintenance and in case my sonne henry Hall dye before he attains the Age of one & Twenty yeares or without issue of his body lawfully begotten whereby the said premises may descend & come to my said daughter Jane then my further will & mind is that my said wife Elizabeth shall hold & enjoy the same untill my daughter Jane attains the said age of one & twenty yeares without rendring any account likewise & my wife then onely to enjoy a full third part thereof for her single maintenance as aforesaid Item I give & bequeath unto my brother James Armistead (if he be liveing) one shilling in token of my remembrance of him And lastly I make Elizabeth \jurat/ my said wife my sole executrix of this my last will & Testament she payeing all my debts & funerall expences In witness whereof I the said Richard Armestead have hereunto put my hand & seale the \day/ & yeare first above written Signed sealed published & declared to be the last will & Testam. of him the said Richard Armistead by him the said Richard in the presence of

Richard X \his mark/ Anderson Jur.

Richard Armistead

Anne X \her mark/ Foster Jur.

Margrett X \her mark/ Topham jurat

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1685 Ref. Borthwick.York. Nov. 1693  
Trans. by S.Gordon**

Aprill 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1685

In the name of God Amen I Richard Armitstead of Settle being sicke of bodye but of pfect mind & memory praised be God for it doe make & ordaine this my Last will & Testament in maner & forme following viz.

Imprimis I Give & bequeath my Soulle into the hands of Almightye god my maker hoping through the merits of Christ my onely Saviour & redeemer to Receive free pardon & remision of all my sines Ite. my bodye my Bodye(sic) to be Buryed in Xtian maner in the psh Church Yarde of Giggleswick at the discretion of my Executors hereafter nominated Ite. I give to Isabell my wife four pounds to her proper use wch money was given bequeathed in & by the Last will & testament of Margret driver Late deceased. Ite. I give to my wife Isabell halfe of my houses Landes Landes &

Tenements dureing her Life the other halfe of my houses Landes & Tenements I give to my sonne James Ite. I give to my Sonne James All my houses Landes & Tenements after the decease of Isabel my wife. Ite. I give to my sonne James one Arke one paire of Bedstockes one dishboard standing & remaineing in the house where I now Live Ite. the rest \of all/ my goodes moveable & unmoveable I give to Isabell my wife & James my sonne & doe appoint my wife \jurat/ Isabell & James \jurat/ my sones joynt Executors of this my Last Will & Testament Revoking all other wills & Testaments In Witness whereof I sette my hande & seale the day & year first above written Ite. I apoint John Sidwicke to be Supervisor for James my sonne James

his marke

Richard R Armitstead

Roger Armitstead

his marke

Christopher CA Atkinson

Richard Driver jurat

Giggleswick modern spelling

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An Inventory of the Goods & Chattells of Richard Armitstead of Settle in the County of york late deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this Twenty fourth day of August Anno R.Rs.& Re. Willim & Marie nunc.Angl. etc. Quinto Anoque Dom. 1693

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse & apparrell	0	6	8
Item One Arke	0	5	0
Item One paire of bedstockes	0	3	4
Item One old Cow	0	16	8
Item some other small goods & huslemts	0	6	4
	1	18	0

R.Preston

Henry Paley

Signed by us

his marke

Hugh L Lawson

T.Lawson

*RRS& Re - Regni Regis & Regine*

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1690 ADMIN Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle APL 1690**

Transcribed by S.Gordon

Aprill the First Ano domi 1690

An Inventorie of all the Goods & Chattills which did lately belong to Richard Armitstead late of Settle decd in the diocesse of yorke valued & prized by us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Imp. his Apparell & money in his purse	01	00	00



It. 1 pair of Bedstockes	00	01	00
It. Happins & 2 Boulsters	00	iiij	00
It. 1 payre of sheets & Tablecloth	00	iiij	vj
It. 2 Tables i Chist & i desk	00	ov	ix
It. A dishboard & Pewther and Brasse	00	xiiij	iv
It. i Chist .. Table 3 Chayres & Stool	00	ii	vj
It. Five B(a)ssons	00	oj	vj
It. In Beeffe & Meale	00	xj	iv
It. InTurfes & all other huslemt. about the house	00	ox	iv
Summe Total	iiij	xiiiij	iiij

The Prisers names viz.

John Kidd

William Armitstead

William Marsden

Geo: Procter

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. July 1699  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In ye name of God Amen

I Richard Armitstead \of Settle/ in ye County of yorke Cordiner being sick of body yet of good memory blessed be god for it I doe set in order my Affaires as my last will & Testament, First I commit my Soule unto ye dispossmnt of Almighty God & my body to be buried at ye discretion of my relaticons, & my will & mind is, yt my Just debts & funerall expences be rightly discharged & for ye true performance thereof I doe appoint & Authorize my naturall Brother John Armitstead of Gigglesweecke in ye Aforesd county \of/ yorke & John Shawe of Amadholme my brother in law & of ye same County, for ye Service offoresd, & for ye necessary uses & supplyments of my small Children, I doe again impower & Authorize my sd. brothers to dispose of or sell any goods or Lands belonging or appertaining unto mee ye sd. Richard Armitstead for ye necessary & good usses of my affore sd Children, & for ye confirmation hereof I doe here unto set my hand as my unalterable will & Testament ye 23<sup>rd</sup> of ye third month commonly called May in ye year of our Lord 1699

Witnesses

his marke

Richard Armitstead

Joseph X Whitticher jurat

Robert Hodgson jurat

An Inventory of ye goods & Chattels which did belong & apptaind unto Richard Armitstead of Setle decd prized & valued by us whose names are hereafter subscribed

	li	s	d
Impris his apparrell & money abt. him	02	10	00
Ite one mare & his Sadle	02	10	00
Ite one Cow	02	15	00
Ite one Cupboard & one long setle with other small Goods	02	00	00
Ite in brass & pewter	00	13	04
Ite one bakestone with other small materials	00	06	08
Ite one Churne with other vessels	00	04	00
Ite one pair of bedstockes in ye Parlor & the furniture belonging	01	00	00

Ite one table & six Chaires one dresser & other small goods in the sd. Roome	01	00	00
Ite another pair of bedstocks with furniture belonging standing in one Chamber	01	00	00
Ite two arkes & a Chist	01	06	08
Ite two other pair of bedstocks with their furniture in another Chamber	00	10	00
Ite a Cart and Wheels	00	06	08
Ite in Shooes and Leather	07	00	00
Ite one inclosure of meadow ground late Thomas Hewsons Tanner	23	00	00
Ite for husslemt	00	02	00
Sum	4...?	04	.....

In debts which ye deceased did owe ye sume of 40 00 00

John Kidd jurat  
 Willm Warsden Apprs.  
 John Kidd jurat  
 Daniel Armitstead

*Settle and Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ROGER ARMITSTEAD 1613 Borthwick v32 f266**

In the Name of God Amen Upon the Eleaventh day of March 1612 I Roger Armetstead of Settle in the parish of Giggleswicke and Countie of yorke husbandman sicke in my Bodie but of good and perfect remembrance I praise god for the same doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and Forme Followinge First I comend my soule into the handes of Allmightie god trustinge asuredlie through the precious blood shedinge of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the Church yeard of the parish Church of Giggleswicke Item I give unto Jennett my wiffe all my houses and grounds for and duringe her liffe naturall if she keepe herselfe sole and unmarried soe longe and afterwardes I give the same unto John Armitstead my sonne and to his heires lawfullie to be begotten and all assurances wch I have concerninge the same Item my will is that my said sonne John Armitsteade shall paie unto everie one of my three daughters vidz; to Anne Elizabeth and Isabell Armetsteade Tenne poundes a peece out of my groundes and assurances wch I bought of William Lund of the same Settle and that within six Monthes after that he the said John shall enter unto it And if hee doe refuse to paie the same then mu will is that my said three daughters Anne Armitsteade Elizabeth Armitsteade and Isabell Armitsteade shall enter unto the said groundes and assurances Item I give unto Jennett my said wiffe the third part of my goods and when my debts and Funerall expences us paid I give the remaindr of my goods unto my Foure children John Armitsteade, Anne Armitsteade Elizabeth and Isabell Armitstead equallie to be devided amongst them And I doe make and appointe Jennett my wiffe my sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament Witnesses hereof James Armitsteade Henry Ash and Henrie Lupton

*Latin text*

*Giggleswick*

**ROGER ARMITSTEAD 1657/8**

**TNA PROB 11/272**

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**In the name of God Amen;**

I Roger Armitstead of Feizor in the County of yorke yeoman, beinge sicke in bodye, but of good and perfect memorye (praised be God) doe make and ordeyne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge Revokinge and setting void all former wills by me made whatsoever First and principally I Comend my Soule into the handes of the Almightye my heavenlie Father hopeinge by the pretious blood of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to have forgivenes of my sinnes, and to receive life everlastinge in the Kingdome of glorye And as for my bodie I bequeath it to the earth from whence it came decentlye to be buried at the discretion of my children And as concerninge that temporall estate with the which it hath pleased God graciouslie to blesse me I devise it as followeth, my debts and funerall Expences discharged by my Executors hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto hughe Armitstead my oldest sonne and to his heires for ever All that arrable and meadowe ground lyinge and beinge within the Territoryes of Feizor aforesaid and extendinge above Layreaber Hill And alsoe those twoe Closes of pasturing ground lyinge in Gigglesweeke Scarr besides fourteene sheepe gates lyinge on Giggleswicke Scarr, And in consideracon of the said severall parcells of ground which I give unto my eldest sonne and to his heires for ever I give and bequeath unto Thomas Armitstead my sonne to be paid out of the ..... ground herein before given the summe of Thirtye and nyne (?) pounds To be paid within one yeare next after my decease Item I give unto Anthony Armitstead another of my sonnes for his better perferment the sume of Fifty pounds of currant money To be paid within one whole yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto Isabel Burton my daughter nowe wife of Lawrence Burton of Harborowe in the parishe of Horton the sume of Fortye shillings of currant Englishe money to be paid within one whole yeare next after my decease, Item I give unto Anne Richardson nowe wife unto Christopher Richardson my daughter the sume of Fortye shillings To be paid within one yeare next after my decease And if in case it shall please God that the said Anne my daughter shall have a child by the said Christopher her husband and of their twoe bodies lawfully begotten Then I give and bequeath to them upon the birth of the first child the sume of Tenn poundes of like lawfull money Item I give unto Roger Armitstead \Thos Armitstead Lawrence Armitstead/ Christopher and Anthony Armitstead my grand children five sheepe equally amongst them Item I give unto Elizabeth Armitstead my grandchild Three shillings fower pence And unto threee grandchildren of my said sonne Thomas to every one of them three shillings fower pence Item I give unto hughe Armitstead and Thomas Armitstead my said twoe sonnes all my goods and chattells whatsoever which are not herein otherwise given nor bequeathed and withall I doe nominate and appoint them to be Executors of this my last will and Testament In wittnes whereof I the said Roger Armitstead have hereunto putt my hand and seale the nyneteenth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred fiftye and seaven Roger Armitstead his marke Sealed signed and published in the presence of William Foster, Lawrence Lupton his marke, William Becrofte

**This will was proven at London**

Before the Judges for probate of wills and granntinge administrations lawfully authorized the twentieth day of January in the yeare of our Lord God accordinge to the computacon of the Church of England one thousand sixe hundred fiftye seaven by the oathes of hughe and Thomas Armitstead the sonnes and Executors therein named To whome was committed administracon etc they being first sworne by Commission truely to administer

**ROGER ARMITSTEAD 1702 Ref. Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1702**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen The Sixth day of Aprill anno Dom One Thousand Seven hundred and Two I Roger Armitstead of Settle in the county of Yorke Yeom: do Make this my last Will and Testamt. in manner and forme following, That is to say, Commending my Soul unto God and Committing my body to the Earth in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection through the merritts of my Onely Redeemer Jesus Christ Of my Worldly Estate I do dispose as followeth: After paymt. of just debts and funerall Expences I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Roger Armitstead his heirs and assigns for Ever All my houses Lands Tenements premises with their rights members and Appurtences Situate lying and being within Settle and The Townshipp thereof Upon Condison that ye Said Roger his heires and Assignees shall and do Well and truly pay or cause to be paid Unto my daughter Mary Armitstead when and if She do attaine ye Age of Twenty one years The Sume of fifty pounds already charged on part of my Estate and also shall and do pay or cause to be paid unto her the Said Mary Armitstead the (*smuged*) Thirty pounds (being in the whole fourscore pounds) when and if she shall attaine ye sd. age of Twenty one years and Upon default of payment of the Said Severall Sumes as is aforesaid That the said Mary Armitstead or her heirs shall Enter into the full half parte of my Said Estate and the Same enjoy till ye sd. fourscore pounds be fully pd. it is my Will and pleasure that the Said Roger and Mary Armitstead be equally Educated out of ye profitts of my sd. Estates: I do appoint my father in Law Thomas Carr and Two Brothers in Law Thomas and William Carr joynt Executors of this my last Will & Testament and also appoint them Tutors of my said son Roger during his Minority In Witnesse whereof I have Set my hand and Seal unto these presents bearing date the day & year first above Written  
 Sealed and Published to be ye last Will and Testament of the said Roger Armitstead in ye sight of  
 John Wildman  
 William Stackhouse  
 Ri: Akinson Roger ..... Armitstead

An Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Chattells ..... of Roger Armitstead of Settle in the County of york decd made And apprized this sixteenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1702 by us whose names be subscribed

	li	s	d
Impr. his purse and Apparrell	02	10	00
Item One bed and bedding	01	10	00
Item Twenty Ewes & Seaven... ewe lambs	09	06	00
Item Twelve hog sheep	12	00	00
Item One paire of wheels	00	06	00
Total	16	12	00

Appraisers  
 John Wildman  
 Stephen Carr  
 Ri: Atkinson  
 Ja: Cookson

**THOMAS ARMITSTEAD 1637 (will made 1634) Borthwick bundle May 1637**

In the name of god Amen, The twelfth day of November In the Tenth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god kinge of England Scotland Franncce and Ireland defender of the faith etc Anno dni 1634 I Thomas Armitstead of Stainforth underbargh within the Countie of yorke yeoman being att this instant in health of bodie and sound & pfect in mynde and memorie god be praised, but knowinge that deathe ys certaine & the tyme of death uncertaine And being willinge to sett my house in order, doe ordaine and make this my last will and testment in manner and forme followinge First and principally I doe comend my soule unto god almightie my maker, trustinge faithfully throughe his mercie and the merit of Jesus Christ my redeemer to be made an inheritor of the kingdome of heaven, next I doe comit my bodie to the earth, and to be buried in or at the pishe church of Giggleswick whereof I am a pishoner. And for my mouvable goods yt is my full will and mynd that Jane my wyfe shall have one third pt to her due once of my said mouvable goods (yf she do survyve me) And for another third pt I give and bequeath it wholly unto my two sonnes John Armitsteade and Richard Armitsteade equally betweene them. And out of the third pt called the deades pte I give unto Christofer Pearte & Thomas Pearte sonnes of Stephen Peart eyther of them Fortie shillings Also I give unto Jaine Toppin wyfe of John Toppin Tenn shillings And I have formerly given her Thrie pounds wch she hath formerly receyved. Also I give unto James Armitstead yongest sonne, of James Armitsteade my sonne deceased the some of Fortie shillings Also I give unto his naturall sister wch his father had by his firster wyfe Fortie shillings yf she do live till she have accomplished the age of twentie one yeares, And yf she dye before she do accomlishe the said age of xxj yeares then it ys my will and mynde that the said xl<sup>s</sup> shalbe given to the said James, And whereas I have given and paide unto Thomas Armitstead my sonne James oldest sonne the some of Twentie pounds, yett to thend that he may knowe that I do remember him I give unto him tenn shillings Over and besides that wch I have alridie given and paide to him when he came to see me, Itm I give unto Anthonie Bainbrigg my godson v<sup>s</sup>. Itm I give unto Thomas Swainson v<sup>s</sup>. Also I give unto Thomas Iveson v<sup>s</sup>. Also I give unto Lawrence Cockett v<sup>s</sup>. And the rest and residue of all my goodes after my debts legacies and funerall expences be paide I give it unto John Armitsteade and Richard Armitsteade my sonnes And I doe ordaine and make the said John Armitstead, and Richard Armitstead my said sonnes executors of this my last will and testament //

Witnesses heareof

Thomas O Armitstead

Rich: Paley

marke

Tho: Remington

*Stainforth under Bargh*

*Giggleswick*

**WILLIAM ARMITSTEAD of Giggleswick January 30, 1664**  
**Borthwick volume 48 Folio 260**

In the name of God Amen the thirtieth Day of January Anno Dom 1664 I William Armitstead of Giggleswick in the County of yorke being sick in body but of perfect Remembrance I prayse God doe make this my last will and testament in Manner Following First I Comitt and Freely resigne my soule into the mercifull handes of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through his mercy and by the merrittes of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and Remission of all my sinnes And my body to the Earth where of it was made to be buried in Christian manner att the discretion of my Executor and Frindes And For my worldly and temporall goods and Estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth, First I will that my debtes and Funerall Expences be payd out of my goodes and personall Estate And if the same will not Extend to pay all my debts and Funerall Charges, Then I will and doe hereby Authorish my Executors here under named to sell all those groundes I bought of my brother in Law Thomas Banckes or any other my groundes or houses att there discretions For and towards the payment of my debtes Item I will that my wife Elizabeth shall have the proffittes of all my houses and groundes and tythes untill my sonne William shall attayne the age of one and twenty yeares For the Education and keeping of all my Children. And that my sayd sonne William shall Enter unto and have two partes (in three partes to be devided) of all my sayd houses and groundes when he shall attaine the Above age of one and twenty yeares And that my sayd wife shall have the other third part during her life And after her death the same to Remaine wholly to my sayd sonne William his heires and assignes Item I will that my sayd wife shall have and take all the proffittes of my tythes For the keepeing \& mainteneing / of my younger Children And that when the Eldest of my younger Children shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares That then every one of my younger Children as well now borne and being as Conceived & unborne shall have and take the proffitts of my sayd tythes Every one three yeares Apeice successively the First borne of my sayd younger Children to have the proffittes there of the First and soe successively according to there age And after wards the sayd tythes to remaine to my Eldest sonne William his heires and assignes And I doe nominate and appoint my sayd wife Elizabeth and my Eldest sonne William Armitstead sole Executors of this my last will And in wittnes here of I have put my hand and seale William Armitstead In wittnes here of William Bankes Thomas Palor Lawrence Lawson Thomas Brayshey

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM ARMITSTEAD 1690 Ref. Borthwick.York. March 1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen, I William Armitstead of Over-settle in ye County of yorke Cordwainer (*shoemaker*) being sicke & weake of body, yet of good & sound memory, for which God be praised, do make & constitute this my last will & Testament in manner & forme following, That is to say, First & cheifly I commend my soule into ye hands of God, Assuredly trusting thro ye merits of Christ to have a plenary remission of all my sins, And my body decently to be interred at ye discretion of my

freinds & relacons in ye Parish Church yard of Giggleswicke. And as to my temporall estate, which God has bestowed on me, I give & dispose thereof as followeth, First My will & pleasure is, that my debts & funerall expences be paid & discharged. Item I give and devise and hereby bequeath unto William Armitstead my eldest son All yt my dwellinghouse & barne or laths in over Settle \with/ ye Lands, tenements & lease-grounds whatsoever & their hereditaments situate & being within ye Town, townfields & territories of Settle aforesaid. He ye sd. William Armitstead paying or causing to be paid unto Agnes Armitstead his mother, the Annuall sume of Two pounds of lawful English money during ye terme of her naturall life: and affording her sufficient maintenance, so long as it shall be her pleasure to live with him & no longer. And ye sd. William also paying ye sume of Ten pounds to his sister Agnes at ye day of her marriage, & Ten pounds more at ye time of ye birth of ye first child. And likewise he ye sd. William Paying unto his brother Richard Armitstead ye sume of Thirty pounds of lawful English money so soone as he shall attaine ye determinate time of twenty one years of age. And in default of paymt. of ye sd. sume of Thirty pounds in manner & forme aforesaid, My will & pleasure is yt ye sd. Richard shall enter in, have, hold, possesse & enjoy for ever, or for such number of years as shall be then unspent of ye herein under-named premises. One halfe Acre of land lying on Th(orn)ber, and four Cattle-gates being on a pasture cald Scaleber with their appurtenances & if it happen yt ye sd. Richard should dy before He do attaine ye age of Twenty one years Then ye sd. sume of Thirty pounds to be equally distributed betwixt the sd. Wm. & his sd. sister Agnes. Item My minde & will is yt He ye sd. \jurat/ Wm: & his mother Agnes \jurat/ whome I constitute & nominate Executors of this my last will & testament, have \equally/ all my goods and chattels, not herein & hereby disposed of, and debts unto me owing. And lastly my will & pleasure is yt my son Richard do serve his Brother Wm. in ye trade & art(?) he now professeth till \he attaine/ ye twenty first year of his age, if he so long do live, The sd. Wm. finding his brother with maintenance sufficient for one of his calling In witsesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the Eleventh day of January In ye year of our lord God One Thousand Six hundred ninety.

Sealed signed & published

William Armitstead

In ye presence of us

James Geldard

his marke

Thomas T Stout

Adam Lawson jurat:

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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February the 14<sup>th</sup>. 1690

An Inventory of all the goods & Chattels of William Armitstead of Settle deceased & made by us whose names are subscribed

Imprimis his purse & apparrell & riding furniture	3	0	0
Two Cows & two heifers	5	0	0
two maires & one foale	4	0	0
12 old sheep	1	10	0
Twenty young sheep	2	0	0
Houshold goods in the bodystead of the house			

1 Table five chaires & two forms	0	10	0
One little table & 1 forme	0	2	0
One dozen Cushions	0	2	0
ten peices of pewter one tankard & one dozen & a halfe of spoones	0	4	0
beefe & Bacon	0	5	0
In the Parlour			
One bedstead & bedding on it	0	10	0
one trundle bed & bedding on it	0	4	0
one Chist one Cupboard & one chayre	0	10	0
one pewter doubler, 1 possit cupp, 1 pewt. flagon	0	3	6
one Barrell one forme & one box	0	2	6
In the Parlour Chamber			
One bedstead & bedding on it	0	8	0
one spinning wheele & some other huslemt	0	2	0
meale & groats	1	10	0
In the Chambr. Over the bodystead			
One old bedstead & two sheets	0	2	6
one Arke one old Chist & one salting tub	0	6	8
one Cradle one Axletree & other od things	0	5	0
woollen yarne	0	2	0
5 old Sacks	0	5	0
In the new Chamber			
one Chaire	0	1	6
2 payre of course sheets & 3 table cloths	0	7	0
wood vessel potts & bottles	0	6	0
1 brasse pot 4 brasse pans, frying pann	0	10	6
1 payre of tongs one reckon crooke one spitt & A payre of racks	0	2	6
1 Iron baxton & 1 payre of briggs	0	6	0
4 stooles	0	4	0
In hay & straw	0	18	0
One cart one Coupe & 2 payre of wheels	0	10	0
2 stees 1 harrow & 1 plow	0	4	0
Barley	1	15	0
Turfes	0	01	6
1 Chesse presse	0	2	0
In Leather & shooes made upp	4	0	0
Lasts & workeing tooles	0	2	6
other od huslemt	0	2	0
	<u>30</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>
In good debts	1	10	0
in bad debts	1	0	0



**WILLIAM ARMITSTEAD 1694 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle May 1695**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the Twenty Seventh day of February in the Seventh year of ye raigne of our most Gracious Sovereigne Lord William by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred Ninety four, I William Armitstead of Newfield within the Township of Settle and county of Yorke Yeoman being Sick in body but of perfect memory make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme following. First beleiving my salvation and hoping for a joyfull resurrection through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer I commit my body to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter in these presents appointed and named And for the disposal of the worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me I order as it followeth, After payment of my debts and funeral expences I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Rosamund and Jane Armitstead equally betwixt them All my houses lands and Tenemts. with Grassing and Common of pasture thereunto belonging and every of their appurtenances situate lying and being in Scostrop, Ayrton, and Hanlieth in Craven in the said County of Yorke with all Deeds Evidences and Writings touching the same To have and to hold the said houses, lands & Tenements Grassing & common of pasture thereunto belonging with every of their appurtences unto the said Rosamund and Jane Armitstead their heires and Assignes for ever to the onely & proper use & behoofe of them the said Rosamund and Jane Armitstead and of their heires and Assignes for ever provided always and upon condicon that they the said Rosamund and Jane Armitstead their heirs and Assignes pay or cause to be paid unto their Mother Mary Armitstead my wife or her Assignes the yearly rent of Ten pounds of lawfull English money at one entire payment at the Feast of Saint Martine ye Bishop in Winter for and during the term of fifty years next following if she continue unmarried & so long lives. But if the said Mary my now Wife shall happen to marry Then my minde is that the sd Rosamund and Jane Armitstead shall their heirs & Assignes shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said Mary their Mother the Sume of five pounds of lawfull English money at the feastday of St. Martine the Bishop in Winter for and during the said terme of Fifty years if she so long shall live, and the aforesaid yearly payment of Ten pounds to determine & lease. And also provided and upon condicon that if my said Daughters shall dy without heir or heirs of their bodies lawfully to be begotten Then my Will is and by these presents I devise all my sd houses lands and Tenements with Grassing and common of Pasture with th'appurtences as aforesd unto Thomas Lawson and Richard Knowles of Malham my kinsmen (equally betwixt them) in the said County of Yorke Yeom their heires and Assignes for ever upon condicon that they the sd Thomas Lawson & Richard Knowles their heirs & Assignes pay or cause to be paid unto Mary my Wife Such yearly payment as in manner & forme aforesaid: Item I give and bequeath unto my said Daughters Rosamund and Jane Armitstead All my Goods Chattels real and personall for the payment of my debts and what legacies I shall give Item it is my minde that my Wife Mary shall have & hold my said lands and Tenements and take the rents and profits thereof for the use of my children until Such time as they shall attaine their respective ages of seventeen years if she abide unmarried and if she marry then my minde is that the said Thomas Lawson & Richard Knowles shall have the sd houses lands & premises for the use of my Children aforesd Item I give unto James Armitstead my Nephew the Sume of five pounds to be paid him by my sd Daughters within one year next after they shall

attaine their respective ages of Twenty one years, lastly Revoking all other & former Wills if any Such were made by me I constitute & nominate Mary Armitstead \jur/ my Wife Thomas Lawson & Richard Knowles aforesd sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament in Trust for my two said Daughters Rosamund and Jane Armitstead till they respectively have attained their \severall/ ages of seventeen years As Witnesse my hand & Seal the day and year first above Written  
 Sealed Signed & Published to be ye last Will & Testament of th' above named Wm:Armitstead in ye sight of us  
 The words (equally betwixt them) being interlined

his marke

Wm: X Wood

William Armitstead

Adam Lawson jur

.. (Atkin)son

1694

March ye 11<sup>th</sup>. A true Inventory of all the goods and Chattells of William Armitstead of Newfeild near Settle as Followeth

	li	s	d
Imps. His purse and Apparell	05	00	00
Itm One bay Maire	05	00	00
Itm One black Mare	04	10	00
Itm two Kine	07	00	00
Itm one Cow	03	10	00
Itm 3 Heifers	06	00	00
Itm 3 Stirks	04	00	00
Itm 37 Sheep	12	10	00
Itm one Table	00	04	00
Itm one Cuboard	01	00	00
Itm one Long Settle	00	03	06
Itm one Long Table	00	15	00
Itm 3 paire of bedstocks	03	10	00
Itm 5 Shelves 2 little boards 1 bread ffleak	00	02	00
Itm Hay and Corn	08	00	00
Itm Wood and Turfs	01	00	00
Itm all his sacks	01	10	00
Itm one Chist one creddle	00	03	00
Itm 2 Chists	00	10	00
Itm 3 Arks	01	00	00
Itm Spoaks & Fellows & other wood	00	05	00
Itm 2 axletree nails and door lock	00	02	00
Itm 2 ox coups & Rathes & 2 plows	00	15	00
Itm one horse coupe 2 pair of wheels	01	10	00
Itm 5 Yoaks teames & plow Irons	00	08	00
Itm 2 Ranges	00	06	08
Itm one Table	00	08	00
Itm 19 Chaires	00	16	06
Itm 2 little Tables & a Forme	00	04	06

Itm one Chist with drawers & Glass case	00	10	09
Itm one wanded Chair	00	01	00
Itm all the brass and pewter	02	00	00
Itm one Chist	00	03	00
Itm 1 coupe 1 Cart & 2 paire of Wheels	01	10	00
Itm 2 paire of Traces	00	03	00
Itm 2 pack Saddles with overlays & Wantoes	00	07	00
Itm 2 Wheelbarrows 1 plow 1 harrow 1 cart	00	09	00
Itm Cart Geare for 3 Horses	00	05	00
Itm 2 yoaks 3 teams & plow Irons	00	13	00
Itm 3 flaw Spads one turfe spade	00	02	06
Itm 4 Muck forks 5 Shovells 5 Hayforks	00	06	02
Itm 4 Horse lengths 7 Cart ropes	00	04	06
Itm one Arke	00	08	00
Itm 5 Steps 1 Chist one Gimlin	00	02	00
Itm 2 Hackney Saddles one side Saddle one pillion seat one Gavelock	00	14	00
ItmAll the bedding	02	00	00
Itm Beef & bacon	01	00	00
Itm Backstone & briggs recon & tongs toasting Iron & Chafing dish	00	10	00
Itm Shelves and wood vessell	00	15	00
Itm all the Housholdment in ye House	00	06	00
Itm debts owing to the Testator at the time of his death	06	00	00
In all	89	00	01

Aprized by us  
William Settle Thomas Preston  
Adam Lawson Roger Armitstead

**WILLIAM ARMITSTEAD 1700 Ref.Borthwick.York. July 1700**

Transcribed by S.Gordon

In the name of God Amen I William Armitstead of Staineforth under Bargh in the County of Yorke Yeom Being sick & Weak in body but of sound & pfect memory praised bee God for the same doe hereby make my last Will & Testament in manner and forme following Revoakeing & dismissing all other former Wills by me made And first I Commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God Hopeing through the merrits & mediation of our blessed saviour Jesus Christ to have free pardon of all my sins & I Commend my body to the earth to bee decently buried according to the discretion of my Executrix, hereafter named And as for my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to blesse me wuthall (after my debts and funerall Expences first paid) I give Devise and bequeath as followeth Impr I Give and bequeath unto my Loveing Wife Anne all such Messuages Barnes Buildings Gardens with thappurtenances in Staineforth aforesd: together with all my Lands With their & every of their rights members and Appurtnces wthin the precincts & territoryes of Staineforth aforesd. And Likewise I give & bequeath as well all my reale & psonall Estate whatsoever Goods moveable & Immoveable unto my said Loveing wife Anne \jurat/ Armitstead whome I nominate & Appoynte Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament In testamony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale this thirtyeth day of May in the twelft yeare of the Raigne of our most Gracious Sovereigne Lrd Wm. the third King ovr England etc Anno Dom 1700

William Armistead

Sealed Signed published & declared  
to bee his Last Will & testament of the  
sd. Wm.Armitstead in the presence of  
us

Thomas Foster jurat  
Christ: Metcalfe jurat  
Jn. Paleye

A true Inventory of all ye goods credits chattels of William Armistead of Stainforth under  
Bargh in ye Countye of Yorke late deceased (Apprised) by us whose names are underwritten  
June (7<sup>th</sup>. 1700)

	£	s	d
Impre his purse & Apparrell & mai.... Bridle & saddle	05	00	00
Item 2Kine & 3 Calves	05	00	00
Item I cart & 1 pare of wheeles & other husbandry gear	01	00	00
Item 1 pair of Bedstocks & beding in ye chamber loft	00	10	00
Item 1 Arke in the Bodistead loft with meal	00	15	00
Item 1 Postard Bed with hangings & beding	01	19	06
Item 1 table & chist.....	01	00	00
Item 2 Tables 6 chaires in ye bodistead	00	13	04
Item 1 cuberd	00	06	08
Item 4 paire of sheets & napkins 3 drawers 3 table cloths	00	19	06
Item 10 Little dishish of pewter with 1 Tankerd 1 Candlestick	01	00	00
Item 1 brass pott & pans & 1 Laddle	01	00	00
Item 6 quishings with Speet & Rack... 1 pair of....Briggs & Backstone	00	05	00
Item Knopp & Barrills with all other hustlement	00	05	00
Total	29	18	06

Thomas Foster  
Roger Craven  
Anthony Paleye  
Christ: Metcalfe

*Stainforth modern spelling*

### **JANE ARMITSTEADE 1618 Borthwick v35 f 257**

In the name of God Amen the vth day of October in the sixteenth yeare of the raigne  
of our Sovraigne Lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland  
defender of the faith etc and of Scotland the two and Fiftie 1618, I Jane Armitsteade  
of Capleside sicke in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance praised be Allmightie  
god doe make this my last will & testamt in manner and forme Following. First I give  
and bequeath my soule to Allmightie god my maker & redeemer and my body to be  
buried in the Church yard of Gigleswicke. Alsoe my will is the church dues my  
funerall expences & debts be paid out of my whole goods Allsoe I give unto my  
brother John Armisteades children to everie one of them ij<sup>s</sup> Allsoe I give unto my  
Brother John Hargraves children to everie one of them ij<sup>s</sup> alsoe unto William  
Armistead my brother Rogers sonne ij<sup>s</sup> and one trunke wch was his fathers Allsoe I  
give unto Agnis wife of Edmund Carr of Rathmell xij<sup>d</sup> The rest of all my goods &  
Chattells wth all debts owing or due unto me wth all other Rightes to mee appteining I  
give and bequeath the same to Adam Carr of Pallay greene my sisters sonne and to  
Henry Fish equally betweene them And I ordeine and appoynt the said Addam Carr

and Henry fish executors of this my last will and Testamt. Theise Wittnesses James Armistead Francis Foster Richard Sheppd and William Banke

*Latin text*

*Cappleside  
Giggleswick  
Paley Green*

**JOHN ARMITSTEADE 1628 Ref. Borthwick vol. 40 fol 580**

In the name of God Amen the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1628 I John Armitsteade of Stainforth-under-Bargh in the County of York husbandman sick in body yet of perfect mind and memory I praise God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty God my maker trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only saviour to be saved, and my body to buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends. Also I will that my debts be paid forth of my whole goods.

Item my will and mind is that Jaine my wife and her assigns shall have hold use occupy and enjoy all my messuage farm and tenement with appurtenances in Stainforth aforesaid now in my possession from and immediately after my decease only for and during her widowhood to the end she shall thereupon bring up my younger children and that she shall maintain and keep Isabell my daughter so long and after the decease or marriage of the said Jane my wife. My will and mind is and I do give devise and bequeath all the said messuage farm and tenement with appurtenances in Stainforth above said unto William, Thomas, Christopher, Anne, Hester and Jane Armetsteade my children and to their assigns to be equally divided amongst them and all evidences and writings concerning the same to have and to hold the same from and after the decease or marriage of the said Jane my wife for and during all such term and times of years as I have yet to come therein my said children mainly might therein and keeping Isabell my daughter during her natural life. And I nominate and appoint Jane my wife sole executrix of this will and testament. These being witnesses William Cockett, Robert Swainson, Anthony (Bainbrigge) and William Armistead yet never-the-less my will is that if any of my said children die before they come to lawful years of age or marriage that their portion so dying shall remain to them living.

*Stainforth spelt Stainforth-under-barshe (sic)  
Giggleswick spelt gigleswicke*

Proved November 1629

**JAMES ASH of Settle 1634 Borthwick v42 f450**

In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of October Anno dni one thousand six hundred thirty and four I James Ashe of Setle do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: first I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard at Gigleswicke. Item I give unto Henry Ashe my brother and Thomas Ashe his son all my lands and tenements at Lackland to them and their assigns jointly so long as my brother Henry Ashe lives; And then to remain to my cousin [sic] Thomas so long as he lives and after his death I give my said tenement at Lackland to James Ashe son of the said Thomas Ashe to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give unto Peter R.....inson my godchild ten shillings. Item I give unto Henry Ashe my brother and Thomas Ashe his son all my goods, bills and bonds my debts and funeral expenses discharged and I make them both Henry Ashe and Thomas Ashe joint executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses Anthony Sigswicke and Thomas Cockman.

*Settle*      *modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick* *modern spelling*  
*Lawkland*      “      “

**JAMES ATKINSON 1687 Ref.Borthwick.York. Vacancy Reg. 1687**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the twenty fift day of Aprill in the yeare 1683 I James Atkinson of Roomehousis in the pish of Giglesweeke in the County of yorke Taylor being infirme in body but of good and pfict memory prayed be Allmighty God do make and ordaine this my Last will and Testament in maner and forme following hereby revoking and making voyd all other wills by me formerly made, And first I Commit and resigne my soule into the hands of Allmighty god my maker and Creator hoping assuredly by the merrits and mediacon of Jesus Christ my redemer to have fre pdon and full remission of all my sinnes and my body to the Earth to be buried att the discretion of my wife, Next I will that my debts and funerall expences be payd out of my whole goods, And for my wordly goods and Temporall estate I dispose heare of as folls First I give and bequeath unto Isabel my wife all my housis and ground for this yeare, and aftwards. the fire housis gardings and turfe moss \and other convenient housis/ and fre liberty for one cow To goe with those as formerly in the ge..... and one Close called by the name of middel Thau....adale dureing hir life natural and for the remender of my housis and ground, I give unto George Atkinson till his sonn James Atkinson shall come to the age of twenty one years and then my will and mind is that he shall enter to them and have them and the other housis and ground after the decease of my wife they paying unto Isabell my wife five pound and tenn shilling in the year during hir naturall life; And my will is that when James Atkinson shall come to the age of twenty one years he shall give unto the rest of hir brederin and sisters then living the sume of fifty pound that to pay to John fower pound to William fower pound to Isabel six pound tenn shillings to Elizabeth six pound tenn shillings to Margreat and Anna other of them six pound tenn shillings and unto Mary nine pound tenn shillings, and to Isabell Halliday wife of John Halliday six pounds tenn shillings likewise my will is that hee shall give unto William sonn of Robert Atkinson forty shillings, Item I give unto Isabell Atkinson tow pound tenn \shillings/ and to Elizabeth

Hall tow pound tenn and to Mary Margreat and Anna tow pound tenn shillings a peece and to James and Thomas Atkinson five shillings a peece and to Besse? the doughter of Thomas \Carr/ of Stackhouse tow shillings six pence these legacies to be paid by my executrix within twelve months next after my decease and all the rest of my goods undisposed of I give unto Isabel my wife, and I doe make Isabell my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament In wittnes heare of I have hear unto sett my hand and seal the day and year first above written

James JA \his marke/ Atkinson

Sealed and published  
in presence of  
James Carr  
George Atkinson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

November.....1687

The Inventory of ye Goods & Cattells of James Atkinson of Rome – Houses In ye County of yorke lately deceased valued & Apprized by us whose names are subscribed, ye Day & year first above written

	li	s	d
Imp His wearing Apparell, & money in his purse	03	00	00
Ite Two Cowes Two Heffers & one old Hay-stacke	06	00	00
Ite meale & Malt, Bedstockes & Bedding, one Arke & Chist	03	15	00
Ite Chairs, stooles, Chusions, Brasse & Pewther	01	05	00
Ite Bakstone G(rate) & Tongues, wood vessel & Huslemts	01	05	00
suma	15	05	00

Debts owing to ye Deceased by speciality

	li	s	d
Imp Stephen Eglin	10	00	00
Ite Richard Wharfe	05	00	00
Ite James Wildeman	05	00	00
Ite Francis Foster	04	00	00
suma	24	00	00

Debts owing by deceased without speciality

	li	s	d
Imp Thomas Bradley	03	12	00
Ite Robert Cookson	03	00	00
Ite Christopher Johnson	02	15	00
Ite John Hall	01	00	00
Ite Martin Wildeman	01	00	00
Ite George Atkinson	03	10	00
sume	14	17	00
	li	s	d
In all	54	02	00

Debts owing by ye deceased  
In Funerall expences

li s d  
08 10 00

Apprizers

Thomas ..... Thomas.....

**THOMAS ATKINSON 1663 Ref.Borthwick,York Vol.46 fol.475**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Atkinson of Cleatopp in the County of yorke husbandman beinge sick in body but of good and pfect Remembrance prayed be God About the First of Aprill Anno Dom 1663 did make this last will and testament Nuncupative or in words to this effect First he did Comend his soule to God and his body to be buried in the Churchyard of Gigleswick at the discretion of his Friends As For his temporall estate he did bequeath as Followeth First it was his words and mynd as he said that all his debts and Funerall Expenses should be paid out of his goods: Then he did give and bequeath all the Residue and Remainder of his said goods unto Elizabeth his then wife and his two daughters Isabell and Jane Equally to be divided Amongst them And his wife to be sole Executrix of this his last will and testament: witnes here of Richard Coulton

*nuncupative – delivered orally  
Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM ATKINSON 1663 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 48 fol. 110**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the second Day of May in the yeare One thousand six hundred sixty three I Willim Atkinson of Lithbankes in the pish of Gigleswicke and County of yorke husbandman being sicke and weake in body but of good and pfect remembrance Do make this my last will and Testament in manner following First I do committ my soule into the mercyfull hands of Almighty God trusting through his mercy and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my only Redeemer to be saved and to have pdon and remission of all my sinnes And my body to the Earth whereof itt was made to be buryed in my pish Church yard of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my Friends And for my worldly and Temporall goods and Estate I doe give divide and dispose of the same as followeth First I will that my debts and Funerall Expenses shalbe paid out of my whole goods Item I give unto my sonne George Atkinson his Executors and Assigns the Moyety or one halfe of all my houses Lands Leases, and of all my grounds and reall Estate whatsoever, Item I give unto my sonne William Atkinson his Executors and Assigns the other halfe of all my said houses Lands Leases and of all my grounds and Reall estate whatsoever provided that my said sonnes George and William Atkinson shall keepe and maintaine Isabell my wife with meate drinke and all things necessarie dureing her naturall life or otherwise to permitt and suffer my said wife to have her widowright in my said reall Estate for her maintenance dureing her life, Item I give to my said wife the Third part of all my goods and psonall Estate, I give unto my sonne James Atkinson Three pounds; And to my sonne Robert Atkinson Twenty shillings And to the Two Children of my sonne Thomas Atkinson deceased Forty shillings Equally betweene them, And to the Three Children of my sonne George Atkinson Three pounds equally amongst them: All the remainder of my



goods and psonall Estate I doe give unto my said sonnes George and William Atkinson equally betweene them And I do make and appoint my said sonnes George and William joynt Executors of this my last will and Testament In witnesse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written William Atkinson his marke witnesses hereof Edward (Blackburne?) his marke Edward Preston his marke Thomas Wilson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ADAME BALDERSTONE of Settle 1639 Borthwick ref. July 1640 Craven**

**Buried 20<sup>th</sup> March 1640**

In the name of God Amen upon the second day of May in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred thirty and nine I Adame Balderstone of Settle in the county of yorke yeoman, sick in my body yet of perfect mind and memory, I praise god for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my Creator and redeemer trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. Also my will and mind is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be discharged out of my whole goods. And also my will and mind is that Isabell my sister in law shall be maintained \forth out of my goods and chattels/ with meat drink apparel and lodging during her life. And after her decease my will and mind is and I give, devise and bequeath to Thomas Kidd five pounds, to Thomas Balderstone four pounds, to Thomas Newhouse forty shillings, to the said Thomas Kidd thirteen shillings four pence in Alan Carr's hand and one chest which he has in his own keeping. Also I give to William Carr son of Robt Carr twenty shillings. Also I give to Robt Kidd my godchild five shillings. Also I give/ to Adame Browne four shillings. Also I give to Brian deane forty shillings which he owes me. Also I give to Alice deane widow five shillings. And to Elizabeth Chapman five shillings. And to Jennett Carr five shillings. And to Elizabeth Cookson five shillings. Also I give to the four daughters of Thomas Kidd deceased viz. to Elizabeth, Frances, \Anne/ and Margarett one (coverlet) one pair of sheets, one chaff bed and one blanket and where the same will not extend to be worth twenty six shillings and eight pence my will and mind is that my executors hereafter named shall make the same to extend to 26s 8d. in money Also I give to John Stevenson twenty five shillings to be abated to him forth of a bond which I have of him for fifty shillings. Also my will and mind is that whereas I have diverse bills and bonds of several men for payment of money that they shall have the one half of the yearly use abated. Also I give to the younger children of Richard Kidd of Settle aforesaid five pounds to be divided amongst them at the discretion of their mother. Also I give to Willm Newhouse's wife of Giggleswick and to Agnes her daughter six shillings eight pence equally to be divided between them. Also I give to Anne deane two \mash/ knopps. Also I give to Robt Sailbank twelve pence. Also I give to Anne deane forty shillings. Also I give to the foresaid four daughters of Thomas Kidd deceased twenty-six shillings 8d to be equally divided amongst them. \And also I give to Austhine Bainbrigg 10s/. And all the rest of my goods, chattels, credits and rights not herein formerly bequeathed I give and bequeath to Richard Kidd, Robert Cookeson and Robert Carr of Settle aforesaid \and to John Lodge of OughterShaw/ equally amongst them. And I do nominate and appoint the said Richard Kidd, Robert Cookeson, Robert Carr\ and John Lodge/ to be joint executors of this my last will and testament and to see the same performed.

These being Witnesses  
Thomas Barrowe  
Antho Bainbrigg

Adame  
Balderstone     marke

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*On separate sheet*

T Balderston ...../.....  
Walker cert 28 July 1640

**JOHN BANCKS 1643 Ref. Borthwick.York Bundle Jan 1645/6 MIC 1735  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen, The thirteenth day of May In the Nynteenth yeare of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc Anno Dni 1643 I John Bancks of Feiser within the Countie of yorke yeoman beinge at this tyme sicke of bodie but sound and pfect of remembrance god be praised do ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following first and principally I do commend my soule into the mercifull hands of god Almightye trustinge faithfully through the mercie of god and the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to have my sins forgiven and to be made an Inheritor of the kingdome of heaven next I do comitt my bodie to the earth and to be buried in or at the pishe church of Clapham whereof I am a pishioner, Also I give grant and bequeath unto Ellyne my doughter All that my mesuage farme and tenement withal and singular thappurtences belonginge to the same lying and beinge within the towne feildes & territories of Feisor \aforesaid/ The widow right of Isabell my wife therein to hir reserved duringe hir naturall lyfe Alsoe I give grant and bequeath unto Elizabeth my doughter \all that/ my mesuage farme and tenement wich I have at the closehouse within the pishe of Giggleswicke withal the righte and apperteyning belongingunto the same, The widdowright of Isabell my wyfe therein to hir reserved duringe hir naturall lyfe Alsoe it ys my will and mynd that my wife shall have the tuition of both my said daughters and the use and occupation of both the said tenements for their menteynance until they shall each accomlishe their severall ages of twentie one yeares Also it ys my will and mynd that all my due debts funeral expences mortuarie \and legacies hear after given/ shalbe paid out of my whole goods, And out of the remainder it ys my Will and mynd that Isabell my said wife shall have hir third, and for the other two pts I give it to Elline and Elizabeth my daughters equally betweene them to be devyded Excepting one great arke wich standeth in the loft over my parlor one stand bedd\stocke/ one Long table and one little Cubbord wich standeth in my parlor all wich I give and bequeath unto Elline my elder doughter, but so as they may be and remaine as heirelomes to the said house And for my childrens portions of my moveable goods it ys my will and mynd that Isabell my wife shall \have/ the use and benefit of the same until my said children shall come to lawfull age to rec(eyve) the same, Also I give unto everie \one/ that I am godfather unto one gimer lambe, Also I do noiate(*nominate*) and appoint Isabell \jurat/ my wyfe whole executrix of this my last will and testament, And I do appoint my brother in law Heuge Armitstead and my cosan Anthonie Hall supervysers of this my said will \& testament/ desyringe them to be assistante to my executrix and to do their best indever to see this my will performed witnesses hereof.....

jurat

Roger Armitstead  
.....(Remington?)

*Giggleswick – (modern spelling)*

*Feizor " "*

**ELIZABETH BANKES 1676 Ref. Borthwick. Vol. 57 fol. 341  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god amen the sixth day of June Anno Dom. 1676 I Elizabeth Bankes of Tippthwaite in the parish of Giggleswicke and county of Yorke widow being some (what) sick and craysie in body but of good and pfect remembrance prayed be god for the same and calling to mind the certainty of death and the great uncertainty of the tyme and place thereof do put this my testament into writeing and containing therein my last will declaring hereby all former wills by me made to be utterly void and of no effect and intending this to be my last will which is as followeth First I Commit my soule into the Mercifull hands of Allmighty God...../..... trustinge to have the pdon and foregiveness of all my sins (through the ) Meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ his onely sonne my Saviour and Mercifull Redeemer and I dispose of my worldly goods and temporall Estate in Manner and forme as followeth First I give and bequeath to William Wiglesworth my beloved Sonne in Law and to Alice my daughter his now wife the full and just summe of Tenne pounds of Lawful English Money and the same to be paid in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand Six hundreth seventy & Eight provided that they my said Sonne in law William and Alice my said daughter be Ready and willinge to seale and deliver unto my Executor hereafter named such acquittance or other release full discharge as by my Executor or his Councell Learned shall be disposed and..... Required but in default of such Release or Lawful discharge to be sealed and delivered as aforesaid Then it is my minde and my will is that the afforesaid Tenne pounds unto them intended to be given shall be utterly voyde and I doo hereby give it to my Executor Item I nominate and appoynte Christopher Renoldsonne my sonne in law the Executor of this my Last will and Testament giving unto him all my goods Moveable & Inmoveable bills bonds and all other my just and due debts oweing unto me whether with specially or without specially he payinge and dischargeing all my funerall expences debts and Legacies in forme aforesaid In witnesse hereof I have hereunto sett my hands the sixt day of June Anno Dom 1676 Elizabeth Bankes Marke published in the presence of us Christopher Tatham Marke John Tatham Marke Anth. Wiglesworth

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JAMES BANKES 1603 Borthwick v 29 f 192**

Testamentum Jacobi Bankes

In the name of god Amen the xxvj th day of March 1603 I James Bankes of Feizor within the County of yorke sicke in body but of perfect remembrance prayed be the Lord therefore doe make this my laste will & testament in forme followinge First & principally I comit my soule into the mercifull handes of allmightie god hopeinge to be saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christe my onely saviour and redeemer and my bodie to be buried in the parish church yarde of Giggleswicke

wherof I am p(ar)ishioner. Itm I will that my wife shall keepe my father and mother with meate drinke and apparell duringe their lives naturall accordinge to their degree & that she shall occupie all the grounde & tenement which I now have & occupieth untill such tyme as god shall take my father and mother to his mercy. Itm my will is that if it please god to take my wife to his mercy before my father & mother or either of them, that my sonne henry shall occupie the one halfe of my tenement and keepe my father & mother with meate drinke and apparell as abovesaid. Also my will is yf my wife doe survive & outlive my said father & mother that she shall occupie the one halfe of my tenement for fower yeares from Candlemas then next followinge or till my daughter be maried Itm my will is yf yt please god to take my wife to his mercy before my daughters be maried that my sonne henry shall occupie the one halfe of my tenement to his use & his two sisters for fower yeres then next followinge yf my daughter be not maried before And after that all the premisses be ended & p(er)formed then my will is that my sonne Francis shall enter unto & have all my tenement and groundes which I now hath and occupie Itm I give unto my said sonne Francis one greate arke with one awemerie in & one longe table which standeth in the fyer house & one table or Counter which standeth in the parlour and one feather bed which my father & mother lyeth upon & sixe silver spoones & one great knopp for keepinge barley which standeth in the nether barne Itm I give unto my said sonne Francis all my husbandrie geere & I will that he shall enter unto & have all these guiftes when he entereth to all the groundes abovesaid in consideracion of his childe parte of my goodes Itm my will is that Isabell my wife shall have her widowe right of all my goodes moveable & unmoveable accordinge to the lawes of this Realme Itm I will that my children henry Mary and Alice shall have their porcons of my goodes accordinge to the lawe and for my parte of goodes I give yt to my daughters Marie & Alice equally to be devided betweene them Itm I give unto my sonne Francis my best doublet & Jerkin & I give unto John Bond my blacke iacket & I give unto Jennet his wife a paire of shoes. Itm I give to all my god barnes fower pence a peece. Itm I give unto James Bankes sonne to Francis Bankes my said sonne one lambe Itm I will that all my debtes mortuarie & funerall expenses be paid out of my whole goodes and I doe make Isabell my wife & Francis my sonne executors of this my last will & testament & I doe make John Thornton & Laurence Swaynson sup(er)visers hereof in hope they will ayde and assist my executors witnesses hereof John Thornton Lawrence Swaynson & Francis Lupton

Et decimo sexto die mensis Novembris Anno d(omi)ni 1603 mag(iste)r Topham Decanus decanat de Craven cert(ificavit) se probasse h(uius)mo(d)i test(amentu)m p(ro) testes supra no(m)i(n)atos iuratos etc Comissaque fuit ad(ministratione) bonor(um) eiusdem def(unct)i Isabelle eius relict ac Francisco filio *dc*i defunct(i) .. exequtoribus in huiusmodi testamento no(m)i(n)atis in forma iuris Saluo iure Cuiuscumque.

*Giggleswick*

**JOHN BANKES 1672 Ref. Borthwick. Vol. 55 fol. 210  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I John Bankes of Rigleswicke (*sic*) in the Countie of yorke Batchelor being Sicke and weake of bodie but of full and perfect memorie and understanding praised bee God doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following first I comend and give up my Soule into the hands of

god my maker and his only Sonne Jesus Christ my redeemer Soly trusting that through his alone merritts I shall be Saved and received into the Glory of God the Father and as for my bodie I commit it to the earth from whence it came to bee buried att the discretion of my friends and executrix hereforenamed And as for my Temporall estate my will and minde is that out of the Same my debts and funerall expenses Shall bee first of all paid and discharged And my Grandfather dureing his life maintained according to the Conditions and Covenants by deed is within made as by the Same and in the same manner I am obliged to doe and performe And as for the remainder of my right and Tytle to all or any estate whatsoever I have in the world my minde & will is that the one half or moetie of the Same Shall remaine thear after the Same as above is performed Shall be equally devided betwixt my Sister Margrett Bankes and my Brother William Banckes within one year after the death and decease of my Grandfather William Bancks And lastly my minde and will is that the other halfe or moetie of my clear goods or estate my debts funerall expenses and maintenance of my Grandfather as above expressed first done and discharged Shall bee equally devided amongst my other Sisters within one year after the death and decease of my Said Grandfather to bee equally Shared and devided amongst them and soe many of them as shall bee then living Margrett only excepted And I doe hereby nominate and appoint Margrett Banckes my Sister above named Sole executrix of this my last will & Testament fully hereby empowering her to Sett Sell or dispose of the Goods Leases or Lands which are my owne or anyway belong mee reserving only unsold if conveniently and noe prediuce to this my will or the parties concerned that end of this my dwellinghouse from the Gatedoor next to the well in wittnesse of this my last will & Testament revoaking all other I have hereunto put my hand & seale this eighteenth day of Aprill one Thousand Six hundred Seaventie Two John Banckes Sealed Signed & confirmed in the Sight of presence of us Hugh Stackhouse Thomas Brashay Leo:Clarke

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN BANKS 1653 Rathmell TNA PROB 11 243** *(modern English)*

In the name of God Amen The one and thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty three I John Bankes of Huggon house being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be Almighty God) do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in writing hereby revoking all former wills and Testaments whatsoever made or intended or pretended to be made in manner following viz. First of all I commend my soul to Almighty God and my body to Christian burial Next my will and mind is that my debts legacies and funeral expenses shall be paid out of all my goods Also I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife during her natural life one half or moiety of all my Lands Tenements and Leases lying and being at Huggon house aforesaid or belonging thereunto now in the possession of me my Assignee or Assignees Also I give and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth my wife during her natural life the one half or moiety of my part of the Tithe Corn within the Township of Rathmell And the other half or moiety of the lands tenements and leases lying and being at Huggon house aforesaid or thereunto belonging As also the other half or moiety of the Tithe Corn within the Township of Rathmell aforesaid I give and bequeath unto my son William his heirs and Assigns for ever And likewise I give and bequeath the other halves or moieties left unto the said

Elizabeth my wife during her natural life after her decease to the said William my son his heirs and Assigns for ever And if it please God that my said son William die without issue of his body lawfully begotten, or before he come to the full age of one and twenty years Then my will and mind is that my brother Christopher Bankes shall have the half or moiety of the ancient Tenement of Huggon house aforesaid immediately after my said son's decease And also the other half or moiety of the same ancient Tenement of Huggon house aforesaid after the decease of my said wife to him and his heirs for ever He the said Christopher Bankes paying unto Mathias Bankes my brother within one year after the decease of my said son William the sum of Fifty pounds of lawful money of England And for default of the payment of the said sum of Fifty pounds accordingly by him the said Christopher Bankes of (*sic*) his Assigns I give and bequeath unto the said Matthias Banks my brother both the said moieties of the ancient Tenement of Huggon house aforesaid To have and to hold the said moieties to him and his heirs for ever The one half or moiety to be entered unto immediately after my said son's decease, and the other half or moiety after the decease of my wife And further if my said son William die without issue of his body lawfully begotten or before he come to the full age of one and twenty years I give and bequeath unto the said Matthias Banks his heirs and Assigns the one half or moiety of my part of the Tithe Corn within the Township of Rathmell aforesaid whereunto he shall immediately enter after my said son's decease And I also give and bequeath unto him the said Matthias Banks his heirs and Assigns the other half or moiety of my part of the Tithe Corn within the same Township to come unto him immediately after my said wife's decease And also if my said son William die without issue of his body lawfully begotten or before he come to the full age of one and twenty years Then I give and bequeath unto the said Matthias Banks his heirs and Assigns all my Title in Walbanks Tenement which I purchased of Richard Walbanke the one half whereof he shall enter unto immediately after my said son's decease, and unto the other half after the decease of my said wife, He the said Matthias Banks paying out of the whole premises unto Christopher Husband and William Husband sons of William Husband and Anne his wife my sister each of them Ten pounds within one whole year after my said son's decease And if either the said Christopher Husband and William Husband die before the payment of the said sums then my will is that the survivor of them shall have both the portions being Twenty pounds And that the said Matthias Bankes shall also pay unto Elizabeth my wife then living Ten pounds within the said time And I give unto my mother Alice Banks a legacy of Five pounds Also I give unto the abovesaid Christopher and William Husband sons of the said William Husband and Anne his wife my sister each of them Fifty shillings To be paid within one whole year after the decease of the said Alice Bankes my mother unto the above named Matthias Bankes then living and to be put forward for their use till each of them shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years Also I give twenty shillings unto the said Matthias Bankes my brother And five shillings unto William Walbanke son of Richard Walbanke The rest of my goods I give and bequeath equally between Elizabeth my said wife and William my said son And if it please God that my son William shall die without issue of his body lawfully begotten or before he come to the full age of one and twenty years, Then I give that half of the goods which shall fall to my said son to be equally divided unto my mother Alice Bankes Elizabeth my wife, Christopher Bankes Matthias Banks and Anne Husband aforesaid, and to the survivor or survivors of them And lastly I appoint Elizabeth my said wife and the said Matthias Bankes my brother Joint Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness

whereof I have subscribed my name and set my seal the day and year first above  
written John Bankes Witnesses Anthony Foster Henry Robinson Michael Jackes

This will was proved at London before the Judges for probate of wills etc the  
sixteenth day of February 1654 English style by the oaths of Elizabeth Bankes and  
Matthias Banks the executors etc To whom administration was committed, they being  
by virtue of a commission sworn truly to administer

*Moeitie = moiety, half*

*Rawthmell*

**ANN BANKS (widow of Robert gent) Giggleswick 1633 Borthwick v42 f451**

In the name of God Amen the seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord  
according to the computation of the Church of England One thousand six hundred  
thirty and three I Ann Bankes of Giggleswick widow late the wife of Robert Bankes  
gentleman deceased sick in body but of good and perfect memory, praised be god  
therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form  
following hereby revoking all former wills by me made. First I commend my soul  
into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting through the merits of my alone  
Saviour and Mediator Jesus Christ and not by any merit or meritorious act of my own  
to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven, and my body committed to the earth  
from whence it came to be buried in Christian and honest burial at the discretion of  
my executors, kinfolks and friends. And whereas I am possessed of and interested in  
certain household stuff, bills, bonds, debts, annuities and other goods and chattels part  
whereof is in my own possession and occupation and part thereof is not as yet due and  
payable my will and mind is that my executors hereafter named shall, out of the same,  
pay and discharge my funeral expenses mortuary and other church dues and duties  
and also unto my several creditors the several debts I owe unto them if the same my  
goods and chattels will extend the payment thereof which I hope the same will do,  
howbeit if the same do prove short of payment of the same my mind is and I desire  
my son Joseph Bankes to abate so much of the same shall be short of payment of my  
debts in the debt that I owe unto him and that not other of my creditors debts I owe  
them be abated, howbeit for my son in law Mr William Pickeringe whereas I have  
made unto him diverse payments and delivered goods unto him as in marriage portion  
with his wife my desire and request unto him is that though there be some reckonings  
in demand by him of me yet for so much as for those payments that I have made unto  
him were made at full and freely therefore I require him that he will be pleased to rest  
satisfied with what he hath already had without expectation of any more. And if it  
happen that my goods and chattels do extend further or will arise unto a greater value  
than the payment of my debt it is my will and mind that the surplus which shall so  
remain shall be distributed and employed betwixt and to and for the use of my said  
son Joseph Bankes and young Robert Bankes my grandson as my executors in their  
discretion and judgment shall think most requisite fitting and convenient: And I make  
and ordain Raiph Baines my son in law and my cousin William Bankes of this town  
executors of this my last will and testament These being Witnesses: Marye Bankes  
William Lawson and Thomas Bankes

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ROBERT BANKS 1613 Borthwick v32 f459**

In the name of God Amen the one and twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord god according to our English computation one thousand six hundred and thirteen. I Robert Bankes of Rathmell in the County of York Carpenter sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be Almighty god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer confidently believing to have full remission of all my sins through the merits and blessed passion of Jesus Christ my sweet saviour. And for my body I commend the same to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my executors and friends. Item I give and demise all my lands and hereditaments with their appurtenances in Rathmell aforesaid to William Bankes my son and to his heirs forever. And I give also unto my said son William Bankes and to his executors and assigns all my leases and estates for terms of years and all my interest claim title and demand in them and every of them. Item whereas James Armitstead and I have lately bought of master William Nowell and John Robinson certain parcels of the houses and grounds in Rathmell called Quickwood Tenement held by long lease upon which bargains we either of us have paid and must pay an equal part of the consideration and are fully agreed that either of us must have to us our executors administrators and assigns severally a full moiety of the premises so by us jointly bought, now for my part or moiety thereof I do give the same also to my said son William and to his executors and assigns for and during all the term of years yet to come therein, to be divided and severed from the other moiety thereof so soon as conveniently may be by the said James and my executors hereafter named. And I do also give unto my said son William all my husbandry gear and all my sawn boards all which premises shall be to him in full recompense of his child's portion. And for my other goods my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be first discharged and I also give to Elizabeth Armitstead my sister's daughter 20s to be paid to her within half a year next after my decease and the rest and residue of all my goods and chattels whatsoever I give the same wholly unto Margaret my daughter. And I do hereby ordain and appoint my loving brother Christopher Bankes of Huggon House in Rathmell aforesaid and William Bankes his son to be the executors of this my last will and testament. And I do also hereby commend and commit the Tuition, education and government of my said two children and of their portions and all other rights to them belonging unto my said brother and to his said son William Bankes for and during the minorities and nonages of my said children.

Witnesses hereof the above named James Armetstead, Allan Carr and William Lawson.

*Rawthmell*  
*Gigleswicke*



**ROBERT BANKS 1616 Borthwick v34 f311**

In the name of God Amen the twelfth day of December in the year of our lord God 1616 I Robert Bankes of Giggleswick in the county of York gent. Sick in body but of perfect memory the lord be praised therefore, do proceed to the making of this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty God trusting through the merits and passion of my saviour Christ to be made partaker of eternal joy in heaven and my body to earthly burial. Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be discharged out of my whole goods. And whereas I have lately made a lease unto five of my younger children of all my tithes within the parish of Giggleswick for the better raising of competent portions for my said younger children I do hereby certify and confirm the same lease and grant thereby made to and for the uses and purposes that I have intended. And I do also give the same tithes and every of them after the expiration of the said term contained in the same lease unto that child or children whereof my wife is now great, I mean if she be but great with one child then for three years only, if she be great with two or more then for three years for the behalf of every child to the end that every one of my said younger children as well the five named in the said lease as also that child or children unborn may every one have three years profits thereof sufficiently according to their ages.

Item my will is that after my debts paid and funeral expenses discharged all the residue of my goods shall be divided into three equal parts whereof my wife to have one third part according to custom of the country, another third part to be divided equally amongst all my children (my heir excepted) and for the last third part I give the same to be equally divided amongst all my children as well as my heir as the rest saving that my will thereof is yet further that my wife shall have the governance and guiding of my said younger children and their legacies during their minorities and that she shall pay the said legacies unto them at such times as they shall successively accomplish their several ages of 21 years or otherwise be preferred in marriage.

Item I do appoint Ann my loving wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament and I do appoint supervisors thereof my brother John Bankes, my brother-in-law Thomas Payley, Thomas Preston younger of Appletreewick and Thomas Preston younger of Langcliffe. And I do revoke all former wills by me made at any time or times heretofore. And for better testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above said. Witnesses hereof John Bankes, Thomas Craven Richard Smythes, William Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

**ROBERT BANKS 1645 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb. 1645/6  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God Amen the 22th. day of January Ano Dni 1645 I Robert Banks of Giggleswick in the County of yorke gentlm sicke in body but of good and pfect memorye (praysed be god) doe make and ordaine this my Last Will and testament in maner and forme following: And first and principally I commend my soule into ye hands of Almighty God my maker trustinge through ye merrits of my alone Saviour

Jesus Christ to bee made partaker of everlasting blisse in heaven and my bodie I comit to ye earth from whence it came in hope of ye resurrection to eternall Life: both of Bodye and soule my bodye to be buried in the church of ye pish church of Gigleswick aforesaid att the discretion of my executors and friends And as Concerning my worldly estate my will and mind is as followeth, And whereas I am seized of one messuage & Tenemnt situate lyinge and being in Gigleswick aforesaid in the sayd Countye of yorke wich I houlde in fee simple or fee Tayle generall my will and mind is and I doe by this my Last will & testamt give devise and bequeath ye same with all other my Lands Tenemts and hereditaments .. whatsoever unto Robert Banks my sonne his heirs and assignes to have and to hould ye same to ye sayd Robert Banks his heirs and assignes to his and their onely use and uses for ever, And it is my will & mind that ye sayd Robert Banks shall quietly permit and suffer Margritt my wife to hold & enjoy her dower or thirde of ye sayd messuage and Tenemt due to hir by ye Lawes of this Realm of England alsoe it is my will and mind (that) my sayd sonne Robert or his heirs shall pay unto Anne Banks my daughter the some of One hundreth pounds of Lawfull English money for her filliall and childs portion att such tyme as shee shall attaine the full age of eightene yeares and demand of ye same at his or their hands. And if my sayd sonne Robert or his heirs or assignes of ye messuage Tenemt and Lands neglect and make default of payment of ye sayd sume to ye sayd Anne in such sorte as aforesaid Then yt is my will and minde that shee the sayd Anne shall enter unto those two closes in Gigleswick aforesaid called Highrigg and Jacks close and have and enjoy ye same to her & hir heirs and assignes for ever any gift bequest or Legacye herein Conteyned to ye Contrary in any wise not withstanding Alsoe it is my will and minde that my debts and funeral expences bee payde out of my whole goods and if that my goods will not extend ye full discharge thereof that my executors shall sell some such pte of my Lands as they shall think fitt and that my sonne Robert shall joyne with them in ye sayle & conveyance thereof and that money to bee raysed with the sayle thereof to (Adde) to my goods and chattels & to discharge my debts out of the sayd goods chattels and money and if any surplusage remaine ye same to bee to ye use of my sayd Robert my executors charges & expenses first and formerly difaulked and deducted, And I ordaine and appoint my Cussen Thomas Banks and Thomas Armitstead \jur/ of Langcliffe executors of this my Last Will & Testamt

These being witnesses whose names  
are subscribed Richard (N)ayler

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Henry Lawson

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We whose names are hereto subscribed doe hereby certifie that Robert Banks late of Gigleswicke, dyed about two yeares since seized of an estate in houses & land of the value of Forty pounds per Annum upwards; the third pte whereof the Relict of the said deceased claimeth & holdeth as her widdowes right: The other Two pts did descend to Robert Banks the onely son & heire of the said Deceased Robert, being then neare about the age of Fifteene yeares, there beinge charged upon the whole premises the yearly Annuity of Tenn pounds payable to a former widow for her Joynture (or) Dower: which said Robert Banks the son did choose for his Tutor George Mankenfeild gent, who have the Tuition granted in Court, did sett & lett the said Two pts of the said houses & grounds & received the rents for the same, but hath suffered the houses to fall into great ruyne & delapidacion & hath withholden & neglected or refused to pay the said yearly dower of pts. And hath quite neglected &

unfittingly used the said Robert Banks both for education and apparel, in soe much as he was necessitated to leave his said Tutor; And now beinge more sensible of his wrongs & losses sustained he hath made choice of a very honest and discreat man & his neare kinsman one John Paley to be his Tutor, who, we doe presume will be very carefull of his Education and manageinge of his estate, and therefore we doe much desire that the former Tuition granted to the said Mankenfield may be recald and made voyde, and that the same may be granted to the said John Paley

Aprill 25<sup>th</sup>. 1648

Willi Bankes  
Ro: Claphamson  
Bryann Taylor  
Willm Bankes of greene  
Hugh Stackhouse  
Thomas Armitsteade  
Willm Paley

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28 May 1648

Quibus dic heris et lato Paley nomine parturio Johannis Paley de Lakeland dioc Ebor com.... dicendi causam quire.....Curac... person et personis Robt. Banks .... Georgie Mackinfeild confesses? revoc.. .... qua .... John ..... et confirm..... non ..... quid fac ..... sequitur.

- 1)           Imprimis predict et allegat. That he sayd George Markinfeild was and is a mere stranger and of noe degree of consanguinity or affinity to the sayd Robt Banks, and that att the tyme of grantinge the sayd L..... of Curation ....ever s.....^ the sayd Mackinfeild hath exhibited into this Court an Inventory of ye portion and rights of ye sayd Robt Banks with an intent to dep...istie. Him, and, thereof restoreing him / else a suspected and unworthy (Guardian?), hor... fuit et est ver... .....et.....de Gigleswicke aliaquibus
- 2)           Item predict et allegt. That ye sayd Robt Banks by ye death of his late father Robt. Banks of Gigleswick had howses and lands de(cen)ded upon him to the value of xl li per annum and that ever since his death the the sayd Murkenfeild hath received the full profitts and benefitt thereof, et predict ut supra
- 3)           Item predict et allegat that since the death of the sd defendant the sayd Murkinfeild hath suffered the sd houses to fall into great ruynes and dilapidations, that the sum of lx li will scarce repaire the ruynes, thereof caused merely through his neglect therein, et predict ut supra
- 4)           Item predict et allegt. That the sd. Murkinfeild altogether neglected to educate and bring upp the sayd Robt Banks with learninge or any calling or trade whatsoever or to give him reasonable food, and kept him soe lately & unfittingly in apparel that he sd Banks was altogether forced to leave the sayd Markinfeild and to

Rest beholding to the sd John Paley his near kinsman \and Cosen/ ever since Michaelmas last for meate drinke and apparel, by reason whereof the sayd Banks (growing) terrible of his wrongs and losses susteyned hath made choise of the sd. John Paley an able and discreet man to be his guardian et predict ut supra

5) Item predict et allegt. That by common reporte of the Country the ... so much indebted for moneys to severall psons, that he is also..... p.....(unresponsible?). to satisfy the sd Banks his rights & (dues) ... pt ...

6) Item predict et allegt. qd .... sibus et singulis fuit et est publica vox et ...

*8 lines Latin hard to read*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

### **THOMAS BANKS 1606 Borthwick v30 f100**

In the name of god Amen the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the church of England 1606 I Thomas Bankes of Giggleswick in the county of York gent being crazed and sick in body yet nevertheless of perfect remembrance to god be praises do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say Firstly I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god by the death and passion of whose son I shall trust to be saved and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick so near unto my wife as possible may be.

Item whereas I am indebted unto the executors of my late right honourable Lord George Earl of Cumberland forty eight pounds eight shillings or thereabouts upon ..... bond for the long lease of that tenement which was Thomas Dockrey's my will is that the same and all other debts whatsoever I owe shall be paid out of my whole goods.

Item whereas I have lately assigned and set over unto my sons John and Robert Bankes and their assigns my lease and grounds lying upon Langcliffe moor and all my title, interest and term of years therein and that I did likewise give them three score pound in money to stock the same withal my will and mind is that the same shall be unto them in full satisfaction of and for all such filial and child's part and portions of goods or other demand from me whatsoever other than such legacies as hereafter in this my will I have bequeathed unto them.

And whereas I did lately give and deliver unto my son Luke Bankes twenty pounds in money my will is that the same shall be unto him in full satisfaction for his whole child's (*ink blot*) portion and several other demands whatsoever.

Item whereas I have lately [*smudged*] demised and letten a certain parcel of the tenement lately Thomas Dockrey's to [*smudged*] (Hugh?)Stackhouse and James Falthrop for eight years yet to come for the yearly rent of six pounds four shillings and to my daughter Jennet the quarter land close for seven years yet to come for the

yearly rent of three pounds I give the one half of both the said rents to the said Jennet Dockraye my daughter and to her executors, administrators and assigns, and the other half thereof to Agnes Paley my daughter and to her executors, administrators and assigns equally to be taken up and received between them as the same shall be yearly payable and grow due for and during all the said terms of years.

Item I give unto my said son John Bankes my great table and the frame standing in the fire house and likewise my great cupboard to be and remain to him and to his heirs as heirlooms at the house for ever. And likewise I give unto my said son John Bankes my gown [*smudged*] and my close stool.

Item I give unto the said John Bankes ten pounds to be paid unto him or his assigns within two years after my decease.

Item I give unto Thomas, James, John, Robart, Agnes and Marjorie the children of my son Thomas Paley to every of them ten shillings.

Item I give to Thomas, Stephen, Joseph and Robart Dockraie the four sons of Thomas Dockraye each of them ten shillings.

Item I give unto Thomas, Margaret and Ellen Bankes the children of my son Luke Bankes every of them ten shillings.

Item whereas my son John is indebted unto me six pounds as appears by a bill under his hand and seal which bill is hereunto annexed I give the said six pounds to Thomas and William his two sons equally to be divided between them.

Item I give to the children of my son Robart Bankes viz. Luke, Robart and that child whereof his wife is now great every of them ten shillings.

Item I give to those 2 children of John Swayne which he had by my daughter Dorothy either of them three shillings four pence.

Item I give to Robart & Anthony Stackhouse sons of hughe Stackhouse either of them ten shillings

Item whereas I have heretofore had many bargains with Richard Saylbanck late of Cowside and always found true dealings and had good payment at his hands do give to him in regard thereof and in token of my good will towards him forty shillings to be paid to him or his assigns within one year next after my decease.

Item it is my will that for all my legacies above limited whereof the time of payment is not expressed the same shall be paid within two years and a half next after my decease.

Item I give unto Margaret Dockwraie, Jenett Paley daughter of Thomas, Margaret Bankes daughter of my son John and Margaret Bankes daughter of my son Robart all my household stuff as well in that chamber wherein I lie as also in the loft over the same.

Item whereas I have six silver spoons I give two of them viz. the best the worst (*sic*) unto my said son John Bankes and the other four I give to my said daughters Jenett and Agnes equally to be divided between them.

Item I give unto Robart Bankes son of my son Robart my new chair which came from London and for the children of my daughter Dorothy Core viz. Francis, Marie, Elizabeth and Margaret my will is that my executors hereafter in these presents named shall have the tuition of them according to an(?) [*smudged, probably a hole*] indenture of lease made between the right worp(*worshipful?*) Richard Shereburne of Stoniehurst esq on the one party and me the said Thomas Bankes and Francis Core upon the other party and bearing date the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of the reign of our late Queen Elizabeth my Queen etc xliiii, as by the same may appear.

Item I give unto Hughe Stackhouse my best cloak Item I give unto Thomas Bentham my sister's son my fustian breeches and worst fustian doublet. Item I give to hughe Kidd my worst winter coat. Item I give to Nicholas Nicholson my worse doublet and my worst pair of blue stockings Item I give all the rest of my apparel whatsoever to Thomas Paley my son in law and to Thomas Paley his son. Item I give to Robart Cockett ten shillings and unto Jennett Rigge ten shillings. The rest of all my goods that shall remain after my debts, legacies and funeral expenses be paid and performed I give unto my children Robart Bankes, Jenett Dockraie and Agnes Paley equally to be divided amongst them.

And I do hereby appoint and make them the said Robart, Jenett and Agnes my children joint executors of this my last will and testament in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal given the day and year first above written in the presence of these witnesses hereafter following: Hughe Stackhouse, Richard Preston and William Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

### **THOMAS BANKS 1623(?) Borthwick v37 f518**

In the name of God amen the fifth day of November in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and (*sic*) I Thomas Banckes of Giggleswick in the county of York late son of Robert Banckes gent deceased being at this time visited by sickness and infirmities in my body yet never-the-less of good and perfect memory I praise god therefore I do in the name of god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting to be saved by the death and precious blood shedding of my saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be buried within the parish church of Giggleswick aforesaid so near unto my said father as possible I can get. Item I give, devise and bequeath unto my loving mother Anne Banckes all my tithes of corn grain, sheaves and straw as the same is now housed and Inned(?) to use and dispose of at her own will and pleasure. Item: as concerning my lease which I have of Hunthwaite in my own name I give the same and all my estate right title interest

and term of years therein yet unspent and to come and all my writings and evidences concerning the same to my said mother Anne Banckes and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life and at her discretion to dispose of after her decease either to my sister Anne or to whether of my brothers Robert and Joseph as shall please her better and give her more content provided that whether my sister Anne or whether of my brothers shall happen to have Hunthwaite after my mother's decease shall pay to the other two which have it not such a competent sum of money as my said mother in her life time shall think fit. Item whereas now at Martinmas next I have certain tithes calves coming and becoming due unto me I give out of the same to my sister Margaret Baines, my sister Hester Banckes, my brother Robert, my sister Anne, my brother Joseph and to Anne Banckes my brother Luke's late daughter and to every one of them one calf and I give the rest which shall remain to my said mother Anne to be to her own use and behoof. Item for such mortuaries as are now become due unto me and all such tithes of wool and lamb as are now gathered I give to my said mother to be by her equally divided and distributed amongst my said brothers Robert and Joseph and my sister Margaret and Anne according to the true intent and meaning of this my said will and testament they paying to my brother in law Raiph Baines such rents and other things as for the same shall become due and payable and no more. And I make and ordain my said mother Anne to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses John Banckes William Lawson and Thomas Carr.

*Gigleswicke*

**WILLIAM BANKS 1693 Ref. Borthwick.York. Jun 1693  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen, I William Banks of Lower Paley green within the parish of Gigleswicke & County of yorke yeom being sick & weake of body but of sound & pfect mind & memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God doe make & ordaine this my present Last will & Testament in maner & forme following (that is to say First & principally I comend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the Merits Death & passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins, & to inherit everlasting Life And my body I comitt to the Earth to bee decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. And as touching the disposicon of all such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon mee, I give & dispose thereof as followeth. First I will That my Debts & funerall charges shall be paid & discharged. Item I give unto John Banks my son six Cattle gates in a pasture called Scaleber and Thirty \six/ sheep gates in a pasture called Settle banks both lying & being within the Townshippe of Settle & parish afforesd. Item I give unto Elizabeth my wife during her naturall Life one house one Croft one Garden three Cattlegates in the Newfield lying within the Lordshippe of Gigleswicke afforesd. and after her decease to my son John Banks his heirs & Assigns. Item I give to my said wife one Ings close called pindarmire & one pcell of ground lying in that pt. of the field called Tofts during her naturall Life both lying & being within the Lordshippe of Gigleswicke afforesd. And afterwards to my said son John Banks his heirs & Assignes. Item I give to my sd. wife during her Life one pt. of a dwellinghouse one pt. of a barne with the Land thereto belonging which was purchased of one Leonard King lying & being ..... Paley green with one close called

red Gill thereunto belonging. Item I give unto my said wife during her naturall Life one pcell of ground called Grassgarthnooke lying & being within the said Townshipp of Giggleswicke lately purchased of Mr. Robert parker of Carleton And after her decease to my said son John his heirs & Assigns. And I give unto Henry Lawson my son in Law & Elizabeth his wife the sume of Ten pounds the same to be paid at Twelve Months end \next/ after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named out of the psonall Estate. Item I give to my three Granchildren Ann Elizabeth & Mary Lawson each of them five pounds to bee paid by my said son John when they attaine the age of Twenty one yeares and the Interest thereof to be paid yearly to Henry Lawson and Elizabeth his wife after the decease of my said Executrix for & towards their maintenance during their minority, And if it so happen any of the said Children to dye before they shall attaine the age of Twenty one yeares it is my will & mind that the sd sume shall bee equally divided between the survivors. All the rest & residue of my psonall estate goods & Chattels whatsoever I give & bequeath unto \Elizabeth – jurat/ my Loving wife & doe constitute make & appoint her full & sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament & doe hereby revoke, disannull & make void all former wills & Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the sixth day of June Anno Dom 1693

his marke  
William W Banks

Sealed published & declared  
in the presence of  
Tho. Carr jurat  
his marke  
Thomas T Carr  
Nich. Hargreaves

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

.....12<sup>th</sup>. 1693

An Inventory of ye goods & Chattells of William Banks Late Deceased of payley greene vallued & Apprized by us whose names are hereunder subscribed

	£	s	d
Impr. His Apparrell & money in his purse	02	00	00
Item. One Gray Mare one Bay Mare, & a young Fillia	08	10	00
Item. One paire of Oxen & two Twinters	12	00	00
Item. Foure Kine, & foure stirks & Three Calves	19	10	00
Item. Twenty Foure sheepe & Twelve Lambs	06	00	00
Item. One Cupboard, one Table, brasse & pewther	04	00	00
Ite. chaires & Stooles quishins, milke bowles with the Rest of wood vessell in the house	01	00	00
Ite. One paire of Bedstocks & two Chists	01	00	00
Ite. 2 Winnowing Clothes, 7 sacks & one Rideing Saddle	01	00	00
Item. 3 Arkes	01	00	00
Item. All beding & Linning within ye house	03	10	00
Item All yocks Teames and other Implements belonging to ye said	01	00	00
Ite. Carts, Wheelles, Coups, plowes, & one flanne	02	00	00
Ite. one Harrow & two paire of Loomes	01	00	00
Ite. foure Bushell of Beanes	01	00	00



Ite. one Reckon Crooke, & All ye rest of ye hustlemt. in ye house	02	00	
	64	12	00
The totall is			

Thomas Carr  
 Anthony procter  
     his marke      Apprizers  
 John L Lucas  
 William Foster

*Flanne – Tool used for cutting out peat*  
*Twinters – animal which has seen two winters*  
*Kine – cow, usually the milking cow in a herd*  
*Quishins – cushions*  
*Bedstocks – bedhead or its front & back parts*  
*Coup – cart with closed sides on runners or wheels*  
*Loomes – looms / implement or tool of any kind/ an open bucket / machine for weaving*  
*Reckon Crooke –hook for hanging a pot over the fire*

**THOMAS BARROW 1646 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Jan 1646/7**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God Amen the Three & Twentieth daie of Jannary in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand sixe hundred Fortie & sixe I Thomas Barrow of setle in the Countie of yorke Draiper, sicke in Boddie but of good and pfect memorie (praised bee god) doe make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in maner & forme Followinge, First I Commend my soule into the handes of Almightye god my maker and Redeemer, Trustinge & Constantlie believing through the meritt & precious Blodsheadinge of my Sweete Saviour Christ to bee maid p(ar)taker of eternall blisse in heaven, and I Bequeath my bodie to the Earth from whence itt Came, to bee Buried att the discretion of my Executor, Item itt is my will & mynde that my Debts & Funerall Expences shalbee deducted & paid out of my whole goodes, Further my will & mynd is that my Brothers Edward Barrow Wm Barrow, my Bothers (*sic*) in Lawe Edward Barrow & George Setle shall have Thirtie pound A peece within one whole year after my Decease, Further my will & mynde is that my Sar(v)ante Richard Hattkill shall have the Remainder of his Prentishipp to make his best use of, and his Indentures given in, Further itt is my will that everie one of William Carr of Setle his children shall have Twentie shillings A peece, & three maid Servants five shillings A peece, Richard Chester tow shillings sixe pence, Richard Butterfeild Tenn pounds, itt is my will & mynd that the poor people of Gigesweeke parish shall have five pounds to bee delivered by the Churchwardens of the said Parrishe, And I doe Ordaine my Brother George Barrow \jurat/ Sole Executor of this my laste will & Testament In witnesse whereof I have hearunto sett my hand & Seale the day and yeare above written

Tho Barrow

Witnesses  
 Wm Carr \jurat/

Michael Q \mke/ Richardson  
Rich: Butterfeild

*Settle*                    modern spelling  
*Giggleswick*            “            “

**WILLIAM BATEMAN 1654**  
**The National Archives PROB 11/242**  
Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen** the eight day of October in the yeare of our Lord according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred fiftie one I William Bateman of Giggleswicke in the Countie of Yorke shooe maker, sickly in bodie, but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God And considering of the certaintie of death and uncertaintie of the time, and that it is the dutie of everie true Christian to set his house in order before his death, To the end his posteritie and friends may enioye his goods and estate in peace and quietnes, Therefore doe I make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge; First I doe commit and willingly resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye God my maker and Creator, trustinge assuredly through his mercie, and by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely redeemer to be saved, and to have full pardon and remission of all my sinnes, and my bodie to the earth, whereof it was framed to be buried at my parish Church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my freinds: And for my worldly and temporall goods and estate, wherewith God hath blessed me, I doe give, bequeath and dispose of the same as Followeth; First it is my will that my funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods, Also it is my will and mind that Jane my wife shall enioye and receive the profits of all my houses and grounds duringe her life naturall; Also I doe give unto my said wife Jane all my goods, Cattles and Credits whatsoever; Item it is my will and mind, and I doe hereby authorize Christopher Armitstead of Settle my grandsonne with the help and advice of my Supervisore hereunder named, so soone as conveniently can bee, after the death of my said wife, to sell all my houses and grounds whatsoever (my lower barne or lathe excepted) And I will that out of the moneys thereof comeinge and arisinge the said Christopher Armitstead shall pay all the summes and Legacies hereafter menconed, and to the persons hereunder named That is to say To Agnes Sowden the wife of Thomas Sowden the summe of thirtie poundes for which I have alreadie mortgaged unto her certaine grounds: Item I give unto the said Christopher Armitstead, William Armitstead, John Armitstead, Richard Armitstead, Margaret Armitstead, Jane Armitstead and Mary Armistead my grandchildren to everie of them tenne poundes, a peice, to be paid of the moneys arisinge and comeinge of my said houses and grounds, and to be paid so soone as conveniently it can be had out of the price of the said houses and grounds; Item I give unto Wiliam Bateman the reputed sonne of my late deceased sonne Thomas Bateman the summe of twentie poundes which my will and mind is shalbe put forth by my supervisors for the use of the said William untill he attaine the age of twentie one yeares, if my said wife dye before, and that my houses and grounds be sold and moneys raised and gotten thereby as above said. Item whereas I have by indenture dated the nineteenth day of October, one thousand six hundred Fortie nine sold and conveyed to John Taylour my servant and to his Executors and Assignes certaine grounds and the Moyetie of my said lower lathe, I

doe hereby confirme the said grant and conveyance And also I doe give to the said John Taylour the other halfe of the said Lathe. Also I will that my said wife Jane shall keepe and maintaine the said William Bateman with meat and clothes till he shalbe twentie one yeares of age, if she live so longe, and that John Taylour shall teach him his trade, And if any overplus remaine of the price of my houses and grounds after the above said summes and Legacies be paid, I will that the said surplusage shalbe equally divided amongst the above named Alice, Christopher, William, John, Richard, Margaret, Jane and Mary Armitstead by equall porcons. Item I doe make and nominate Jane my wife sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, Supervisors hereof I doe make and ordaine Thomas Lawson and Brian Cookeson of Giggleswicke, whome I doe intrust to see this my last will and testment truely performed as my trust is in them reposed To whome also I doe hereby give the like power and authoritie for sellinge of my houses and grounds that I have given to the said Christopher Armitstead in case he be negligent and obstinate therein; Provided that my Supervisors shall have all their Charges whatsoever out of my said houses and grounds, In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare abovesaid, William Bateman marke, Witnesses hereof Miles Cockett his marke, John Taylour his marke.

**This will** was proved at Westminster before the Judges for Probate of wills and grantinge of Administracons lawfully authorized the eight and twentieth day of March In the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred Fiftie foure by the oath of Jane Bateman the Relict of the said deceased and sole Executrix named in the said will, To whome Administracon of all and singular the goods Chattles and debts of the said decead was committed, she beinge first sworne by virtue of a Commission issued out in that behalfe well and truely to administer the same/

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**ALICE BATTERSBYE late of Bowstagill and now of Rathmell widow**  
**March 18, 1662**  
**Borthwick volume 46 Folio 457**

In the name of God Amen the thirteenth Day of March in the yeare of our Lord God Accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England one thowsand six hundred sixty and two I Alice Battersbye \late/ of Bowstagill and now of Rathmell in the County of yorke widdow beinge sickly and Infirme in body but of good and perfect Remembrance prayesd be God doe make this my last will and testament in Manner Followinge Revokeinge hereby all wills by me Formerly made: And First I doe Comitt and willingly resigne my soule into the Mercifull hand of Almighty God my Maker and Creator trustinge through his Mercy and by the Merrittes of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and remission of all my sinnes And my body to the Earth where of it was made to be buried in Christian Manner att the discretion of my Friendes And For my worldly and temporall goods and Estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth First I will that my debts and Funerall Expenses be payd out of my whole goodes. Item I give unto John Battersbye my grandchilde Twenty shillings to be payd to the said John when hee shall attayne the age of one and twenty yeares And if he dye before he attayne the said age then the said Legacy to remaine to my Executor here under named Alsoe I give unto Luke

Knowles my grandchilde Twenty shillings to be payd within two yeares next after my decease Item I give unto Anne Knowles and Alice Knowles my grandchildren the sume of Fifteene poundes thirteene shillings Fourepence Equally betweene them to be payd within two yeares next after my death out of my part of the price of those Landes att Gawthroppe in dent. Item I give unto Christopher Parkinson & Alice Parkinson my grandchildren Sixteene poundes Equally betweene them And I will that the same Sixteene poundes shall remaine in the handes of Thomas Knowles of Rawthmell and to be by him ordered and put Forth For the uses of the sayd Christopher and Alice Parkinson and to be payd unto them with Interest accordinge to twelve pence in the pound when they shall attayne there severall ages of one and twenty yeares they then givinge sufficient acquittances for the same And if Eyther of the sayd Children dye before that age then there part to remaine to the survivor Item I give all the Remainder of my goodes and Chattells unto Thomas Knowles of Rawthmell whom I doe make Nominate and Appoint sole Executor of this my last will and testament unto whom I doe owe and am indebted the sume of eight poundes For two yeares table and keepinge. In wittnes where of I have here unto put my hand and seale the day and yeare First Above written: Alice Battersbye her **D** marke witnesses here of James Houghton his **I** marke James Carre his **R** marke Richard Frankland

**RICHARD BATTMAN 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Dec 1648**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

*Says 'Claytopp in Craven' on YAS Summary*

In the name of god Amen the 14 day of october in the yeare of our Lord God 1648 I Richard Battman being in good and perfect Rememberrance & sicke in boddie first of all I bequeth my soule to god and my boddy to the grave  
Allsoe I give & bequeath unto Jane wright three poonds  
Itam I give unto Elizabeth wright three poonds  
Itam I give unto Elizabeth Bentham twintty shillings  
Itam I give unto Richard wright fourtty shillings  
all this in his owne hand  
Itam I give unto Christopher wright seven shipe (*sheep*)  
Itam I give unto ricard wright the younger nine shipe  
Itam I give unto Elizabeth the wife of Richard wright my part of the 7 (mene?)# shepe  
Itam I give unto Thomas wright fourtty shilling which he oweth mee  
Itam I give unto Robert Battman three chilledren thirty two pounds oweing of will Tennant to be delt equally amongst them  
Itam I give unto Robert Battman 12 pounds which hee oweth mee  
Itam I give unto Robert Battman 6 pounds and his wife fourty shillings oweing of John (Ive)sonn (*or Ineson*)  
Itam I give Robert Battman 7 pounds & 8 shillings oweinth of Thomas Knowles  
Itam I give unto Elizabeth the wife of Richard wright fourty shilling oweing of Tho. Knowles  
Itam I give unto frances Battman fourty shillings  
Itam I give unto mary the wife of John Taylor 20 shillings oweing of Robert Hawson (*or Llawson*)  
Alsoe I apoint Rob: \jurat/ Battman  
for my whole (execeter) of this my last

will and Testament

In witness

hereof

jurat

John Robineson

Margaret \jurat/Lawson

*# maybe. refers to the sheep which occupy fields called Meanfield Lower & Meanfield Higher. These are listed on Tythe Schedule as fields 243 & 245, 246 & 247. Owned by Wm Wildman & occupied by James Bolland when Tythe Sch. Drawn up 200 years later.*

*'mene' might be 'shared' in this context or 'middling' quality.*

*'mesne' meaning owned by the Lord of the manor?*

**JAMES BENSON 1686**

**The National Archives PROB 11/382**

Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen the**

thirty first day of December in the yeare of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred eighty five I James Benson of Settle in the county of Yorke Gent being somewhat infirme in bodie but of perfect memorie praised bee God for the same Doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First and principallie I commend and committ my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that through the meritts of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ my sinns shall be forgiven and that my soule shall bee made partaker or eternall happinesse in the Kingdome of Heaven and my body to bee buried in the parish Church of Gigleswicke and my funerall to bee ordered at the discretion of Mr Christopher Dawson and Mr Richard Preston And as to my temporall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless mee I give and dispose as followeth Imprimis I doe give and bequeath to Anne Whitmore my sister All my Tyth of Corne Graine and straw wooll Lambe, obventions oblations with their Hereditaments and appurtenances which I have within the parish of Gigleswicke aforesaid for and during the term of her naturall life, shee paying and dischargeing to Mr Edward Nelson of the Cittie of London All such Interest as now is or hereafter shall be due unto him for the same of any mony I am indebted unto him, And in case the said Edward Nelson shall at any time during the life naturall of my said sister call to her to pay the said principall mony in, and shee doe pay the same Then, my will and minde is that, my said sister shall have full power to charge the said tyths with the summe of Three hundred pounds, and after the death and decease of my said sister Anne I doe give and bequeath the said Tythes of Corne Graine wooll and Lamb with their hereditaments and appurtenances to the Two daughters of my said sister now living and to the Heires of their two bodies lawfully begotten forever and for want of issue of their two bodies lawfully begotten then my will and minde is and I doe hereby give and bequeath one fifth part of the said tythes (the same in five parts to bee divided) to Shereburne Crumbleholme sonne to Richard Crumbleholme, one other fifth part thereof to Shereburne son of Roger Crumbleholme, one other fifth part thereof to John Benson

of London sonne of James Benson deceased if hee be living and if dead then I give the said fifth part thereof to his donne James Benson, one othet fifth part thereof to Richard and George Stirsaker(?) my halfe sisters Children and the other fifth part thereof I give to my cousens Richard and Tabitha Woodie (?) and in case my said sisters Children die without Heires of their two bodies lawfully begotten, then my will and minde is that the said Tithes with their hereditaments and appurtenances shall bee sold and the mony thereby raised shall bee employed first to discharge the said Three hundred pounds if the same bee charged upon the said Tyth and the remainder equally as aforesaid to bee divided Item I give unto Roger Crumbleholme my brother my watch and to Elizabeth his wife one pound to buy her a ring Item I give unto Mr Richard Preston one pound to buy him a ring and to his wife one pound to buy her a ring Item I give to John Hargreaves and his wife either twenty shillings to buy them rings Item I give to Dr Hargreaves twenty shillings to buy him a ring Item I give to Henry Clarke and his wife either of them a ring which I have now in my Custody Item I give to the said Edward Nelson One pound to buy him a ring Item I give to my brother Richard Crumbleholme and his wife Two pounds to by(sic) them rings Item I give to my Goddaughter Lettice Preston One pound Item I give to Henry and Ralph Marsden my kinsmen twenty shillings a peece Item my will and minde is that my just debts legacies and funerall expences shall bee paid out of my whole estate and the residue and remainder thereof not herein and hereby disposed of I give and bequeath to my said sister Anne Whitmore who I name and constitute my sole Executrix and I doe hereby revoke all former Will and Wills by mee heretofore made In wisse to this my last will and testament I have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written James Benson. Sealed Signed and published in the presence of us these words to bee divided in the last line save Heaven being first interlined R Preston Tho. Hargraves Jo. Richardson

**Probatum fuit** testamentum....

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Refers to Richard Preston of the Folly*

**JOHN BERRY 1675 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol.56 fol.16  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen February the 25<sup>th</sup>. 1670 John Berry of Stackhouse in the pish of Giggleswicke, and Countie of yorke weak of body but of a good memory God be praised doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following That is to say first I Commend my soule into the hands of God my maker hoping Assuredly through the onely merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting And I Comend my body to the earth whereof it is made and to be buryed at the discretion of my Friends Imprimis I doe give unto my Granchilde Elizabeth Berry one Truncke and the Close in it to be equally devided betwixt my sonn Richard Berry and my Grandchilde Elizabeth abovesaid Item I doe give unto my Granchilde Elizabeth the sum of Twenty pounds which is in the hands of Leonard Watkinson of Stubin it is upon bond Item I doe give unto my Grandchilde Elizabeth abovesaid the sum of eleaven pounds which is in the hands of William

Johnson of Longbanke in the pish of Clapham it is upon bond Item I doe give unto my Grandchilde Elizabeth abovesaid the Sum of Twenty pounds which is in the hands of Hugh Stackhouse of Giggleswicke it is upon bond Item I doe give unto my Grandchilde Elizabeth abovesaid one little gray meare Item I give unto my Grandchilde Elizabeth abovesaid three payre of sheetes that is to say one paire of Lining sheetes one payre of Teare of hempe one payre of Canvis sheetes Item I doe give unto my Grandchilde Elizabeth abovesaid one Chist which my Cloths lyeth in Item I give unto my Grandchilde Elizabeth abovesaid the sum of Tenn pounds more which is in the hands of William Armitstead of Giggleswicke upon bond: My desire is that the poore may have two pence a peice And for all the rest of my goods after my Debts payd and Funerall Expenses I doe give and bequeath them unto my Sonne Richard Berry who I doe appoynt to be my sole executor This my last will and testament Witnessse my hand the day and yeare above written John Berry Witnessse Tho:Carr (Jnr?) Roger .....holme

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Teare - best quality, especially hemp or flax*

*Canvis - canvas*

**RICHARD BERRY 1688 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.61 fol.8  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Nuncupative

Upon the eighteenth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty eight and in the fourth yeare of the Raigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Leige Lord James the second over England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith et; I Richard Berry of Stackhouse in the parrish of Giggleswicke & County of yorke yeoman does declare in these words following to be my Last will though it now be put in writeing First my words are I Commend my soule to God Almighty And my body decently to be interred; And as to my personal estate I give it as Followeth words as aforesaid; Item it is my full minde that Elizabeth my daughter shall be my sole Executrix to this my last will, Then it is my Free will; And I give unto my foure Granddaughters Margaret Armitstead Ellin Armitstead Elizabeth Armitstead and Mary Armitstead children unto John Armitstead of Austwick in the County aforesaid yeoman and the aforesaid Elizabeth the Executrix all my bonds bills money debts without speciality goods Cattels and Chattels moveable and unmoveable whatsoever which I dye seized of at the time of my death unto my said foure Granddaughters before mentioned and equally to be divided amongst them after my debts and funeral expences be discharged; And this the testator does acknowledge and publishes by words as aforesaid to be his last will and now put into writeing the third day after the testators decease as the Law requires and before these Wittnesses Thomas Armistead Tho: Carr Thomas Browne

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**RICHARD BIRKETT 1701 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1702**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Richard Birkett of Gigleswick in the County of york Carpenter doe make this my last Will and Testament revokeing all other wills & Testaments whatsoever heretofore made by me Imprimis my Will & mind is that all my due debts & funerall expences bee payd by my exec. hereafter named out of my goods & chattells.

Item my Will & mind is that my wife Elizabeth Berkett shall have & enjoy all that One little Mansion or dwellinghouse formerly belonging to my father Robert Birkett together with th'appurtenances thereunto belonging Item my Will & mind is yt after the death & decease of my sd. Wife yt ye sd Mansion or dwellinghouse shall bee & enure to the onely proper use & behoofe of Elizabeth my daughter her execs. adms. & assigs Item I give & devise unto my son James Birkett one Mansion or dwellinghouse wherein I now dwell together with One barne one Garden & all & singular other the appurtnces thereunto belonging to have & to hold to him his excs. adminrs. & assigs for & during the reversion & remainder of all such terms & numbers of years as are yet unspent & to come in the premises or any pte or pcell thereof & Lastly I doe hereby nominate & appoynte my sd. son James Birkett \jurat to bee/ my true & sole exec. of this my last Will & testament As wittnesse my hand and Seale this tenth day of December. Anno Dom 1701

Seald Signed & published

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 Rememberd yt the household  
 goods now standing upon the  
 premisses is to bee equally devided  
 between my wife & son

his marke  
 Richard X Birkett

Richard Ellershaw jur  
 L..... Bolland  
 T Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A true and pfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattells (&) household stuffe belonging to Richard Birkett of Gigleswicke in the County of Yorke Carpenter late decd made & apprizd by us whose names are ..... this Nineteenth day of December Anno Dom 1701

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Inprimis his Purse & Apparell	00	06	00?
Item One dwelling house one old barne one little Garden with th appurtnces thereunto belonging lately purchased of Richard Lawson & formerly belonging to Robert Cookson of Gigleswicke late decd	11	00	00
Item Two paire of Bedstocks with bedding two little tables & three Chairs	01	05	06
Item one Long settle three pewter dishes six pewter spoones one pewter Tankard & one pewter Candlesticke	00	09	09
Item one Old Chist & one little deske	00	02	08
Item Two panns Two barrels & two stooles	00	03	03



Item little side table fixed to ye wall	00	01	04
Item all his workeing tooles & instruments belonging the trade of A Carpenter	02	00	00
Item Six Basons Six piggons one Grinding Stone & all other old household stufte & Huslement	00	10	00
	15	19	02

Richard Ellershaw  
T. Lawson  
Tho: Carr  
Will: Stackhouse

**WILLIAM BORDLEY 1610 Borthwick v31 f689**

In the name of God Amen the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1610 I, William Bordley of Cockley Bancke in Rathmell in the county of York yeoman being sick in body but whole in mind praised be god do proceed to the making of this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all former and other wills whatsoever heretofore by me made. And first and principally I give and bequeath my soul to the almighty god my maker and redeemer with full and assured hope of redemption through the merits death and passion of Christ Jesus my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick in the county aforesaid. And touching all my worldly estate I will they be disposed in manner following First my will and mind is and I do hereby give and bequeath all that my messuage and tenement at Cockley Banck and the Gayle whatsoever now in my occupation or possession unto Elizabeth my wife for and during the minority and until such time as John Bordley my eldest son shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years in respect of her dower and upon condition that she educate and bring up him the said John and Thomas Bordley my youngest son during their minorities well and sufficiently the reversion and remainder thereof I give and bequeath unto my said son John Bordley and his heirs forever never-the-less upon condition that he permit Elizabeth my said wife quietly to have and enjoy a full third part thereof during her life natural if she survive his said minority. And also upon condition that he the said John Bordley my eldest son satisfy and pay unto Thomas Bordley my youngest son the sum of fourteen pounds of lawful English money within four years next after his said full age and time of entry to the said messuage and lands and premises. And if he the said John Bordley refuse to perform the said conditions or either of them or that he die before he accomplish his full age then my will and mind is that Thomas Bordley my youngest son shall have the said messuage and tenement before mentioned and to him his heirs and assigns for ever. Also I give and bequeath to William Nowell of Caplesyde gentleman and Henry Wiglesworth of Wiglesworth both within Craven and in the county of York my trusty and best beloved and approved good friends all that my messuage land and tenements and other appurtenances whatsoever to me belonging or in any wise appertaining within the Lordship and manor of Wiglesworth within the said county of York and all my right estate title and interest thereof and thereunto to have hold and enjoy the same jointly to them the said William Nowell and Henry Wiglesworth their heirs and assigns forever. And it is my will and mind that if they sell alien or discontinue the same to any person or persons the said bargain and sale to stand and continue perfect and feasible against any my heirs and assigns

and all others claiming or pleading any title from me or them or any of us so as the same be done by both their mutual consents acts and agreement.

And it is my will and mind that they the said William Nowell and Henry Wigglesworth their executors or assigns shall in regard and recompense thereof educate and maintain William Bordley my second son with meat drink and clothing sufficient at their discretion during his minority. And further satisfy and pay unto him the said William Bordley my said second son the sum of 100 pounds of lawful English money at such time as he shall accomplish the age of 21 years. And if it fortune my said son William to depart this life in his minority and before such time as he shall accomplish the said age of 21 years then it is my will and mind that they the said William Nowell and Henry Wigglesworth their executors and assigns shall at such time as the said William might or should have accomplished his said age of 21 years content satisfy and pay the said sum of one hundred pounds unto John Bordley and Thomas Bordley my said two sons if they be or either of them be living. And if all my said sons die before the said time in which my said son William Bordley might have accomplished his said full age of 21 years then my will and mind is that they the said William Nowell and Henry Wigglesworth their executors and assigns shall pay or cause to be paid unto Elizabeth my now wife her executors or assigns the sum of 100 pounds at the said time in which my said son William should have accomplished his said age of one and twenty years. And for all my goods chattels and debts my will and mind is that my debts shall be paid out of my whole goods and then one third part of the remainder to be to my wife for her widow right and one other part to my children equally in lieu of their child's parts and filial portions of my goods. And the other third part commonly called the deaths part I will that the same be equally divided between Elizabeth my wife and Thomas Bordley my youngest son. And I make Elizabeth my wife my sole executor of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Allan Car Francis Foster Giles Houghton John Kay John Carr.

*Gigglesweeke*  
*Wigglesworth*

Buried 1610

**OLIVER BRADLEY 1603 Borthwick v29 f159**

In the name of god Amen the seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1603 I Oliver Bradley of the lyth banke within the Lordship of Rathmell in the County of York Carpenter sick in body but of perfect memory to god be praise do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god trusting through the merits and passion of his son Jesus Christ to be saved and I commit my body to earthly burial and that within the church yard of my parish church of Giggleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my wife and children.

Item: whereas I have for many years past holden and occupied under the worshipful my master John Catterall Esquire one house & garth with the appurtenances within the Lordship of Rathmell aforesaid whereon I now dwell being of the rent of five shillings together with certain new grounds above the same house westwards being of the rent 3s 6d I leave all my title and estate whatsoever therein (by licence of my said master) to my son Richard provided always and yet my desire is and I heartily request my said master that like as I have always found him a good master and he me a true servant and tenant so that he will suffer Isabell my now wife if she survive me to have and enjoy to her use during her natural life, after this present year half of that close called the moreclose or the lange banke and all that parcel of ground called the close heade which is now in my said son Richard his occupation according as I and my said son formerly and now at this time have agreed upon and further also she to have and enjoy until the first day of May next coming all such part of my houses and grounds (excepting half of the barn to Richard) as are now in my occupation and from thenceforth, she to have but only the loft and half of the barn for two years then next following.

Also my will is and I give unto Alan Procter my son in law one cow called Nutte(?). And after my debts funeral expenses legacies mortuary and other rights be paid and done out of my whole goods I give & bequeath all the residue of my said goods chattels and debts wholly unto my said wife. And I do appoint my said wife and John Cockman my neighbour executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Christopher Browne, Thomas Carre, & William Lawson.

*Rawthmell*  
*Giggleswicke*

**OLIVER BRADLEY 1604 Borthwick v29 f346**

In the name of God amen the second day of June in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland and of Scotland the 37th defender of the faith etc 1604 I Oliver Bradley of Rathmell of the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my maker and only saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick.

First my debts and funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath all my goods moveable and unmoveable unto Jane my wife and my two children Richard and Robert equally to be divided amongst them,

Also I give my wife the one half of my tenement during the natural life of my father Richard Bradley and all after his decease until my son Richard do accomplish the full age of twenty years and after he come to age she to have her widow right. And my son Richard to have all after her provided also that if she either marry or miscarry then to void within three days after not having my portion thereof.

Also my will is that my son Richard shall pay so soon as he shall accomplish the age of 21 years four pounds to his brother Robert for agreement.

And I make my father Richard Bradley and Hewgh Car of Winscale my whole executors of this my last will and testament. Witness hereof Roger Armetstead and Richard Clarke.

*Rawthmell*  
*Gigleswicke*  
*Giglesweeke*

#### **RICHARD BRADLEY 1614 Borthwick v33 f359**

In the name of God Amen the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November in the twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland etc. and of Scotland the eight & forty 1614 I Richard Bradley of Rathmell husbandman Sick in body but good & perfect remembrance praised be Almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Giggleswick and for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. Also I give and devise all my lands and tenements and also all my estates for years and all my right title, claim and demand therein and thereunto to Robert Bradley my son Also my will is that my funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane's two daughters to either of them twenty shillings to be paid unto them when they come to the age of one and twenty years. Also I give unto Margaret Bankes my servant twenty shillings. The rest of my goods chattels and debts not bequeathed I give the same wholly to Robert my son and I ordain and appoint him the said Robert Bradley the sole executor of this my last will and testament these being witnesses Francis Foster John Carr William Bankes

*Giglsweek*  
*Rawthmell*

#### **ROBERT BRADLEY 1628 Ref. Borthwick v40 f416**

In the name of God Amen the first day of January AD 1628 I Robert Bradley of Rathmell within the county of York sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and [form] following first I give and bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. Item: my will is that my body shall be brought to the grave with such funeral appurtenances as be fitting for my calling. Item I give to Elizabeth Dicolnson my servant two kine, a young heffer or stirk a brass pot and a chist Item I give to Isabell Dicolnson sister of the aforesaid Elizabeth Dicolnson and daughter of William Dicolnson of Rathmell aforesaid one cow. Item I give to Jane Dicolnson sister of the said Elizabeth and Isabel an other cow Item I give to William Dicolnson younger son of William Dicolnson aforesaid one white mare. Item I give to the said William

Dicolnson younger forty four shillings of lawful English money due to me by a bill obligatory of James Wilson of Tipperthwate deceased if the same can be gotten of the executor or administrator of the said James Wilson. Item whereas William Carr of (Dobden?) oweth me about seven pounds of like money by obligation of twenty pounds or thereabouts now I do release forgive and do free the said William Carr all the said debt upon condition that the said William Carr do pay unto Jane Walmsley daughter of Thomas walmsley late of the said Rathmell deceased her executors or assigns within one half year next after my decease forty shillings of like money. Item I make Jane (Jaine?) Stead of Leathley my sister and Margrett her daughter joint executors of this my last will and testament. Item my will is that if I shall decease before May next that the kyne, the stirk and mare aforesaid by me given by legacies shall be maintained and kept with my hay and fodder in my barn until the said May next. Item I give to the said Jane Stead all my lands buildings and appurtenances in Rathmell [*for*] the term of her natural life and after her decease to the said Margrett Stead and her heirs for ever. Item I give to Richard Foster son of Franncis Foster of Rathmell deceased 12d Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods movable and immovable except before bequeathed to Jane Stead my sister and Margrett her daughter equally to be divided between them both. Witnessed Edmond Carr, John Yeadon, John Carr and Thomas .....

*Rathmell spelt Rawthmell in will*

**BRAISHEY RICHARD 1646 Ref. Borthwick.York.Bundle May 1647/8  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the 25<sup>th</sup>. daie of December An.Dni 1646 I Richard Braishey of Gigleswick in the Countie of Yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and pfect memorie praised (bee God) do make and ordeyne this my laste will and testament in manner and forme following And first and principally I commend my soule into the hands of Almightye God my maker trusting through the meritts of my alone savior Jesus Christe to bee made ptaker of eternall blisse in heaven and my bodie I comitt to the earth from whence it came in hope of the resurrection to eternall life to bee buried in the pish Church yarde of Gigleswick afforesaid at the discrecon of my loving wife and friends. And as touching my worldly estate wherewith God hath blessed mee I will and dispose thereof as followeth. First it is my will and mynde that Anne my wife shall have and enjoy such jointure of my land and tenements as was granted to her use by my father Thomas Braishey and my selfe before our intermarriage and that Thomas Braishey my sonne and heire apparent shall have his right and title also in my land and tenements likewise granted to him in use at the same tyme. Also it is my will and mynde that my debts and funerall expenses bee paid out of my whole goods and chattels, and if any surplusage remaine I give the same to my younger children. Item whereas I am seized in Fee simple of two Crofts of meadow grounde lying on the backpte of my dwellinghouse in Gigleswick afforesaid in the said Countie wich I bought of one M<sup>r</sup> Brooke with their appurtenances My will and mynde is and I do hereby give devise and bequeath the same two Crofts unto Agnes Braishey Ellen Braishey Richard Braishey and George Braishey my younger children and to such childe or children as my wife shall have in her wombe at the tyme of \making of/ this my will and to their heires and assignes for ever to have and to holde the same to the said Agnes Ellen Richard and George and the said childe and children unborne their heires and assignes for ever. Provided always and yet

nevertheless it is my will and mynde that if Thomas Braishey my eldest sonne abovenamed or his heires pay to my said younger children or to such of them as shall bee alive or to their Tutor or Tutors for their behoofe the some of Twenty pounds of lawfull English money at any tyme within the space of Tenne yeares next after my decease That then the said younger children to relinquish and give over their estate and title to the said Thomas Braishey his heires or assignes and the legacy and bequest to them before mencioned to bee utterly paid both in lawe and equity And whereas I holde by severall leases or assignementes to mee thereof made one Close called Briggham close lying within the townefields of Gigleswick afforesaid in the said Countie and three Catlegates or Cowgates and a halfe within that pasture Close called Newfield in Gigleswick aforesaid wich I purchased of one Rowland Falthroppe of Gigleswick afforesaid My will and mynde is and I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my said younger children Agnes Ellen Richard and George Braishey and to such child or children as my wife shall have in her womb at the making of this my will their execrs. Admins. and assignes the said Briggham close and the said three catlegates and a halfe with their appurtenances and all my writings and evidences concerning the same To have and to hold the same to the said Agnes Ellen Richard George Braishey and the said childe or children unborne their execrs. admins. and assignes to their only use and uses for and during all such tyme and tymes terme and termes number and numbers of yeares for wich I holde the same by force of my wryting or assurance whatsoever provided always and yet nevertheless it is my will and mynde that if Thomas Braishey my eldest sonne abovenamed or his heires pay to my said younger children or to such of them as shall bee alive or to their Tutor or Tutors for their (behalfe) the some of Threescore powndes of lawfull English money at any tyme within ye space of Tenn yeares next after my decease That then the said younger children to relinquish and give over their estate and title to ye said Thomas Braishey his heires execrs. or admins. and the legacy and bequest to them before mencioned to bee utterly void both in lawe and equity any thing before mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding. And I make and ordaine the said Anne \jurat/ my wife and Thomas \in minori etato/ Braishey my eldest sonne Execrs. of this my laste will and testament And in wittnes hereof unto this my present last will and testament conteyning two sheets of paper I have sett my hand and seale the daie and yeare First above written

Richard Braishey

These being witnesses

jurat

Willm Paley

William Brayshay

Chr Braishey his mark

jurat

John Braishey

Hen. Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN BRAYSHAW 1699 Ref. Borthwick, York. May 1699(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A True and perfect Inventory of the goods and Chattels of John Brashaw late of Cowside within the pish of Giggleswicke deced valued and prized the sixth day of April 1699 as followeth

	£	s	d
Inpr. his purse and Apparrell	01	10	0
Itm in wool and yearne	02	06	8
Itm Goods in the Kitching One Rainge Fire shovell and tonges one Iron pott Pewther and wood =vessell	02	10	0
Itm In the Chamber two Bedds and Bedding belonging the same one Long Chest two Chaires and other huslement	03	15	0
Itm in the Little Parlour one little Bed and Bedding one Forme and other old huslement	01	00	0
Item One Cow and other goods in and about the Fould	03	06	8
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Tot.	13	18	4

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS BRAYSHAW 1606 Borthwick v30 f162**

In the name of god Amen upon the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1606 I Thomas Braishaye of Giggleswick within the county of York yeoman sick in my body but of perfect remembrance I pray and do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty god by whose mercy through the redemption of Jesus Christ my (*sic*) only son I believe to be saved, and my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick. Also it is my will and mind that my debts be paid of my whole goods.

Also I give and bequeath all my goods movable and unmoveable to Jane my wife and Bridgett my daughter equally to be divided between them. And it is my will and mind that Jane my wife have her right of and in my houses and grounds. Item I do give and bequeath the sum of three score pounds mentioned in one indenture of bargain made between me and Allan Bateman my son-in-law unto Jane my wife and Bridgitt my daughter to be paid unto them in such manner and form as in the said indenture is set down and declared whereof twenty pounds shall be and remain to the only use and behoof of the said Jane my wife and her assigns and forty pounds residue of the said three score pounds shall be and remain to the only use and behoof of Bridgitt my daughter and her assigns. And if default be made in payment of the said £60 in such sort and order as in and by the said indenture it ought to be paid that then and from thenceforth the Feofees mentioned in the aforesaid indenture and their heirs shall

stand and be seized of and in the house, messuage, lands, edifices and hereditaments with the appurtenances mentioned in the said indenture to the use and behoof of the said Jane my wife and Bridgitt my daughter to their heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the true intent and meaning of the said indenture. And if it shall fortune that Bridgitt my daughter shall exit out of this mortal life before she come to marriage or to the age of twenty one years then I give twenty pounds parcel of the said forty pounds to her bequeathed unto the said Allan Bateman my son-in-law .

Item I give to my sister Alice Jackson her children ten pounds thereof to be divided amongst them equally. Item I give to Thomas Howsonne my godson and to three of the youngest children of Thomas Howsone deceased late of Settle the other ten pounds residue of the said forty pounds to be equally divided amongst them.

Item I give and bequeath to Jane my wife and Bridgett my daughter the walk mill of three shillings and four pence rent and one little close of ground lying at Lawkland and all assurances which I have concerning the same equally to be divided between them. Also one acre dale of ground lying in Thackthwaite, one parcel of ground called Farrell Banckes and one other parcel of ground called Reddbuttes one other parcel of ground lying nigh to the Red Buttes and one other parcel of ground called Gildens Sleightes lying within the territories of Giggleswick and all my taken grounds whatsoever and all assurances grants of them and of every of them equally to be divided between the said Jane my wife and Bridgett my daughter to their executors administrators and assigns for ever to have and to hold one moiety of so much thereof as is inheritance to Jane my said wife and to her heirs forever and the other half to my said daughter Bridgett and to her heirs for ever and to have and to hold so much thereof as is held by lease or leases and all my estate that is to say one moiety thereof to my said wife her executors and assigns and the other moiety to my said daughter Bridgett her executors and assigns for and during all such term and terms of years as I have in them or any of them.

Item I give to Agnes Bateman my daughter one acre dale of ground lying in Thackthwaite to her executors administrators and assigns provided always that if it shall fortune the said Bridgitt my daughter to die before she come to marriage then it is my will and mind that her part and portion of the ground above recited shall come and remain to the said Alan Bateman and Agnes his wife to their heirs executors and assigns for ever.

And also if it shall fortune the said Agnes Bateman now wife of the said Alan to die and have no issue of her body lawfully begotten at the time of her death and that neither she or her assigns having paid the said sum of three score pounds mentioned in the said indenture Then it is my will and mind that all the whole right title interest and demand of in and to the messuage, tenement, lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances mentioned in the said indenture shall come and remaine unto the only use and behoof of Bridgitt my daughter to her heirs and assigns and for lack of her Then the same messuages, lands and heriditaments and with the appurtenances shall come and remain to Thomas Howsone my godson and James Jacksonne my sister's son of Clapham to their heirs executors and assigns for ever always reserving my wife her widows right any sentence before in these presents mentioned to the contrary hereof notwithstanding Also I make and appoint Jane my wife and Bridgitt my daughter joint executors of this my last will and testament. And I will that they shall



see my debts paid. And I desire Thomas Craven, Thomas Carr of Settle, Richard Preston and Thomas Stackhouse to be supervisors hereof and to help my wife and daughter where need shall be These being witnesses Thomas Craven and Brian Bainbrigg.

*Giggleswicke  
Settell*

**THOMAS BRAYSHAW 1626 Borthwick v39 f503**

Memorandum that upon or about the twenty-seventh day of August 1626 Thomas Brayshawe of Giggleswick did make his will nuncupative in words following. For his goods he did dispose in manner following First for that lease which he took or bought of William Brayshawe his half brother he did give to two of the eldest sons of Richard Brayshawe his own brother in this manner to be divided, to the eldest boy the Lower Parke and to the younger boy the houses and gardens. And his right or third part in the higher parke. And for the rest of his goods he gave them to his brother Richard Brayshaw absolutely and no other man to meddle with a penny worth of them. Witnesses hereof William Bankes Thomas Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

**THOMAS BRAYSHAW of Giggleswick September 19th 1695  
Indexed under Ainsty but actually in Craven  
Will made 2nd of August 1695**

**Borthwick Bundle September 1695**

In the name of God Amen the Second day of August In the year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred Ninety five I Thomas Brayshaw younger of Giggleswicke in ye county of Yorke yeom being infirm in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be god therefore do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to say Believing my salvation in Jesus Christ my Saviour and his meritorious passion hoping for a joyfull resurrection I committ my body to the Ground to be buryed in Such manner as to my Executor Seem most convenient And for ye disposal of my Worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me thereof I dispose as Followeth Imprimis I Will that my Funerall Expences and all debts be well and truly paid by my Executor Item I give to my dear Wife Mary Brayshaw the yearly Sume of Five pounds of lawfull English money to b epaid to her or her assignes in every year out of my Lease lands by my Executor at the Feast days of St Martine ye Bishop in Winter and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even and equall portions for and during the Term of Fourty And nine Years if my Wife so long do live The first payment to be made at Such Feast day as shall next happen after my decease. Item I give to ye said Mary my wife one cow-gate on the new Feildes, the East end part of my now dwelling house called ye upper or higher Parlour and the chamber over it the third part of the garden belonging to ye said

house, and convenient Roome for wintering a cow and laying hay and straw for the same in my Lath or Barn for and during the said Terme of Fourty nine years if she so long do live Item I bequeath unto my said Wife one great chest which was her mother's (*sic with apostrophe*) and the best bed and bedding Item it is my Will that my said Wife shall have the use of one other bed and bedding and other household Goods being in the said East End of my house for & during Such time as she shall please to dwell there Item I give unto my Daughter Anne Brayshaw the sume of Thirty pounds of lawfull English money to be paid by my Executor unto her Executor Administrator or Assignes at ye end of two whole years as aforesaid next after my decease Item it is my Will that my Executor enter into Bond unto my two said Daughters within three months next after my death for payment of their respective Legacies Item I give & devise unto my Son Robert Brayshaw his Executors Administrators and Assignes upon condition that this my Will Testament be faithfully performed by him, All and Singular my houses, Barnes, Stables, Malt kilns, Lease Lands, pasture closes, Moors Mosses and Common of Pasture with appurtenances and all my Estate lying and being in ye said Giggleswicke & Township thereof and Writings thereunto belonging To have & to hold the said premisses with their appurtenances unto ye said Robert Brayshaw his Executors Administrators & Assignes for & during ye number of years therein yet to come & unexpired Item I give and bequeath unto my said Son Robert all my husbandry-gear and quick goods and all Tables, formes thereto appurtaining, a clock & case, One cupboard & all nailfast Goods in my said house. And the rest of my household Goods not before bequeathed I give & bequeath to my said Wife, son Robert and two daughters to be equally distributed amongst them Item it is my mind yt if my Wife or daughters shall Sue for or demand any parte of my Goods or Chattels otherwise yt according to this my Will, Such bequests thereof to them to be void & my son to have ye same. Lastly Revoking all other & former Wills I nominate & constitute my said son Robert Brayshaw Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament & hereunto have Set my hand & seal the day and year first above Written

Thomas Brayshaw

Sealed Signed & Published to be ye last Will & Testamt of ye said Thomas Brayshaw in ye sight of us Thomas Brayshaw William Armitstead R. Acinson

On the 26th of August 1695 Robert Brayshaw of Giggleswick yeoman sworn in as executor. Thomas Brayshaw of Giggleswick yeoman appeared with him and they both signed before Robert Oates.

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattells belonging to Thomas Brayshaw late of Giggleswick decd made by us whose names are subscribed this twenty sixth day of August Anno Dm 1695

Imprimis his Purse & Apparrell	3	00	00
One horse and two Mares	08	00	00
Six Cowes	17	00	00
Three Steares	06	00	00
Three Heifers	05	10	00
Four Yeareings	05	10	00

Four Calves	02	00	00
Twenty sheep	05	00	00
Eight Ewe Lambes	01	00	00
One Hogg	00	10	00
In ye Parlor one bed and Beding belonging to it	00	16	00
Three Chaires & three Stools	00	04	06
One? Chest	00	13	4
One Table	00	10	00
In ye Chamber over the Parlor one Chest	00	04	00
In the lower Parlor three beds and beding belonging to them	2	10	00
Two Chests one Chaire	00	08	00
In ye Chamber over ye lower Parlor One bedd and beding belonging	00	12	00
Two Arkes one Chest	01	10	00
Meale	01	10	00
One Baken Flicke ( <i>a side of bacon</i> )	00	10	00
Six Quishings	00	03	00
Woole	00	10	00
Two board Clothes three paire of Sheets halfe a dozen of Napkins	1	10	00
Four Barrells 1 Flaskit	00	05	00
Halfe a doz: of Basins	00	03	00
One knope and Guilefat three Gallons one Flaskitt	00	06	08
Two Tables & formes in the bodistead	00	16	00
One little Cupboard in the bodistead	00	06	08
Two Chaires four Quishings	00	04	00
One Watche (?) Walke(?)	00	06	08
One Churne	00	01	06
Two Potts one Morter	00	15	00
Four Panns	01	10	00
One Chafin Dish of brass	00	00	6
Eleaven pewter dishes	00	15	00
halfe a doz: poddingers one flagon one Chamber pott 2 Salts one tankard 2 bowles one doz: of Spoons 2 Candlesticks	00	08	00
One backstone one paire of Briggs one toasting Iron one Reckon Crooke	00	10	00
Two Ranges two paire of tongs one Spitt	00	01	06
Halfe a doz: Sack & Window Cloth	00	10	00
One Saddle one bridle one pillion	00	06	08
One Peck & halfe peck	00	01	00
One l haire Cloth three Malt Shovells	01	00	00
One Arke one Chest in the Barne	00	10	00
Four Carts three paire of Wheels one Cowp	02	06	08
Two plowes & Plowgeere	00	10	00
One doz: of Cowbands	00	01	00
Hay & turves	07	00	00
All huslem.	00	13	00
Total	84	9	08

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Thomas Brayshaw  
William Armitstead  
Thomas Watkinson  
Willm. Paley

**JOHN BRAYSHAY 1615 Borthwick v35 f123**

In the name of God Amen the twelfth day of December in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and fifteen I John Brayshaw of Langcliffe in the county of yorke yeoman sicke in bodye but of pfect memorie god be prayed therefore doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I comend my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye god my maker and redeemer trustinge assuredlie through the merritts and pretious boudshedinge (*bloodshedding*) of my alone Saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ to be mayd ptaker of eternal ioyes in heaven And for my bodye I will the same be buried at the discretion of my freinds Itm my will is and I give devise and bequeathe unto Richard Brayshaw my eldest sonne and to his executors and assignes my frehold messuage and tenement with th'appurten'nces in Langcliffe aforesayd and all grounds and heriditaments which I hold by lease or leases for tearme or tearmes of yeres whatsoever within the mannor and Lordshippe of Langcliffe aforesayd and all my full and whole estate righte tittle interest tearme and tearmes of yeres of in and to the same premisses and of in and toe everie pte and pcell thereof and also all my writings escipts and evidences perteyneinge. The same provided alwayes and yet nevertheless upon Condition that the sayd Richard his executors and assignes shall suffer Sybell my wife and her assignes to occupie and inioye all the same pmisses for the better maynetenance and releese of her selfe and my children for seaven yeaes now nexte comeing and alsoe that if my sayd wyfe doe live unto the end of the sayd seaven yeaes when he the sayd Richard my sonne his executors administrators and assignes shall permitt and suffer the sayd Sibell my wife or her assignes to continew in the ocupacion of the one halfe of my sayd tennement for soe many yeaes after as she shall live and it is my will that my sayd sonne Richard shall enter to one halfe of my tenement at the Seaven yeaes end and to the other halfe at my wives decease whensoever yt the same shall happen after the same seaven yeaes ended and upon condicion alsoe that he the sayd Richard his executors or assignes shall give to everie of the rest of my children five pounds to be paid when they shall alle finalie accomplish there full ages of one and twentie yeres severallie but if anie of them come to that age before the end of seaven of yeaes then to have that person payd at that tyme but not before And for my goods my will is that my debts and funerall expences first beinge payd the Residue shalbe devided into three equall portions whereof my wife to have a third pte and my younger children another pte and for the deades pte I give the same amongst my children Agnes, Thomas Willm and Robert equallye amongst but my sonne Richard to have noe pte of my goods because he shalbe alreadye pferred by my tenement and it is my will that if anie of my younger children dye before they shall have received there five pounds before herein mencioned then it to goe to the survivor of them And I appoynt Sybill my sayd wife to be the sole executor of this my last will and testment These beinge witnesses Robert Moorhouse Thomas Carr William Lawson and John Lupton

Latin text

*Langcliffe*

**ROBERT BRASHEY 1647 Ref. Borthwick.York Bundle July 1650  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen The Eighteenth day of december Anno Dni 1647 I Robert Brayshey of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke being sicke in body but of good and pfect remembrance prayed be god doe make and ordayne this my last will & Testament in manner and forme following First I committ my soule into the mercyfull hands of Almighty god my maker and creator trusting assuredly through his mercy and by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely redeemer to be saved & to have full pdon & remission of all my sins & my body to the Earth where of it was made to be buried in my pish Church yard of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my friends And for my worldly & Temporall goods & estate I give bequeath & dispose of the same as followes First it is my will & mynd that my debts & funeral Expences be payed and discharged out of my whole goods, and after the same be soe payed my mynd is that Ann my wife shall have the one halfe of the remainder of my said goods & that the other halfe thereof shalbe divided betweene Agnes & Alice my daughters when they shall attaine the age of One & Twenty yeares and if eyther of my said daughters shall dye before they attaine the age abovesaid then the same to remaine wholly to the survivors Ite my will and mynd is that Ann my said wife shall have and enjoy all my houses and grounds whatsoever until my son Thomas Brayshey shall attaine the age of One & Twenty yeares for & towards the bringing upp of my before said children; and when my said sone Thomas shall attaine the age of xxi yeares my will & mynd is that my(sic) he shall enter to the moiety of all my (houses and grounds) and that my said wife shall have the other Moyety during her life naturall, And after her decease my will & mynde is that the same shall remaine \\\(wholy)\\ to my said son Thomas his heires and assignes; Ite my will & mynd is that my said son Thomas shall in consideracon of my said houses & grounds pay unto my daughter Agnes the some of sixteene pounds \\\of lawfull money\\ within one yeare next after he shall attaine the age of xxi yeares & if my said son shall refuse or neglect to pay the above said some to my said daughter as abovesaid, then my mynd & will is that she shall enter to that close called the Raynes & the house therein standing & shall have & enjoy the same to her & her heares & assignes Ite my will & mynd is that my said son Thomas shall pay unto my daughter Alice the like some of sixeteene pounds when she shall attaine the age of xxi yeares, and if default be made of the payment thereof That then she shall in law thereof enter to the tenter land & broadhead land late Richard Braysheys & the same hold to her her heires & assignes Item I doo make & nominate my said wife Ann \\\jurat\\ & my said sone Thomas \\\minorit / to be Executors of this my last will & Testament & in wisse hereof I have hereto putt my hand: In the presence of

Robert Brayshey

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Willm Bankes

Rich: Coulton \\\jurat\\

Thomas Paley

John Braysher \jurat/  
Brian C.....

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM BRENNAND 1608 Borthwick v30 f676**

In the name of god amen the sixteenth day of April in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and eight I William Brennand of Settle in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance god be praised therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god and my body to a Christian burial.

Item I do hereby revoke all former wills heretofore by me made. Item whereas I have made an assignment to John Howson and George Clarke in trust of my close at Anley and commons thereto belonging as by my deed indented bearing date the fourteenth day of this instant April appeareth I now do hereby confirm the same to be good to the uses therein contained. And further I will that if both I and Isabell my wife die in the minority of William Deane Then Brian Deane his brother to have the profits of the said close and premises till the said William Deane come to age of one and twenty years and afterwards to go and remain to such use as in the said assignment is set down.

Item I give to John Brennand my brother twenty nobles besides that 20s which Thomas Swainson did at my request give him by will to be unto him in full recompense of and for such sums of money as my father did by his will appoint me to give unto him Item I give to Isabell Balderstone and Jennet Browne my sisters either of them 20s. Item I give to Isabell Balderstone daughter of Adam two guineas ....., to be delivered to her father for her use at midsummer next. Item I give to the three children of William Lupton every one twenty shillings. And to Margaret Lupton their mother 20s. Item I give to Richard Deane one cart and a pair of wheels which did belong to the little horse and for the rest of all my goods and chattels I give unto my wife Isabell Brennand and I appoint her the said Isabell my wife and my loving friend John Howsonne above said to be supervisors of this my last will willing that the said John Howson have his charges and allowances for his labours born in good sort about the same. These being witnesses George Clarke, Richard Deane, William Lawson and Thomas Clarke.

**ANTHONY BROWNE 1604 Borthwick v29 f345**

In the name of God Amen the third day of June in the second year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of god King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc and of Scotland the 37<sup>th</sup>. I Anthonie Browne of Settle in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance laud and praise be unto Almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I commend my soul to almighty god and my

body to be buried within the parish church earth of Giggleswick at the discretion of my beloved friends.

Item my will and mind is that all bargains and covenants between John Tennant of the Chappell House in the said county yeoman touching the marriage between his son and my daughter now solemnised shall stand good to all intents, effects and purposes as they be set down and expressed in an indenture of lease bearing date the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 41<sup>st</sup> year of the reign of the deceased Queen Elizabeth and in a deed mentioned and declared dated therewith more at large does and may appear. Item my will and mind is that as touching my goods the same shall go and be employed to the paying of all my debts accordingly to such persons as to whom I am indebted immediately after my funeral expenses be discharged. And if so be all my goods will not reach nor extend to the paying of my said debts then my will and testament is that Elizabeth my wife shall pay and discharge them as she shall be able out of the moiety and half of my lands and tenements which by virtue of the said indenture and other writings she shall and is to have and enjoy during her natural life . Item I make my said wife the sole executrix of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof John Howson, John Kidd, Thomas Lawson and Giles Kirkbie

*Giglesweke*

**CHRISTOPHER BROWN 1611 Borthwick v31 f688**

In the name of god amen the xxviiij (28<sup>th</sup>) day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God 1611 I Christopher Browne of Cockett beinge sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance thanks be to god for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme as followeth First I bequeathe my soule to almightie god and my body to the grounde from whence it came Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Browne my brother my whole interest and title of my tenement with the licence of the lord Item I give unto Thomas Browne my said brother all my goods moveable and immoveable yet my will and mind is that Alice Browne shall have tenne pounds to be paid her att the tenne years end and to be put further to her most profitt And it is my will my mynde that Anne Browne my sister have fourty shillings within one year Also I give unto Thomas Browne all corne sown and unsown And I give to my said brother Thomas twenty shillings wich Mr. Catterall oweth me And alsoe xiiis (13s) iiijd (4d) which Christopher (Eskam?) oweth me And I give unto my sister Maude Browne one gymmer hogg and I give unto Bridgett Wharfe one gimmer hogge Item I make Thomas Browne my brother aforesaid and Alice Browne his daughter my executors of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Jeffrey Atkinson Thomas Taylor Willm Higson

*3 lines Latin*

*Gimmer hogg – one year old ewe*

**CHRISTOPHER BROWN 1676 Ref. Borthwick. Vol. 57 fol. 21**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

February the first 1675

The last will & testament of Christopher Browne .. Settle in the county of York  
bagger in the presence of (Edward) Capesticke and Isabell his wife the above named  
Ch: Browne being in perfect mind and memorie did declare his last will and minde  
thus following if I had a thousand pounds my wife should have it every penny for she  
and I have gott itt together for I was not worth ten shillings in the world when I mett  
with her therefore she deserves it all: noe executor was named neither mentioned (no)  
anything more concerning worldly affairs Witnesse Edward Capesticke

**RICHARD BROWN 1618 Borthwick v35 f389**

In the name of god Amen the four and twentieth day of February in the year of our  
lord god one thousand six hundred and eighteen I Richard Browne of Giggleswick in  
the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance god be  
praised therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and  
form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god  
my maker and redeemer trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of  
my saviour Christ to have free remission of my sins and to be made an inheritor in the  
kingdom of heaven.

Item my will is that my father William Browne and my mother shall have their relief  
and maintenance upon my lands and tenements according to such bargain and  
agreement as is set down in writing amongst us. And as concerning my freehold  
lands whereof I am now seized as well my ancient inheritance as that which I lately  
had and purchased being parcel of the Rectory of Giggleswick my will is they shall  
descend and come to James Browne my eldest son according to course of law  
allowing unto my said father and mother and unto my wife their several rights therein.

And for my messuage and tenement whereupon I dwell and for all other my grounds  
which I hold by lease and leases I do give them wholly and all my right estate interest  
term and terms of years therein unto William Browne my second son and to his  
executors and assigns upon condition hereafter following that is to say First that he  
shall permit and suffer Jane my wife and her assigns to enjoy the same wholly for and  
towards the better maintenance and preferment of her and my children until my said  
son William shall accomplish the full age of 21 years if she marry not again after my  
decease and my will is that if she marry again then she shall be permitted to enjoy a  
third of all my tenements and grounds held by lease and leases for three score and  
eleven years if she so long live or else that my son to whom the same should come  
shall pay her so much money upon her remaining from the said premises as will make  
her part of my goods to be due to her by my death and by this my will to amount to  
thirty five pounds in all.

And also that the said William my son shall pay to his brother James my eldest son  
twenty pounds that is to say the one half within a twelve month and the other half  
within two years next after the said William my son shall accomplish his age of 21



years and that the said William my son shall likewise pay to my daughter Elizabeth so much money within a twelve month after she be one and twenty years old as will make the portion I leave her to amount to fifty pounds and in default that James have not his twenty pounds paid him in manner and form aforesaid then I give unto him and to his executors and assigns in lieu and recompense thereof all my Close called Eshtonsclose and the house therein and all my estate interest and term of years therein. And in default that Elizabeth my daughter have not her money paid as aforesaid to make her portion fifty pounds that then she shall have my grounds called Leyriggs(?) containing about three roods to her and her assigns during all the term to expend of the lease whereby I hold the same.

And as concerning my goods my will is that my debts and funeral expenses paid and my wife having her third the residue shall be equally distributed amongst my wife and James my son and Elizabeth my daughter and my meaning is that though my son James be mine heir and may therefore be barred of a portion of goods yet that notwithstanding he shall have his part made equal as aforesaid out of my part of goods and for my son William I think he will be so sufficiently preferred by my said leases that I do not intend he shall have any part of my other goods.

And my will is that my wife shall have the tuition and government of my children and their portions during their several minorities if she so long continue widow but if she happen to marry again within the nonage of my said children or any of them then my will is that my brother in law Thomas Armetstead and my cousin Robert Cockson shall have the tuition and government of my said children and of their leases rights and estates which I do hereby leave them until they come to several ages of 21 years. And I desire that both my sons shall be kept at school and I do name and appoint my said son William to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament.. Witness hereof John Bankes, Thomas Armitstead and William Lawson.

*Giglsewicke*

**THOMAS BROWN 1657**  
**Borthwick volume 48B Folio 524 v**

In the name of God Amen the third day of September in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the Church of England 1557 I Thomas Browne the elder of Aikewith in the Lordship of Rathmell and county of York being infirm impotent and sickly in body, but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I do commit and willingly resign my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and creator, trusting through his mercy and by the merits of Jesus Christ my only Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and remission of all my sins, and my body to the earth whereof it was made to be buried at my parish church at Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. And for my worldly and temporal goods and estate I do give devise and dispose of the same as follows. First it is my will and mind that my debts and funeral expenses and charges shall be paid out of my whole goods credits cattells and chattels whatsoever [*information appears to be missing*] to have and enjoy the same during the term of her natural life. Also my will and mind is

and I do give unto Thomas Foster my son in law and to Alice his wife the sum of £10 to be paid to them at or shortly after the death of my said wife and for all the residue and remainder of all the goods and estate whatsoever whereof my said wife Thomasin shall be possessed at the time of her death, my will and mind is, that my said son in law Thomas Foster and Alice his wife, and John Foster Thomas Foster and Elizabeth Foster my grandchildren, shall have the same after the death of my said wife, and that my said wife, shall give and divide the same amongst them according to her discretion and as she shall think fit. And I do make my said wife my sole executrix. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.  
Thomas Browne his mark

Witnesses hereof Henry Robinson his mark, Thomas Foster his mark, Thomas Browne younger his mark, Bryan Cookeson

**THOMAS BROWN 1689**  
**Ref. Borthwick. Vol 61 fol 182 Craven Deanery**

In the name of God Amen this fifteenth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred Eighty and Nine, 1689 I Thomas Brown of Stackhouse in the Parrish of Gigleswick and County of yorke being somewhat infirme in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God for the same doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following; Imprimis I Commend and Commit my soul into the hands of my mercifull Redeemer hoping through his merrits to be made partaker of eternall life; And my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named; And as for my temporall estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give and dispose of it as Followeth Imprimis I give to Anthony, William, Ellin, Mary and Issabell Stoney my nephews and Neeces the sum of six pounds a peece to be paid them within two years after my decease; Item I give to Robert William Issabell and Ellin Radcliffe my nephews and Neeces six pounds a peece to be paid within One year after my decease; Provided that Richard Stoney and John Radcliffe fathers to my said nephews and Neeces doe give good and sufficient security to my Executor of the said sum with the interest of it be paid to the said Anthony William, Ellin, Mary and Issabell Stoney, Robert, William, Issabell and Ellin Radcliffe when they shall come to age of twenty one years respectively, or marry whether shall first happen; And if the said Richard Stoney and John Radcliffe do refuse or neglect to give such security within one year after my decease Then my will and minde is that my Executor shall pay them onely six pounds a peece without any interest when they come to the age of twenty one years respectively; Item my will and minde is that if any or more of them dye before the age of twenty one years or marry that his her or their part or Legacy shall be equally devided amongst the brother, brothers, sister or sisters of him, her or them soe deceased; Item I give to Henry and Margaret Browne of Equith five pounds a peece. Item to John Brown of Equith forty shillings and to Jennet his wife twenty shillings; Item to William and Ann Stackhouse of Stackhouse five pounds towards building their house; Item to Jonathan Averil and Diana Higg five shillings a peece. Item to Adam Wilson tenn shillings; Item to Mary Brown my sister in law five pounds; Item to Agnes Ellershaw tenn shillings; Item to William the son of Henry Brown my brother six pounds; Item Alice Jaques five shillings; Item to Thomas, Issabell and Ellin Stackhouse tenn shillings a peece; Item I appoint Henry Brown my brother sole Executor of this my Last will and testament to whome I give all the rest of my estate not hereby disposed of And Lastly my will and minde is that if any sum or sums of money due to me by bill bond or otherwise be lost and cannot lawfully be recovered, that my Executor shall not bear the whole cost but every one of the above said Legatees shall beare in proportion according to their Legacies; In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and yeare above written. Thomas Browne Witness (these words words (sic) within one year after my decease) inserted in the(80<sup>th</sup>.) lines William Newhouse Richard Ellershaw November the 30th 1689

An inventory of all the goods and chattels movable and immovable of Thomas Brown of Stackhouse late deceased, apprised, and valued by us whose names are underwritten

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and apparel	2	0	0
money owing upon bond	113	16	0
owing by John Rattcliffe to the deceased	2	8	0
owing by William Stackhouse to the deceased	0	6	0

owing by Thomas Carre of Giggleswick to the deceased	0	8	0
two ewes, and three chests	1	0	0
in books	0	4	0
owing by his brother Henry Brown	1	0	0
sum total	121	2	0

Thomas Clapham  
Henry Brown  
Thomas Clapham junior  
Thomas Carre

obligation in Latin

**WILLIAM BROWNE 1604 Borthwick v29 f572**

In the name of god amen the sixteenth day of November in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of God king of England France and Ireland and of the Scotland the thirty eighth 1604. I William Browne of Settle in the county of York miller(?) sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to almighty god my maker through the death of whose son Jesus Christ I hope to attain to everlasting life and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my well beloved friends.

Item my will and mind is that my land tenement and lease shall be disposed of as follows that is to say Alice my wife shall have occupy and enjoy the said land tenement and lease during the minority of my eldest son John for to educate him thereon and likewise my other two children Adam and Ellen if my said wife keep her widow so long. And after my son John shall come to and accomplish the full age of one and twenty years my will and mind is that he have and enter to the moiety or one half of my land, tenement and lease and my wife to have the other half for the nourishing and bringing up of my other two children Adam and Ellen during her widowhood.

But if it please god my said wife Alice shall espouse and marry my will is that immediately after the said marriage be solemnised my said children shall be brought up of my said lands tenements and lease as aforesaid at the election and discretion of Adam Browne, William Hall, Thomas Browne and William Gelderde to keep and dispose them to whom they think most fitting and convenient for the good keeping ordering and governing of the said children until they shall accomplish their several ages of one and twenty years as aforesaid I have ordained and appointed my wife to have during her widowhood.

And if it please god that she shall hereafter marry my will further is that in full satisfaction and lieu of her right title third or claim of any part of the said land tenement and lease she shall have occupy and enjoy a certain parcel of ground called the High Browne close situate lying and being in Settle aforesaid during her natural life and after to revert and descend to my said son John.

Item my will further is that all the rest of my goods and chattels shall be divided into three parts whereof my wife shall have the first third part, my two youngest children Adam and Ellen shall have the second third part and the last third part belonging to myself I give and bequeath four pounds thereof to my eldest son John and the residue to Adam and Ellen equally to be divided between them my debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged out of the whole.

Item my will and mind further is that mine uncle William Gelderd shall have and possess(?) a bedroom in my house to remain and lie in at his pleasure during his natural life without let or interruption of any person or persons whatsoever.

Item I make and ordain my said wife Alice my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof the above said Adam Browne, William Hall, Thomas Browne and William Gelderd whom I make supervisors to the said will executed accordingly.

*Setle Giggleswicke*

**WILLIAM BROWN 1608 Borthwick v30 f799**

In the name of god Amen the fourth day of September in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of god king of England France & Ireland etc. and of Scotland the 42<sup>nd</sup>. A D 1608 I William Browne of Rathmell in the county of York sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be god therefore, do make & ordain & make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick.

Item whereas I have by one indenture conveyed unto my brother Thomas Browne all my estate interest and term of years which my brother Francis lately conveyed unto me situate and being in Rathmell with all rights members and appurtenances thereunto belonging being the moiety or one half of a tenement late in the tenure of Robert Browne father of me the said William and the said Thomas my brother as it may more at large appear in an indenture thereof made by me to my said brother Thomas. Now by this my last will and testament I confirm the same and do hereby give unto my said brother Thomas his executors administrators and assigns all my interest title right and property therein whatsoever.

Item I give to my sister Elizabeth three pounds six shillings and eight pence to be paid her by my said brother Thomas two years after my decease if she be then living and if she be not then living that the said gift of three pounds six shillings and eight pence shall be void and of none effect.

Item I give to John Robinson of Hollinges Hall in Giggleswick parish twenty shillings which my said brother shall pay in consideration of my foresaid tenement in Rathmell.

Item I give all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable unto my said brother Thomas he paying all my debts which I owe and funeral expenses.

Item I make my said brother Thomas Browne sole executor of this my last will and testament these being witnesses John Robinson John Francklande

*Giggleswicke*

*Rawthmell*

**WILLIAM BROWN 1682**

**Borthwick v 60 f 123**

January the 17th 1682

In the name of God Amen I William Brown of Stackhouse in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York being weak of body but of good and perfect memory God be praised do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say first I commend my soul into the hands of God my maker hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting, and I commend my body to the earth whereof it is made and to be buried at the discretion of my friends.

Imprimis after my debts and funeral expenses discharged and paid Item I give unto my son Thomas Brown the sum of £80 which is in the hands of Thomas Warde(?) of Northcoote and Thomas Carr of the well in Giggleswick being upon bond and likewise I give unto my son Thomas Brown aforesaid the sum of £30 which is in the hands of John Tunsdall and Em(?) his mother of Nuland house in Horton parish being upon bond and in consideration of this aforesaid money given him my will is that he shall give to my executor a discharge for a legacy given him by his uncle Mr Thomas Stackhouse who died at Tangiers and likewise for a legacy given him by his grandfather James Stackhouse late of Stackhouse when he comes to the age of 21 years and my will is that my son Thomas aforesaid shall enter to these bonds abovesaid at my death. Item I give unto my son Henry Brown all my estate both land and lease with all my houses household goods and other all other goods both inwardly and outwardly and in consideration hereof my will is that my son Henry Brown aforesaid shall pay unto my son Richard Stoney the sum of £30 having two years time to pay it in after my decease and the said Richard Stoney shall pay to his three eldest children the aforesaid £30 that is £10 apiece when they come to the age of one and 20 years and he to have the use of it till then, and likewise my will is that my son Henry Brown shall pay unto my son John Ratcliffe the sum of £30 and to have three years time to pay it after my decease and the said the John Ratcliffe shall pay to his son Robert that now is the aforesaid sum of £30 when he attains the age of 21 years but if it shall please God that he shall have more children by Mary his now wife then the aforesaid £30 shall be equally divided amongst them when they come to the age of 21 years and till then he to have the use of it. Item I give unto my brother John Brown the sum of one pound. Item I give unto my niece Elizabeth Brown one pound. Item I give unto my daughter Ellin Stoney 10 shillings. Item I give unto my daughter Mary Ratcliffe 10 shillings and I do appoint Henry Brown my son to be sole executor and in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Witnesses

Richard Carr, Thomas Carr

William Browne his marke

*See will of Thomas Stackhouse*

**JENETT BROWNE 1675 Ref. Borthwick vol. 57 fol. 159**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this Twenty sixth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord god, one thousand Six hundred Seaventy and five Jenett Browne of Settle in the County of yorke widdow and relict of Adam Browne Late Disc'd being weak of body but of good and pfect memory praised bee the Almighty for the same doe make and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following first I Comend my Soule to the Almighty god my maker etc. And as for my body I give it to the earth from whence it Came to bee buried att ye discretion of my freinds and Supervisors of my will here after menconed secondly my Will and mind is that my debts and funeral Expenses shall bee Satisfied and discharged out of that mansion house wherein John Thorneber now Liveith with the appurtenances and that Land which my Late husband Adam Browne purchased of John Atkinson called by the name of Longstreame Lands to the said ..... with the stable and garth thereunto belonging with the said ..... Land to be sould by the Supervisors and after the discharging of (all and?) Singular my debts and funerall Expences out of that money .....(maid?) out of the said premises my will and minde is that the (rest) And Remainder thereof bee equally divided betwixt my sonne Thomas and my daughter Elizabeth and in Case my brother Thomas Browne do not take Care to provide for my Sonne Richard then my will is that the said Richard shall have an equall pte and porcon with then the said Thomas & Elizabeth of the said goods and Chattels And further my will and minde is that all and singular my goods Chattels and Implemts of housould shall bee sold and equally divided as aforesaid after the before mentioned uses bee performed and I doe hereby appoynt Thomas Browne my sonne and Elizabeth my daughter as sole executoe of this my Last will and Testament and I doe likewise appoynt William Taylor John Battersbire and Robert Parkinson as Supervisors to see this my Will and Testament pformed In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day & yeare first above written Jenett Browne her marke: M.. that be fore then Sealeing hereof I the said Jenet Browne do authorize them the above named Supervisors to and for the use of my aforesaid Children and to and for other uses aforesaid to demise sell and dispose of the above mentioned premises and every pte and pcell thereof as they the said supervisors shall think fitt and Convenient and to seale and deliver all such writtings and Evidents as shall bee Requisite for the Conveyeing of all or any the premises above Said Sealed published and delivered as the Last Will and Testament of her the said Jenet Browne in the presence of William Moore his marke Elizabeth Parkinson John Richardson

**JOHN BROWNE 1671 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 53 fol. 90**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Memorandum the twentie eight day of June or thereabouts in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy and one John Browne of Lyth Banck in the pish of Gigleswick and diocesse of york sick in body but of good and pfect memorie, infered these words or words to the same effect, as Last will and Testament nuncupative by word of mouth First I give to my daughter Jennett Browne wife of John Browne three

pounds to be paid within one year after my decease Item all the Remainder of my goods reall and personall moveable and imoveable whatsoever I give unto William Browne my son whome I make Executor of this my last will witnesse hereof signed Jhanes (*Johannes*) Browne

*6 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ROBERT BROWNE 1665 Ref. Borthwick, York vol. 47 fol. 229  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen upon the Twelfth day of Aprill Anno dom 1665 I Robert Browne of Stainforth under bargh within County of yorke husbandman being sicke in body butt in good and pfect memory I praise God for the same doe make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme as followeth First I doe comend my soule into the mercifull hands of Allmighty God trusting assuredly through the meritts of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to be saved And my body to be buried in the pish Church of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my friends Also my will and minde is and I doe give to my wife Alice one halfe of my houses and Lands Situate and lying in and about Stainforth dureing her naturall life Also my will and minde is and I doe give to my eldest sonne Christopher Browne the other halfe of my houses Lands Tenements till the decease of my wife Alice Browne and after her decease to enter enjoy occupie and possesse all the said houses and Lands Messuage Tenements situate lyeing and being in Stainforth under bargh aforesaid as my Lawfull heire Also my will and minde is that my wife Alice Browne and my sonne Christopher Browne have and enjoy all those six and fortie Sheepgates lying in the pasture Close called Winskill stones, and all my goods and Chattells and Cattells moveable and unmoveable out of which I doe enjoyne and appoint them to pay all my debts and Legacies whatsoever: Also my minde is and I doe give resigne and sett over to my sonne Christopher Browne all my lands and Tenements lyeing neare Nealsing called the new Close Brocstear Close and Calt close withall the conveniences thereto appertaining as also my Lands or lease lyeing on Malhammore called Thorgilbecke I doe resigne and sett over for the space of Nyne yeares to my sonne Christopher Browne out of which Lands called new Closes and Thorgill Beck I do give and appoint my sonne Christopher Browne to pay to my daughters Katherine Isabell Ellen and Alice each of them Threescore and Tenn pounds a peice in maner as followeth First to my daughter Katherine Thirty pounds on the Feast of St. Martyn which wilbe in the yeare of our Lord 1666 one other Thirty pounds on the next Feast of St. Martinmas being Anno domini 1667; and tenn pounds the next Martinmas after being 1668 and Isabell Twenty: and so on till Katherine Isabell and Ellen have received each of them Three score and Tenn pounds after Thirty pounds in the yeare for their porcons. And likewise my minde is that my sonne Christopher Browne doe pay to my youngest daughter Alice Browne out of the aforesaid lands the sume of Three score and tenn pounds when she shalbe att Lawfull yeares of Age in full satisfaction for her porcon Also my will and minde is, and I do give to my younger sonne James Browne all my Lands and Lease lyeing on Malham Moor called Thorgill Becke After these Nyne yeares be expired which wilbe Anno domini One thousand Six hundred Seaventy Foure Alsoe I doe give to my sonne Thomas Corlas two Children each of them a yow, Alsoe my minde is that if any of my daughters dye before their porcons shall grow due Then it shalbe equally divided



amongst the rest of my sonnes James (having) his share. Alsoe all other my goods disposed of I give to my wife Alice Browne and my sonne Christopher Browne whome I doe appoint to bee my Executors of this my last will and Testament  
 Witnesse Thomas Browne his marke

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*yow = ewe*

**THOMAS BROWNE 1621 Borthwick v 37 f 262**

In the name of God Amen the 27<sup>th</sup>. day of Marche AD 1621 I Thomas Browne of Settle in the county of Yorke yeoman sicke in body but of good and pfecte memory (God be praised) therefore doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testament in manner & forme followinge First I commend my soule into the merciful hande of Almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting through the merritts of Jesus Christ my saviour to be ptaker of eternall blisse in heaven Item I give unto my god sonne and cosen Symon Armitstead three pounds to be paid when his apprentishipp shall be ended or ells att the marriage of my wife againe whether as shall sooner happen (if she marry) Item I give to the rest of my god children every of them 12d. And I give all the rest of my goods unto Jennett Browne my loveinge wife And I make her the sole executrix of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Richard Balderstone Robert Carr William Windsor & William Lawson

Latin text

**BROWN THOMAS 1636 INV Ref. YAS MD335/6/54/51**

Trans. S.Gordon

An Inventarie of all the goods and Cattall moveable & immoveable which late were and did belong to Thomas Browne late of Rawthmell wthin the pish of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman deceased trulie valued and prised the five & Twenthith day of April in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundreth Thirty & sixe by William Preston of Rawthmell Anthony Knowles of Long preston Thomas Knowles of Mearbecke & William Knowles of the afforesaid Long preston in the said County yeomen as Followeth

	li	s	d
In primis fower oxen & fower steares	xxiiij		
Item five Kine & one heffer	xij	x	
Item one maire a fole & two coults	x	xiiij	iiij
Item in meale and malt	xij		
Item a fether bed & one mattress three bouldsters, five Coverlets & two blankets	iiij	xiiij	

Item three pillowes five paire of sheets two table clothes sixe table napkins & quishions		liij	
Item his appell		iiij	
Item sekese one windinge cloth & seke yarne		xxx	
Item in pots pannes & pewter	v		
Item in tobbes gallons & wooden vessell		xxx	
Item three Arks & five chists	iiij		
Item two gaveloks one axe two spaides & one shovle		x	
Item in beef & baccon & salte		xl	
Item Chaires & stoules		x	
Item three paire of bed stoks		x	
Item one Harrow		ij	vj
Item carte ropes & traces		iiij	
Item hens		ij	
Item one table & other bords		xl	
Item seeves ridles & stucles #		iiij	
Item one spit one paire of raks one frying pan one baxstone one recon one pr of tounge & a brandreth		x	
Item two Oke trees		xxx	
Item wheels & Carts		v	
Item in manure		x	
Item stone troughs		xiiij	iiij
Item Heay		xx	
Item in Corne newly sowne	iiij		
Item Tornes # & other hustlment		xx	
Suma bonor	xciiij	xviiij	ij
Debtes due and owing to the sd Thomas Browne att the tyme of his decease			
Inprimis Richard Hardicre of Hellifield	xiiij	ix	vj
Item of John Foster of Rawthmell	iiij	iiij	ix
Item of Richard Houghton of Rawthmell		xliij	ij
Item of Richard Bradley of Litlebanke		x	
Item of Isabell Jackson of Wharfe widdow		xxx	
Item of Henry Banks of Settle		ix	vij
Item of Thomas Knowles of Mearbecke	iiij	vj	viiij
Item of Willim Knowles of Lonpreston	iiij		
Suma creditor	xxviiij	xiiij	viiij
Item of a lease		xl	
Suma totalis	cxxv	xj	x

premis wifis ex...ity .... die Nob ..... p Mr R Walker

# Tornes/torne/toren/tourn = spinning wheels

# Stucles/strickles? = a stick for measuring grain in a measure or a scythe wet

## WILLIAM BROWNE 1621 Borthwick vol 37 fol 31

In the name of God Amen the thirteenth day of October in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundreth twentie and one I Willm Browne of Langcliffe in the countie of york yeoman sicke in bodie, but of pfect remembrance the Lord be praised therefore, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and followinge (sic) Firste I comend my soule into the mercifull handes of Almightye god trustinge through the merittes and passion of my saviour Christ to be made ptaker of eternall life in heaven and my bodie to earthly buriall at the discrecon of my wife and freinds And as concerninge my moveable goodes my will is that my debtes be paid out of the whole, and the remainder to be devided into three partes, Whereof Jennett my wife to have one third parte accordinge to lawe and custome of the countie and one of the other tow(sic) partes I give to my sonne Adam so manie sheepe as will make those he hath alreadie to be tenne in number and I will that he shall have them kept in winter tyme yearely upon my tenemt at Langcliffe for eight yeares now next cominge, And for the residewe of my said moveable goodes my will is they shalbe equallie distributed amongst my younger Children unpferred Itm I give demise and bequeath unto my said sonne Adam Browne and his assignes one full third (in three partes to be devided) of all my messuages tenements landes meadowes pastures feedings comons comon of pasture and turbarie wth thapptennces in Langcliffe aforesaid now in the tenure and possession of me and my assignes and holden by lease or leases To have and to hould all that the said third pte of the said message tenement and pmisses with thapptennces to him the said Adam his executors administrators and assignes for and duringe all that residewe and remainder of five hundreth yeares which is yet to come and unspent of the lease or leases wherebie I did hold the same provided alwaies and yett nevertheless upon Condiscon that he the said Adam his executors and assignes shall notwithstanding this my devise and gifte unto him pmitt and suffer the said Jennett my wife and her assignes to have hold enjoy and take the profittes of all that the said third pte to her owne use and for and towards the better bringinge upp of my Children unpferred for and duringe the space and tearme of eight yeares next cominge after my decease. And alsoe my will is that she the said Jennett and her assignes shall likewise have hold enjoye and take the profittes of the other tow partes of my said message tenement and pmisses with thapptennces for and duringe the tearme of thirtene yeares next after my decease for her owne use and for the better bringinge upp of my said Children unpferred and after the end and expiracon of the thirtene yeares then I give the one moyetie of the said tow partes to the said Jennet my wife and her assignes for and duringe all the residewe of the said tearme of five hundreth yeares which shall then be to come and unspent of my said lease or leases and the other moyetie of the same tow partes and all my estate interest and tearme of yeares therein I doe likewise give devise and bequeath to the said Jennett my wife and her assignes to the ende she shall sell the same and devide the money equallie amongst my said younger Children And yett nevertheless my desire is and my will alsoe that she shall leave her parte of my said lands and tenements after her decease to some of my Children which I have by her. Itm I give to Willm Lupton and Christofer Lupton and to Jaine Baildon my grandchildren everie of them a gimmer hogg Itm I will and desire my said wife to pay to my sonne Thomas five poundes in pte of his porcon within one yeare next after his yeares of apprenticeshippe shalbe enden And doe name and ordaine the said Jennett my wife to be my sole executrix of this my last will and testamt These being witnesses Thomas Sowden John Cookeson..... Iveson(?) and willm Lawsonn

Latin text

*Gimmer hogg - one year old ewe*

**WILLIAM BROWNE 1689 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.61 fol.77**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I William Browne of Lythbank in the parrish of Gigleswick and diocesse of yorke husbandman being infirme and sick in body but of perfect minde and memory; All praise and thanks be given unto Almighty God therefore calling to minde the uncertainty of this transitory life and knowing that all flesh must ..... dye when it shall please Almighty God to call doe proceed to the makeing of this my last will and testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First I Commit and Commend my soule into the merciful hand of Almighty God my creator assuredly trusting and beleiveing that in and through the alsufficient merits death and passion of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life; Item I commit my body to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried in the Parrish Church or Church yard of Gigleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my freinds and Executor herein hereafter named And as touching such temporall estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon one I dispose thereof as Followeth (that is to say) First I give and bequeath to Isabel my now wife the sume of five pounds of lawful money of England; Item I give and bequeath unto my two daughters called Margaret Browne and Elizabeth Browne the several summes of one hundred and twenty pounds a peece; Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Browne my litle and young sonn one hundred and twenty pounds of like lawfull money Item my will and minde is And I doe hereby will that John Browne my eldest sonn shall enjoy all my Lands Tenements goods and Chattels whatsoever remaining over and above the respective legacies aforesaid and paying and discharging all my just debts and funeral Expences; And doe hereby nominate and appointe my said sonn John Brown sole Executor of this my last will and testament revokeing and by these presents disannulling all and every former and other will and wills testament & testaments whatsoever and this and onely this to be taken for my last will and testament and none other; In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the seventeenth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty and eight; And I doe hereby desire Thomas Carr of Roome and Henry Browne of Acquith to be supervisors of this my said last will, And that the respective legacies to my two daughters be paid when they shall accomplish the age of twenty and one yeares paying yearly consideration for the same, And alsoe that the said sume of one hundred and twenty pounds given to my said litle sonn Thomas be paid to him or his Assignes when he shall accomplish the age of twenty and one yeares provided always that my said sonn Thomas be honestly educated & maintained with the interest of the said legacy and that they the said Thomas Carr & Henry Browne see the same faithfully performed they having their lawful charges borne to see this my will performed and if it happen that if either of my said daughters or sonn Thomas shall dye before they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares that then the said legacies be equally devided amongst the survivor or survivors of my said children, Item my will and minde is that if Issabell my now wife be not pleased and will not accept of the said five pounds abovementioned and of the sume of threescore pounds formerly secured that she shall be & Herby debarred from any parte of my goods and Chattels and the said legacy given to my said sonn Thomas to be utterly voyd and null to all intents whatsoever but remaine to my other children William Browne his marke. Published and confirmed in the presence of R. Preston Thomas Ellis his marke Matt: Falthrop. W. Wiglesworth

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**MICHAEL BUCKE 1695/6 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Mar 1695/6  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen ye 16 day of Feberywary sixt year of ye Raine of our soferaine Lord Will: ye Therd by ye grace of god King of Eingl., Scotl; France & Ireld. defender of ye faith in ye year of our Lord 1694 I Michaell Buck of Barke in ye pish of gicleswick & count. of yorke Batchellor being in perfect memory praised be god for ye same doe make & ordaine this my Last will & testament in manner & Forme as Followeth viz. first I bequeath my soule into the hands of Allmighty god my maker hoping by ye meritorious death & passion of Crist my onely saviour & Redeemer to Receive free pardon & forgiveness of all my sines & as for my body to be bueryed in Cristian bueriall at ye disscretion of my Executor heare after named Item I give unto Anthony Richardson of wenin bankes £3 Item I give unto Allis Foster of sandwith halle £3 Item I give to samuell Buck of horsfforth £3 Item I give Alice airton of Litton £3 Item I give unto Ellin Ellis of Arnclif Coat £3 Item I give unto Allice prockter of settle £3 Item I give to Ellizabeth Wildman of settle £3 Item I give unto James Foster six Childeren at sandwith halle ten shillings a peece Item I give to Alice prockter 3 children ten shillings a peece Item I give to Francess Buck thre Children ten shillings a peece Item I give to Thomas Anderson & his too sisters Ann & Jane eatch one of them Tenn shillings Item I give to margaret willson too shillings sixpence Item I give to Issabell Ellison of Halton gill 2s.6d. Item I give to Michall Buck son of Ralph Buck 2s.6d. Item I give to henery Maudsley 2s.6d. Lastly I Give & bequeath unto Frances Buck of Barke above stainforth all my Goodes bills & bondes & writings sume & sumes what Ever of mony what Ever paying & disschardging all ye Legases & sumes above as above writen with in the space of too yeares after my decease to them which is all Redy come to one & twenty yeares of adge & to them yt, is under adge, not till ye come to one & twenty yeares of adge making & ordaining ye said Franciss \jurat/ Buck sole Executor of this my Last will & tesstament in wisse whereof of(sic) I have heare unto put my hand & seale ye day & yeare above writne

Sealed & delivered

in ye presence of

William Twisleton

Isabell Lund her X marke

Robert Twisleton jurat

Michall Buck

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**BUCK Michaell of Bargh 1695 INV Borthwick Ref. Bun. Mar 1695 MIC 1701**

December the 28<sup>th</sup>. Anno domini 1695

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattells made by us Foure men whose Names are hereunder written of Michaell Buck late deceased att Bargh in the County of Yorke

	li	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparrell	07	10	00
Item One Chist and Foure Boxes	00	08	00
Item One Warming pan & a pewter bottle	00	05	00
Item One Fether Bed & one Chaffe Bed & Beding	02	00	00
Item In Bills Bonds & other Debts	34	13	06
Item owing by Francis Buck	07	10	00
summa	52	06	06

Robert Twisleton  
James Foster            Apprisers  
William Ayrton  
John Ellis

**ROBERT BUCKE 1649 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1650  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the xxj<sup>th</sup> daie of Novemb. 1649 I Robert Bucke of Setle within the County of yorke yeoman sick of bodye but of good and pfect remembrance I praise god for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my soule unto the hands of allmyghty god and my body to be buried within the Church yard at Giggleswicke at the discretion of my frends Item I give unto Frances my wife all my houses gardens and backsides Soe long as she (shall) live and after her decease I gyve the said houses gardens and backsides unto Annas my younger doughter the wife of (John) Kydd to her and her heires for ever paieing unto Issabell Lawson my grandchild doughter of Thomas Lawson of the Lodge Five pounds within sixe mounth after my wifes decease Item I give unto John Kydd my sonne in Law five pounds sixteene shillings Item my will is that when my debts and funerall expences be paid I give all the rest of my goods unto Frances my wife Item my will is that John Kidd be contente with such houshold stuffe and goods in consideration of the (above \said/) five pounds sixteene shillings at the setting (down?) of Thomas Lawson of the Lodge and Thomas Cockman of Setl Item I appointe Frannces \jurat /my wife to be my whole executor of this my last will and testament

And to this I have sett my hand

Robte Bucke  
T mke

Wittnesses  
William jurat Newhouse  
Tho: jurat Cockman

*Settle    modern spelling  
Giggleswick " "*

**ROBERT BURROUGH Admin 1700 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Oct 1700**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

September the .... 1700

An Inventory of all the goods which did belong and appertaine to Robert Burrow  
Traveler, apprized by us whose names are subscribed the day and year above written

	li	s	d
Imprimis, his purs & his Apparrell	01	10	00
Itm: In bedding	00	06	00
Itm: one Chist	00	05	06
Itm: in Money owing to ye disceased	30	00	00

Richard Frankland  
Richard Howson  
William Frankland  
Thomas Frankland

*Described in Borthwick Index as 'Robert Burrough of Close House, Giggleswick'*

**JOHN BURTON 1657**  
**The National Archives PROB 11/261**  
Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen** The fourth day of March in the yeare of our Lord God (according to the Computation of the Church of England) one Thousand sixe hundred Fortie two, I John Burton of Giggleswicke in the Countie of Yorke sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance Praised be the Almighty, doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I commend my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator, trustinge assuredly through his mercie and by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and remission of all my sinnes And my bodie to the earth whereof it was made to be buried in my parish Churchyard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends And for my worldly and temporall goods and estate wherewith God hath blessed me I give and bequeath and dispose of the same as followeth First it is my will and mind That my debts and funerall expenses be paid and discharged out of my whole goods And where they will not extend and amount to the payinge and discharginge of all my debts, My will and mind is that my executor shall sell so much of my grounds as will amount and suffice for the payment and satisfaction of the remainder of my debts Also my will and mind is that Mary my house (*sic*) shall have the possession, occupation and profits of all my houses and grounds to her owne use untill my daughter Bridgett Burton shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares, And that my wife shall keep and maintaine my said daughter Bridgett with all things necessarie untill she shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares, And when my said daughter Bridgett shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares, My will and mind is That she shall enter to the moyetie or one halfe of all my houses and grounds (except that which shalbe sold as abovesaid for the payment of my debts) and shall have, enjoy and possess the same to and for the use and behoofe of herselfe her executors and assignes, And that Mary my wife shall have the other moyetie of all

my houses and grounds duringe her life naturall And after her decease the same to remaine wholly to my said daughter Bridgett and her heires for ever, Executrix of this my last will I doe make Mary my wife Supervisors hereof I doe make Peter Chapman of Birkes my brother in law and John Bankes of Feizor whom I doe intreat to see this my will executed and performed as my trust is in them reposed John Burton his marke Witnesses hereof John Bankes Brian Cookeson

**On** the Fifth day of Januarie in the yeare of our Lord God (accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England) one Thousand six hundred Fiftie and sixe there issued forth Letters of Administration unto Bridgett (the now wife of William Preston) the naturall and lawfull daughter of the said John Burton deceased To administer all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased accordinge to the tenor and effect of this his said will She beinge first (by virtue of A Commission in that behalfe issued forth) sworne well and truly to administer the same, For that Mary Burton the Relict of the said deceased and sole Executrix in his said will named departed this life before she legally tooke upon her the execution thereof /

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

#### **JAMES BUTTERFIELD of Settle 1635 Borthwick v42 f599**

In the name of God Amen the second day of May one thousand six hundred thirty five I James Butterfield of Setle in the county of yorke mason sick in body but of good and perfect memory (God be praised) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. And first and principally I commend my soul wholly both body and soul into the hands of Almighty god my Saviour and Redeemer at whose hands and by whose merits I hope to be saved and have everlasting life. And my body I commend to the earth from whence it came in hope of my resurrection both of body and soul to eternal life; And as concerning my estate wherewith God has blessed me I dispose thereof as follows: First my will and mind is and I give and bequeath that my debts, funeral expenses church dues and all other things requisite be paid forth of my whole goods, chattels and rights in what nature soever, also I give to John Lodge and Jeffray Lodge sons of John Lodge of Ughtershawe either of them twenty pounds which my will is also that my executor Elizabeth wife of Adam Balderston shall dispose for their use and behoof. I mean the use [*interest*] to the children for their use in their nonage and the principal to them when they come to one and twenty years of age for their own use. Also I give Elizabeth Lodge their sister forty pounds when their grandmother thinks fit. Item I give to Mr Dockrey if he preach at my burial five shillings . Item I give to Henry Lawson my clerk of my business five shillings. And I appoint Adam Balderston and Elizabeth his wife executors of this my last will and testament desiring them and charging them that the children of John Lodge shall be looked unto and that my will may be observed in all things. Witnesses hereof Robert Cokson Henry Lawsonn Rosamond Gaskill Robert Carr.

*Settle modern spelling*



**JANE CAMM 1700 Admin Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle May 1701  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Feberuary the 12<sup>th</sup>. 1700

This day ye goods of Jane Camm late of Settle widdow apprizd & set down by us whose names are underwritten

	£	s	d
Imprimis 4 chaires table & long settle	00	03	00
Itt. 1 chist baxtone brigs & other odd goods	00	06	00
Itt. 1 glascase 3 peuter dishes 5 plates 8 porringers	00	?	00
Itt. 2 Tankards & 2 flagons	00	05	09
Itm. 2 Candlesticks 1 Chamber pott	00	02	00
Itm. 1 porridge pott	00	02	00
Itm. in ye brewhouse 1 lead 1 knopp 1 caulde(ron?) 3 pans	01	04	04
Itm. 2 tubs 1 flaskett & I gallon	00	06	03
Itm. in ye parlor 3 chaires maltchist & 1 Cubbord	00	06	00
Itm. 1 glascase 1 desk 1 chist & little table	00	06	00
Itm. 1 bed & furniture	01	01	00
Itm. In ye Sellar Chamber 1 Bed & beding	00	14	00
Itt 1 table forme, 1 Chist & odd things	00	04	00
Itt. In ye Sellar 1 Teaze & 6 barrels	00	08	00
Itt. In ye Chamber over ye parlor 1 table 2 Chaf beds with furniture	00	10	00
Itt. 2 forms & 1 Ark	00	04	00
Itt. 3 paire of sheets	00	09	00
Itt. 1 side sadle & pillion	00	03	00
Itt. Hay & sau & other Huslement	01	19	09

Robert Tower  
Robert Bond  
James Geldard  
Willia Sailsbery

**ROGER CAMM 1693 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Mar 1697  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen I Roger Camm of Settle in the parish of Gigleswick and County of yorke Lining Webster# being sick of body yet of perfect memory prayed be god for the same doe make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme following that is to say

first I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to receive full pardon and remission of my sins and my \body/ to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named in the Church yard at Gigleswick and as for my Temporall estate I bequeath and dispose of the same as Followeth

It. my mind is that all my right debts and funerall expences be payd out of the goods and lands in maner hereafter mentioned

It. I give unto my Eldest sonne Lawrence Camm one pcell of meadow ground commonly called Ings close for such terme of yeares as the same \was/ granted to me to enter to the same when he shall ataine to the age of Twenty one years

It. I give and bequeath to my younger sonn Roger Camm one parcel of Arrable ground commonly called Edlestone banke and one pcell of Arrable ground commonly called by the name of far Thornber for all such Termes and number of yeares as the same was granted to me to enter to the same when he shall attaine the age of Twenty one yeares and my wife Jane Camm to enjoy the same pcells of ground abovesaid until my said sons above said shall respectively attaine the age of Twenty one yeares above said towards their education and if either of them doe happen to dye before they Attaine the age of Twenty one yeares the other is to enjoy all the above mentioned pcells of ground and if they both shall happen to dye before they Attaine the age of Twenty one yeares above said

It. my mind is that my wife Jane Camm shall enioy all the above said parcells of ground for all such Terme of yeares as they are granted to me; excepting the above said Ings close wich I give to my Cozen John Camm after the decease of my wife Jane Camm to enter to and enjoy the remainder of the terme of yeares granted to me

It. my mind and will is that one pcell of Arrable ground commonly called northornber and tow dales called Skirskill dales and all the rest of my goods and Temporall estate I give to my Executrix hereafter named to be sould or otherwise dispose on (*sic*) for the paying of my right debts and funerall expences abovesaid and for putting my said sonn to trads (*trades*)when they shall be fitt for it

And I doe hereby nominate my said wife Jane Camm to be my whole executrix of this my last will and testament .... revokeing hereby all wills formerly made by me

In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this second day of December in the fift yeare of the Reagne of king William and Queene Mary over England et. and in the yeare of our Lord god 1693

Sealed signed and published

in the presence of us

John Kidd

Will. Paley

John Skirrow

his marke

Roger X Camm

*# Lining Webster - linen weaver*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Settle " "*

**ADAM CARR Admin 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle Nov 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A True & pfect Inventory of ye Goods & Chattells of Adam Carr late of Giggleswicke & Diocesse of yorke deceased – Apprized by us whose names are subscribed this 19<sup>th</sup>. of November Anno Domini 1690

	li	s	d
In one Bond or other securities in the hand of Thomas Carre de Stackhouse in the parish of Giggleswicke afforesd	...6?	00	00

his marke

Jonathan X Wigglesworth

his marke

Thomas T Jenkinson

Hugh Wilson

his marke

Nicholas X Dawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ALAN CARR of Rathmell 1616      Borthwick v34 f484**

In the name of God Amen upon the fifth day of February Anno dm 1616 I Alan Carre of Rathmell in the county of York Yeoman sick in my body but of good and perfect remembrance I praise God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the churchyard in Giggleswick. Item I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid of my whole goods Item I give and bequeath for Margaret Carr my wife the one half of all my messuages Lands and Tenements in Rathmell whatsoever only during her natural life. Item I give and bequeath to William Armetstead son of John Armetstead of Capplesyde All my messages Lands and Tenements in Rathmell as well that in reversion after the death and decease of the said Margaret my wife as also that in present possession not bequeathed to my said wife and to his heirs for ever. And for lack and in default of the heirs of the said William then to the right heirs of the said John Armetstead for ever. Item I give and bequeath to the said Margaret my wife the one half of all my goods Chattels Credits and debts movable and immovable. Item I give and bequeath to the said John Armetstead of Cappleside my brother in law £16 which he owes me. Item I give to Richard Houghton my brother in law Twenty pounds Item I give to Roger Carr my brother five pounds Item I give to my brother Henry Carr five pounds Item I give to my cousin Thomas Carr of Settle Ten pounds Item I give to my uncle Anthony Carr twenty shillings Item I give to my uncle James Armetstead twenty shillings Item I give to my uncle Roger Armetstead twenty shillings Item I give to John Clarke forty shillings to be abated of £22 which he owes me. Item I give to my Aunt Isabel Clarke twenty shillings. Item I give to Ann King my maid servant ten shillings over and besides her wages Item I give to the poor people of this Lordship of Rathmell twenty shillings which I will be distributed at the discretion of my well beloved friend Mr William Nowell of Cappleside And I will that all the foresaid legacies be paid forth of my part of the goods if it will extend thereto. And if it will not extend then my will and mind is that the said legacies shall be made forth of the Lands which is given to William Armetstead of the first yearly profits thereof Provided and nevertheless it is my will and mind that if Margaret my wife be with child or children at the time of my decease that how such said children

living shall inherit all my said messages Lands and Tenements in Rathmell for ever and gifts above mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding and I appoint and ordain Margaret my said wife and the said John Armetstead my brother in law Joint executors of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Francis Foster James Armetstead Richard Houghton and Anthony Bainbridge

*Rawthmell  
Chappellside*

**ALAN CARR of Closehouse 1626 Borthwick v39 f129**

In the name of god Amen. The fourth daye of September Anno dni 1626. I Allan carr of Close house in the Countie of york yeoman sicke in body but of good and perfect memorie praised bee god/ doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend my Soule into the mercifull handes of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredlye through the meritts and pretious blood shedding of my Saviour Christ to bee an inheritor of eternall blisse in heaven. And I comitt my bodie to the Earthe to bee buried Att the discrecon of my freindes And for my goodes I doe dispose thereof as followeth. That is to saie, I give to my sonne Lawrence Burton and Margaret his wife Seaven poundes and my long Chest and the one of the doublers nowe in the same Item I give to my sonnes m<sup>r</sup> Richard Carr and m<sup>r</sup> Robte Carr either of them xx<sup>s</sup>. Item I give to Agnes Snowden servant to my sonne Willm Frankeland tenn shillinges Item I give to Ann Paler my grandchild xx<sup>s</sup>. And the rest of all my goodes viz<sup>t</sup> money husbandrie geare and household stuffe I give to the said Willm Frankeland my sonne in lawe desireing him out of the same to bring my bodie to decent buriall as hee and my freindes in their discrecon shall thinke fitting And I nominate and appointe the said Willm to bee sole Executor of this my last will and testament Theis beeing witnesses Thomas Sowden Wm Lawson and Michael Lawson

*Latin text*

**ALLAN CARR Dec 28 .1655 Clothyer. Ref. Borthwick. Vol.43 fol.83**

In the name of God amen the twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord 1655 I Allan Carr of Giggleswicke in the county of York Clothyer being sicklie and infirm in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend and committ my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and creator trusting through his mercy and by the merit of Jesus Christ my only redeemer to be saved, And to hand full pardon and remission of all my sins, And my body to the earth where it was (fraimed) to be buried at my parish church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my friends; And for my worldly and temporal goods and estate I do give devise and dispose of the same(?) as followeth, First, whereas by my deeds or writing under my hand and seal bearing date the twenty seventh day of this instant (being) I have conveyed unto my daughters Elizabeth Carr and Jane Carr and to their executors and assigns all my cottage or dwellinghouse and garden with the appurtenances, now I do

by this my last will (considering) the said deed or writing according as is therein expressed Also I will that my said daughter Elizabeth shall out of her part of my said cottage and garden pay unto Thomas Lawson of Giggleswicke the sum of fifty three shillings which I owe him Also I give unto Robert Carr my son one cloth press or five shillings in money whichever he pleaseth to have Also I will that my funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods and all the remainder of my goods I do give unto Agnes my wife whom I do make and appoint sole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hands and seal the day and year first above written Allan Carr his mark Witnesses hereof Thomas Lawson Bryan Cookeson

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**ALLON CARR 1674. Ref. Borthwick. Vol. 57 fol. 91**

**May the 13<sup>th</sup>. 1674**

In the name of God Amen I Allon Carr of Giggleswick in the county of Yorke cloth worker doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in all .... \* and forme followinge being weake and sick but in good and pfect memory praised be god for the same first of all I bequeath my soule into the hands of god my maker hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ thereby to be saved and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends and after my debts payd and funeral expenses (discharged) Imprimis I doe give unto my three children Adam Carr Robert Carr and Mary Carr all my goods and money to the value of sixty pounds or there abouts onely my wife to have the use of it and tuition of them till they come to lawfull years of age if she remaine unmarried onely & two kyne to be reserved for the use of my wife onely It. (*item*) I doe give unto my sonne Robert Carr two psells of land one pshell called Mangorams wich I bought of Edward Blaickeburne and one psell called Clonenstone land wich I bought of Thomas Carr It. I give unto my sonne Adam Carr all the rest of my lands and all the houses and gardens with the appurtenances there unto belonging after the deseace of my wife but if she marry againe my sonne Adam aforesaid to enter to itt she having her thirds while she lives and no more and after her decease my will is that my sonne Adam shall pay unto my sonne Robert the summe of fifteen pounds and unto my daughter Mary fifteen pounds any tyme within the space of one whole yeare and, if any of these my children aforesaid shall die before they receive any of there portions abovesaid that it shall be equally divided amongst the rest or if my sonne Adam shall dye before he come to enter to it that it may then fall to my sonne Robert paying unto my daughter Mary her equal proportion of the aforesaid sommes and I doe appoint my wife and my sonne Adam to be joint executors in witness hereof I have here unto pute my hand and seale the day and yeare above mentioned Allan Carr his Marke witness James Fawcett Tho. Carr

\* *the missing word is not 'manner' as is usual*

**ANNE CARR 1607    Borthwick v30 f549**

In the name of god Amen the sixth day of December in the year of our lord god 1607 I Anne Carr of Grainhouse in the county of York widow late wife of Adam Carr deceased do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to almighty god and my body to Christian burial.

Item my will is that my debts shall be paid out of my whole goods. Item I give unto Adam Carre whom I am grandmother unto one great meal ark, one almery two meat boards, one dishboard, one shelf, one chest, two pair of bedstocks half a quarter of oats and all my husbandry gear and boards Item I give to Christopher Carr ten shillings Item I give to my maid Elizabeth Butterfeild 4s., a pair of Crooks, one red coat, two grey coats and the wintering of one quie. Item I give to the five children of Thomas Carr every one 2s. Item I give to my daughter Margaret two pair of bedstocks Item I give to the wife of Thomas Carr of Giggleswick one heckle\*. And for the rest of all my goods I give them to Isabell and Anne Armitstead daughters of Roger Armitstead. And I make and ordain the said Roger Armitstead to be my sole executor. Witnesses hereof Barnard Browne, John Foster.

*\*heckle - flax-comb*

*Giggleswicke*

**EDMOND CARR 1622    Borthwick v37 f124**

In the name of God amen the eighteenth day of July in the year of our lord god 1622 I Edmond Carr of Rathmell moor within the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god assuredly believing that through the merits and precious blood shedding of my saviour Christ Jesus I shall be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and for my body my will is the same be buried within the parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid at the sight and discretion of my executors herein named.

Item I give devise and bequeath the one moiety of or half of all my messuage or tenement houses garths lands grounds and hereditaments with the appurtenances within the lordship of Rathmell aforesaid now in the possession of me the said Edmond and of my assign and assigns to Margaret my wife and her assigns To have and to hold all that the same moiety or one half of all the said messuage or tenement houses garths lands grounds and hereditaments with the appurtenances whatsoever to the said Margaret my now wife her executors, administrators and assigns for and during and unto the full end accomplishment and expiration of all such time & terms of years as I now have and am entitled to have therein by my lease or leases whatsoever.

And as concerning the other moiety or half of all my said messuage or tenement houses garths lands and grounds with appurtenances in Rathmell aforesaid which I hold by lease or leases as aforesaid I give devise and bequeath the same moiety and all my right estate term and terms of years claim and demand therein and thereunto to John Carr my natural brother and to his executors and assigns during the lease or leases thereof for and in satisfaction unto him of &

for the sum of ten pounds which I owe unto him upon a bond Provided yet never-the-less upon and with this condition that the said John Carr his executors and assigns shall permit and suffer the said Margaret my wife and her assigns to have hold occupy and enjoy that moiety to him the said John limited as aforesaid and to take all the issues and profits thereof to her own use for and during the term of fifty nine years now next coming if she the said Margaret shall so long live anything before mentioned notwithstanding.

Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my other goods and the residue thereof I give the same to Margaret my said wife. And I make and ordain the said Margaret my wife and the said John Carr my brother to be the joint executors of this my last will and testament, these being witnesses: John Carr of the Greene and William Banckes.

*Rawthmell*  
*Gigleswicke*

### **HUGH CARR 1609 Borthwick v31 f663**

In the name of god Amen the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and nine I Hewghe Carr of Windscalle within the parish of Giggleswick and county of York bachelor sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god by whose mercy through the redemption of Jesus Christ my only saviour I believe to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. I will that my debts be paid of my whole goods and my funeral debts and expenses paid. Item first I give to my sister Katherine Jackson and to her children forty shillings. Item I give to Thomas Fishe son of Jeffrey Fishe of Malham three and forty shillings. Item I give to James Carr son of Thomas Carr of Brasha 20s. Item I give to William Carr brother to the said James Carr 13s 4d. Item I give to Roger Car brother to the said William Carr 6s 8d. Item I give to my sister Elizabeth Tailer 10s and to her daughter Margaret Tailer 10s. And to Jane Bateman wife of William Bateman 10s. Item I give to Agnes Cockytt daughter of William Cockitt 20s. Item I give to Anne Armitstead daughter to Roger Armitsteade of Rathmell 12d. And the rest of all my goods to be equally given and divided to and between Thomas Watkinson of Settle Thomas Tailer of Giggleswick and Jane Forster of Windscall wife of Henry Forster. I will and make Thomas Tailer my whole executor of this my last will and testament. Item I give to Richard Kydd and Elizabeth Kydd 10s. Item I will and appoint that Thomas Tailer shall have the space of one whole year next after my decease to pay these legacies as above set down. Witnesses Thomas Watkinson Henry Forster William Carr.

*Gigleswick*  
*Gigleswicke*  
*Rawthmell*  
*Settle*  
*Mallam*  
*Winskill*

**JAMES CARR 1654**  
**TNA Prob/11/244**

**In the name of God: Amen.** The fourth of december 1654 I James Carr of Stackho: in the parishe of Gigglesweke and Countie of yorke the unprofitable servant of God weake in body but stronge in minde doe willinglie and with a free heart wch he of his Fatherlie goodnes gave unto me when he first fashioned me in my mothers wombe makinge me a livinge and a reasonable Creature nothings doubtinge but that for his infinite (*sic*) sett forth in the pretious blood of his dearelie beloved sonne Jesus Christ our onely Saviour and Redeemer, he will receive my Soule into his glory and place it in the company of the heavenlie Angells and blessed Saints And as concerning my bodie even with a good will and free heart I give it over comending it to the earth whereof it came nothing doubtinge but accordinge to the article of my faith at the great day of the generall resurrection when weeshall appeare before the Judgement Seate of Christ I shall receive the same againe by the mightie power of God wherewith he is able to subdue all things to himselfe, not a corruptible mortall weake and fraile body as it is nowe, but an uncorruptible (?)immortall stronge and perfect bodye in all pointes like unto the glorious bodie of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ etc Imprimis first of all I give to my sonne Richard Carr this yeare rent Item to my sonne Robert Carr Tenne poundes Item to my sonne Francis Read Tenne poundes Item to my sonne John Tennant Tenne pounds Item to every child that I am Grandfather to Twenty shillings a peece Item to my grandchilde George Read a bond of five poundes which is in the handes of Thomas Carr of Crenarig Item to my daughter Katherine a bedd coveringe Item to my grandchild Thomas Carr a Longe table wch is in the body-stead of the house Item to my sonne Francis a bond of fower poundes twoe shillings that is in the hands of Robert Banckes Item I give to my daughter Jane Carr Twentye shillings Item I give to my grandchilde John Carr thirty fower shillings more towards buyinge apparell and sending him to London Item I give to my daughter Ellin one bedd of Close and one chest standinge in the parlor Item I doe make my sonne Richard Carr and my sonne Francis Read my Executors of this my present will and Testament to performe my legacies above mencioned and see my debts paid and funeral expences performed And the remainder of my goodes if there shall any remaine to be equally devided betwixt them In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand the fourth day of december 1654. James Carr his marke wittnesses James Stackhouse his marke Richard Berry, Thomas Wilson his marke **This will was proved at London** before the Judges for probate of wills and granting administracons the sixteenth day of August in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand sixe hundred fifty five by the oathe of Francis Reade one of the Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased To whom administracon was comitted He being by Comission first sworne truly to administer Power beinge reserved to comitt the like administracon unto Richard Carr the other Executor when he shall legally require the same /

*Giggleswick* modern spelling  
*Stackhouse* " "



**JAMES CARR 1693 INV.Ref.Borthwick.York. Sep. 1693(admin)**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Cattell & Chattells moveable and imoveable of James Carre late of Mill Yate in Raithmell within the Parish of Giggleswicke in Craven and Diocesse of yorke deceased, viewed and truly apprized & valued This seventeenth day of June An:Domi:1693 by us whose names are here subscribed:

Francis Foster – Edmond Browne, Stephen Carre & John Duckett as followeth

	£	s	d
Imp. His purse Apparrell & Ryding furniture	06	00	00
Item. Four Cowes, and Five Heffers, two stears and seven calves	38	00	00
Item. Two mares, one Horse, one score of sheepe and seven Lambes	14	10	00
Item. In meale, malt and Oates	03	00	00
Item. Carts, Wheels and other Husbandry Geare	02	00	00
Ite. Three Arkes, and Four Chests, and six paires Bedstocks	05	00	00
Item. Four Chaffe Bedds, six Coverletts eight paire of sheets six pair of Blanketts and Bolsters	03	00	00
Item. Brasse and pewder and four panns	03	00	00
Ite. One Dishboard, two Tables, Two little boards	01	10	00
Ite. Wood vessell of all sorts for Huswifery	01	00	00
Ite. One long settle, chairs and stools & loose Boards	00	10	00
Ite. One Frying pann, one paire of Tonggs, one Reckon, Briggs, a Bakeing stone & Range	01	00	00
Cushions, Beefe, Bacon – Wool and Turves	02	17	00
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Sum	81	07	00
Debts owing to ye deceased upon speciality			
Ite. William Craven	03	00	00
consideracion	01	00	00
Ite. James Swinglehurst & Robert Swainson	03	00	00
Ite. Thomas Knowles without speciality	01	05	00
Ite. John Swainson gent. without speciality	02	00	00
Ite. Mr. John Moore upon speciality	08	00	00
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	18	05	00
	81	07	00
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Apprizers names	99	12	00
sum total			
his marke			
Francis Foster	Edmond	B Browne	
Stephen Carre	John Duckett		
Jnall.....	99	12	00

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Rathmell " "*

**JANE CARR 1671 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 52 fol. 54**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Jane Carr of Rawthmell in the County of yorke widdow Sicke in body butt of good and perfect remembrance (praised bee God for the same) Doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following, First I recommend my Soule into the mercifull hands of God hoping for pdon through the merritts of Jesus Christ, And my body to the Earth whereof itt was made to bee buried att the Parish Church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, And for my goods and Temporall Estate I doe give and bequeath the same in manner and forme following: First my minde and will is that Foure shillings six pence which I am oweing to Richard Franckland of Close house bee paid out of my goods; Item I doe give and bequeath unto William Knight Hee Defraying and Satisfying the Charge of my Funerall expences the house wherein I now live with that part of the yard garden and Grasse croft thereto belonging Item I give unto my Brother William Sigeswicke one Close called (Zayneham?) Close which I purchased of Roger Carr late deceased with a provisoe That if he the said Roger his Executors or assigns payed to mee my Executors or Assigns the summe of Eight pounds within Seaven yeares thence next ensuing the same might bee redeemed, Three of which yeares are past, And my will is that my said Brother William Sigeswicke shall att the end of Four yeares pay out of the said Close in the moneys wherewith itt shall bee redeemed (if itt bee redeemed as abovesaid) unto the Children of Edmund Browne son of Christopher Browne equally amongst them the Summe of Two pounds Lawfull English money which I doe hereby give and bequeath unto them; and to the two Children of William Toppin Tenn shillings which I doe hereby give them to bee paid at the end of Foure yeares; And whereas Richard Howghton of Rawthmell husbandman is owing mee Foure pounds for which I have Foure Severall Bills or Specialties, Item I doe give and bequeath two pounds of the said summe with two of the said Bills or Specialties unto John Carr of the said Rawthmell husbandman his Executors and Assigns to bee for and towards the Education of his Children till they come to age and to bee equally devided amongst them as they come to age. And Two pounds the remainder of the said summe with the other Two Bills or Specialties I doe give and bequeath the same to John Carr of Threapsworke his Executors and Assigns to bee for the use of his Children and equally devided amongst them as they come to Age Item I give two great Chests to either of the said John Carrs Children One. Item I doe give all my Close and bedding and Bedd to such persons and in such manner as I have expressed to my said Brother and declared before witnesses Item the Twenty shillings legacie Roger Carr left mee (if itt fall due to mee I give sixteene shillings thereof to Margaret Houghton widow and Four shillings being the remainder to Jane Swinglehirst widdow And I doe appoint my said Brother William Sigeswicke Executor of this my last will & Testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this Nyneth day of Aprill in the Twenty Third year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second over England etc Anno dom One thousand six hundred Seaventy one Ratified in the presence of Richard Franckland

*Rawthmell modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JANE CARR Admin 1695 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Oct 1695**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory made of all ye Goods and Chattells lately belonging to Jane Carr of Long Ridge In the Parish of Giggleswicke In Craven, and Diocesse of yorke, Valued and Apprized the seventh day of September In the yeare one Thousand six Hundred Ninety Five, by us whose names are here subscribed as followeth

	li	s	d
Imp Her Purse and Apparell and Bed and Furniture	03	00	00
Ite In lease Lands	30	00	00
Sume tot:	33	00	00

Apprizers Names

Thomas Carr      John Taylor  
                                his mark  
Thomas T Carr Junr      Robert Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JENNITT CARR 1632 Ref. Borthwick v42 f162**

In the name of god Amen I Jennitt Carr of Craven Rigg being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be Almighty god do proceed to the making of this my last will and testament in manner and form following: first and principally I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Giggleswick;

Secondly concerning my worldly goods I give and bequeath to my eldest son Thomas Carr the whole estate of my tenement and to enter of all the goods and chattels. And then it is my will that he maintain and keep his brother Robert Carr and his two sisters Jane Carr and Alice Carr or otherwise prefer them as shall be thought good for them and also it is my will that Thomas Carr shall pay to his brothers and sisters Richard Carr, Robert Carr, Jane Carr and Alice Carr as they come to their lawful age to every one of them ten pounds. And also it is my will and mind that my two daughters Jane Carr and Alice Carr shall have all my household stuff divided between them or the value of the pricing of it in money. And I appoint my eldest son Thomas \jur/Carr executor of this my last will. Witnesses of the same: Richard Jacks, John \jur/Burton and Thomas \jur/ Harrisonne.

*Craven Rigg spelt Cranerrigge*

**JOHN CARR 5<sup>th</sup> July 1615 Borthwick v34, f179,**

In the name of god Amen, the fifth day of July one thousand six hundred and fifteen I John Carr of Rathmell in the County of yorke son of Willim Carr deceased being sick in body but whole in mind and of good and perfect memory praised be God do cede

to the writing of this my Last will and testament in manner and form following hereby renouncing and revoking all former and other wills whatsoever heretofore made by me or intended And first and principally I give and bequeath my Soul unto god Almighty in full hope of remission of all my sins through the merits death and passion of Christ Jesus and my body to be buried in the parish Church yard of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my executors.

Also it is my will and mind that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my goods and tenements by my executors. Also it is my will and mind that my executors shall have all my messuage lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever for the term of twenty years next after my decease towards the payment of such my debts as my goods will not extend to pay and towards the education and bringing up of my children willing and hereby entreating them my said executors to employ the profits of my said tenements to the uses aforesaid and the remainder of the profits if any be the same I will may be employed to the use of my said children for their preferment equally. And the revercon and remainder of all such time term or tenant right as I have or ought to have in any my said messuage tenement lands or tenements and hereditaments I will that the same after the end and expiration of the said xxxy (20) years shall be and remain unto Richard Carr my eldest son Also I will that my daughter Jane Carr have one black white headed cow of mine over and besides her rateable child's part of my goods in lieu of one cow heretofore to her given and delivered to me by her grandmother Houghton provided nevertheless and my will and mind is that mine executors nor (their) assigns shall not sell dig or spoil any turfs or turbary within any my said lands or tenements during the said term of twenty years nor use the same for any other behoof than for the maintaining a fire Competently during the said term of twenty years in the mansion house wherein I now dwell Also I nominate and appoint executors of this my last will and testament Willim Cockett of Stainforth and James Bauderstone of Rauthmell Witnesses Henrye Wiglesworth & Edmund Carr

*Rathmell modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN CARR of Settle, buried Giggleswick, grocer  
Borthwick volume 48 Folio 740**

**Will made 10th of May 1666**

**Modern English**

In the name of God Amen the tenth Day of May in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computacon of the Church of England One Thousand Six hundred Sixty Six, I John Carr of Settle in ye County of yorke Grocer being whole in body and also of good and pfect remembrance, praised bee Allmightie God Yett Knowing and considering that Death is certaine Butt the.....ing of death uncertaine and also that itt is the Duty of every good and true Christian..... tyme of his life, and health to dispose of his Estate, and soe to sett his house in order That after his Death and Decease his postirity and Friends may enjoy the same in Unity love peace and quietness therefore and for that purpose Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following Revokeing hereby and making voyde all other wills and Testaments by mee formerly made, And first I doe committ and

willingly resigne my Soule into the mercyfull hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through his mercy and by the merritts of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to bee Saved and to have full pdon and remission of all my Sinnes, And my body to ye Earth whereof itt was framed to be buried att my Parish Church of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my Friends And for my worldly and Temporall goods and estate I doe give Devise and dispose of the same as followeth; First whereas by my Indenture under my hand and seale beareing date ye Twentieth Day of February in ye yeare of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred Fifty six, and Lawfully Executed with livery and Ceizen thereof I have given granted infeoffed and Confirmed to William Carr and Thomas Paley both of Langcliffe in the County of yorke, All that my Messuage and Tenement in Settle aforesaid of ye Ancient yearely rent of Foure shillings which I purchised of Henry Summerscales late of Glusburne withall itt appurtenances, To have and to hold the same to the said William Carr and Thomas Paley their heires and assignes for ever as Feofees and Friendes in trust to and for such use uses intents and purposes as in the same Indenture are menconed Lymitted and expressed Now I doe by this my last will and testament confirme and ratifye the same Indenture, and all ye Estate of ye premisses therein, and thereby conveyed, To and for the severall uses in the same Indenture Lymitted and Expressed, Also whereas an Award by writing Indented was heretofore made by William Carr of Langcliffe and Anthony Foster of Rawthmell betweene mee and Richard Wright of Settle on the behalfe of Jane Carr my Grandchild; Now I doe will and my minde is that ye same Award shalbe truly pformed, and that my said Grandchild Jane Carr shall have all ye Estate to her thereby ordered and Awarded according as in the same Indenture of Award is Expressed; Also I do further give unto my said Grandchild Jane Carr out of my psonall estate ye sume of thirty pounds to be paid unto her in manner and forme following; (That is to say) Tenn pounds upon ye second Day of February Twelve monthes next after my Death and Decease (if the said Jane Carr bee then living; And also Tenn pounds upon ye second day of February two yeares next After my Decease (if she the said Jane be then living) And tenn pounds being the residue of the said Thirty pounds to be paid unto her upon the second Day of February three yeares next after my decease if she be then living, Provided that she the said Jane Carr upon receipt of ye First Legacie of Tenn pounds above menconed shall and will seale and as her Act and Deed deliver unto my heires Executors and Administrators or to such of them as itt shall necessarily concerne a generall and absolute release acquittance & Discharge of and from all my Estate whatsoever Reall and psonall excepting what is ordered by ye said Award, and ye Revercon of the said Legacie, Butt if she refuse to give such generall acquittance and Release upon the first lawfull tender Then ye abovesaid Legacie to be voyde and frustrate; Also I will and my minde is that Isabell my wife her assigne or assignes dureing her naturall life continueing my wife shall have and enjoy to her use that Messuage or Dwellinghouse the Stable the Garden and all ye Fould or backside Situate and being in Settle neare unto ye Kirkgate gate and now in ye possession or occupacon of John Camm And also that Shopp now in the possession of William Holgate and the Rent payable for ye same for which said Shopp ye said William Holgate is to pay for ye Terme of Thirteene yeares yett to come ye yearely Rent of Thirty five shillings upon the first Day of May yearely, My said wife or her Assignes paying doeing and Discharging all rents galds Dues Duties assessments Suites and Services to become due from tyme to tyme for the said premisses; And I doe, also hereby further give unto my said wife Isabell full power right interest authority to give devise dispose assigne and Convey unto my sonne John Carr or to any of his Children or issue or unto my son in Law

John Wildman and Elizabeth his wife or to any of the Children or issue of their bodies, or to which of them as shall best please my said wife (butt to noe other pson) All the said Messuage or dwellinghouse Stable garden fould and premisses now in the possession of ye said John Camm and also ye said Shopp now in the possession of ye said William Holgate withall their Appertenances for and Dureing all the revercon and remainder and soe much as att ye Death of my said wife shall be unspent and to come of Lease of ye terme of Six thousand yeares for wich the same was First granted by and from ye late right Honoble George Earle of Cumberland together withall writings concerning ye said premisses. Also I will that Isabell my said wife shall for ye use of herselfe and her assignes have the possession and Occupacon and take the profitts of that Close called Highbrow and Nuba=hill att Mealebanke dureing the terme of her naturall life. Alsoe I will that my Debts Legacies and Funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods and psonall estate. And I will that Isabell my wife shall have the Third part of my goods and psonall estate according to the Custome. Also I give the other two parts of my goods and psonall estate unto John Banke my sonne in law John Carr my naturall sonne, and to Elizabeth Wildman my naturall Daughter equally to be devided amongst them. In treating my said sonne in law John Banke to give and devide yt his said part of ye said goods equally amongst his Children Matthew Christopher Jane and John Burke: Also I give to my sonne John Carr his Executors Administrators and assignes my Messuage and Tenement at Mealbanke with thappurtenances of the Ancient yearely Rent of Twenty three shillings Eleaven pence halfpenny: And also Common of pasture of in and upon Scalber the Bankes, and the Scarr for and according to Eight shillings two pence wich I bought of Thomas Armistead: And likewise Common of pasture of in and upon Scaliber bankes and Scarr for and according to Twelve shillings Ancient rent: And also the third part of Carlill Close otherwise called Ewes Close within ye Lordshipp of Langcliffe which I bought of Rosamond Somerscales All which said Messuage grounds Rents and premisses I hold by Severall long leases as by the said Indentures of Lease may appeare. And whatsoever I further hold by Lease I doe give the same to my said sonne John Carr his Executors Administrators and assignes: Excepting ye above menconed Messuage or Dwellinghouse Stable garden Shopp Fould and all their appurtenances Situate and being near Kirkgate yate which I have given and doe hereby give unto Isabell my wife and doe leave to her disposeing as is above written : Also give to Leonard Carr Tenn shillings & to John Paley tenn shillings: Also I give to Margaret Wildman my Grandchild fourty shillings, Also I doe make nominate & appoint John Carr my sonne sole Executor of this my last will and testament; In witnesse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand & seale ye Day & yeare First above written John Carr Witnesses hereof John Paley Leonard Carr Brian Cookson

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**JOHN CARR 1684 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Dec 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this Twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand six hundred eightie fower, I John Carr of Settle in the County of yorke Clerke being at present somewhat infirme in body but of good and perfect memory prayed bee God for the same, Doe make and ordayne this my last Will and

testament in maner and forme following (That is to say) First and principally I comend and comitt my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that through the merrits of Jesus Christ my Saviour my sinns shall bee forgiven, And that my Soule shall bee made partaker of eternall happinesse in the Kingdome of heaven, And my body to bee buried at the discretion of my friends, And as to my temporall Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse mee withall I give and dispose as followeth, (That is to say) I give and bequeath unto William Paley of Settle aforesaid my brother ..(*obliterated*) whole estate ...(*obliterated*) Interest Equity of redemption property clayme and Demand whatsoever which I have or might have of in or unto All and Singular the messuages and tenements and all other the premisses with theyr hereditaments and appurtences which I have heretofore granted to him the said William Paley by one Indenture of Demise bearing date the twenty fowerth day of September Instant, under my hand and seale All which said premises are situate lying and being in the parish of Giggleswicke in the County aforesaid And I doe hereby Constitute nominate and appoynt the said William Paley sole executor of this my last Will and testament As Witnesse my hand and seale the day & year first above written

Sealed signed and published

In the presence of us

G .....on

John Paley

John Carr Clerk

Jo. Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A true & perfect Inventory of all the goods & Chattell which were belonging & remaying at Settle in the Diocesse of yorke of John Carr Clerke late of Settle aforesaid, & since Dead in Virginia \made/ by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this first day of December Ano RRs & R Willim & Maria Angl. Et:secundo Anoque Dom 1690

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One parcel of old bookes	0	10	0
The Equity of redemption of some Lease Lands in the Townshipp of Settle	20	00	0

Tho: Chamberlayne

George Procter

his marke

Nicholas X Dawson

Jo.: Richardson

*RRs & R - Regni Regis et Regine - in the reign of king and queen*

**LEONARD CARR 1696**

**Borthwick Prerog. and Exchequer courts Original probate files mf 1706 Bundle  
Dec 1696 - Feb 1696/7**

**In the name of god Amen** I Leonard Carr of Langclife in the parish of Gigleswicke and county of Yorke gentleman: being sicke & weake of body: but of sound and perfect mind & memory praise bee to Almighty god for the same doe make and ordaine this my Last Will & Testament in manner & forme following. (That is to say) First & Principally I commend my Soule into the handes of Almighty god; Hoping through the meritts, death & passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sinns and to Inheritt Everlasting Life And my Body I comitt to the Earth to be decently buried att the Discretion of my frends and Executors hereafter named; and as Touching the disposicon of all such temporal Estate as itt hath pleased Almighty god to bestowe upon mee I also give & dispose thereof as followeth: **first** my will & mind is that my debts & funerall Expenses bee paid; and Discharged out of my credits, debts, goods, chattells, & prsonall Estate by my Executors herein & hereafter mentioned; And also I doe give & bequeath unto my Uncle Thomas Carr of Little Osbourne in the Countye of Yorke the whole and just sume of thirteene poundes of currant money of England; and to bee paid him by my sd Executors within a yeare and day next after my decease: And I doe alsoe hereby give & bequeath unto Martha my dear and Loving wife: (over and besides what is hereafter given & bequeathed her) the whole & just sume of Twenty poundes of currant money of England to bee likewise paid her within one yeare & a day next after my decease And I doe alsoe give & bequeath unto James King of Skellans in the parish of Kirkeby in Malhamdale & in the sd countye of Yorke gentleman and (*blank*) his wife both of them the whole and just sume of tenne poundes to be paid them within one yeare and a day next after my decease: And I doe alsoe give and bequeath unto Thomas King sonne of the said James King the whole and just sume of five poundes of currant money of England to bee likewise paid him within a year and a day next after my decease And I doe alsoe give & bequeath unto Elizabeth King: Mary King and Ann King daughters of the said James King each of them the whole and just sume of fifty shillings (or soe many of them as are liveing att the time of my decease) and to bee paid to them & each of them within one yeare and a day next after my decease And I doe alsoe give & bequeath unto John Paley of Langclife afforesd the whole & just sume of five shillings to bee likewise paid him: within one yeare & day next after my decease; and I doe alsoe give and bequeath unto Margarett now wife of Lawrence Swainson of Langclife afforesaid & Thomas Swainson sonne of the said Lawrence each of them the whole and just sume of tenne shillings of currant money and to bee likewise paid within one yeare & a day next after my decease And alsoe I doe give and bequeath unto William Carr sonne of Thomas Carr of Gigleswicke afforesaid my Nephew all my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments which I am now seized of in Fee simple with all the heriditaments and appurtences thereunto belonging : To hold to him his heires & assignes forever: Hee the said William Carr his heires & assignes or some of them: yearely & every (yeare) paying unto Thomas Carr his father his Executors Administrators or Assignes or some of them: the whole and just sume of six poundes of currant money of England for and dureing the time and tearme of his naturall life; and alsoe paying doeing & prformeing unto Martha my said wife or her executors administrators or assignes the whole and just sume of fiteene poundes of currant



money of England yearly & every yeare dureing the terme of her Naturall Life: in full of her third part dower and widow right of my woll Estate in what place or places soever And if in case it should happen or fortune: to the said Martha my said wife that said some of fifteene poundes in any yeare dureing the tearme of her naturall life bee arreare behind or unpaid in parts or in all, That then itt shall and may bee lawfull to and for the said Martha my sd wife to enter unto,& upon the said premises and to take and receive the yearely pfitts thereof till the sd arreares bee paid and noe longer: nor noe otherwise: and allsoe my will & mind is; that att after my debts & funeral expences legacies bee paid: all the residue surplusage & remainder of my said prsonall Estate goods and chattells shall goe & fall to William Carr afforesaid my sd Nephew & his Executors Adminrs & assignes for ever: And Lastly Revoakeing, Disannulling, & makeing Void all other & former wills by me made I doe hereby Constitute Ordaine Nominate and appoint the sd Wm Carr and James King ----- Executors of this my last will & testament: and doe publish and declare this to bee my last will & testament: **In witness** whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and Seale the Eight day of December anno domini 1696/

Leonard Carr

Sealed Signed published and Declared  
in the sight and presence of  
John Paley        jurat  
..... Carr  
Richd. Lawson    jurat  
Ri Rooke

#### *CODICIL*

Memorand that att before the above was published and declared I the sd Leonard Carr did by this my Codicill in Writeing give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Road wife of Ambrose Road: of Gigleswicke the sume of Twenty poundes: & to Margarett Carr: daughter of my Brother Thomas Carr the sume of fifty shillinges and Tenne shillinges to Robert Hartley: my Nephew and Tenne shillinges to Margrett Brayshaw of Stakehouse:(?) & to Agnes Cort my parish Apprentice Three poundes to bee paid them within one whole yeare & day next after my decease. Wittnesses my hand & Seale the day and yeare in the Will .....

Sealed Signed published and declared to bee a Codicill or.....annexed to the Will in the prsence of

*John Paley*  
*Wiijs(?) Carr*  
*Richd. Lawson*  
*Ri. Rooke*

*Leonard Carr*

INVENTORY Ref. Bundle Feb 1696/7

A True & perfect Inventory of all the goods Chattles & Creddits of Mr. Leonard Carr late of Langcliff deceased as the(y) are apprizd by us whose names are underwriten this 18<sup>th</sup>. day of december 1696

	li	s	d
Inpris his Apparrell & money in his purse	5	0	0
Itm one horse & one Mare wth sadle & furniture	7	0	0
Itm three Cowes & one Calfe	11	0	0
Itm in hay & strawe	2	13	4
Itm one Arke with other utensells standing in the Barn	1	0	0
Itm one Chist with other things in the stable	0	2	6
Itm in Ash & oakewood Carts & wheeles & other husbandry geare	6	4	8
Itm one Hogg	0	11	0
Itm one Cloth one Jack with tables & other furniture in the body of the house	4	12	0
Itm in Beeff	0	16	0
Itm one Ark with Brass & brewinge vessell all things in the Kitchinge	3	11	8
Itm one Gimlin with Barrells & Basons & other things in the milkhous	1	2	0
Itm in Tables Chaires & other furniture in the Parlor	2	10	0
Itm one table readinge deske & books in his Closset	1	6	0
Itm one Cubbord with pewther & all other things in the Buttry	3	3	4
Itm in plate	4	0	0
Itm one pair of Bedstocks with Beding & all other Furniture in the redchamber	4	1	0

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Itm all the goods in the servants Chamber	2	0	0
Itm all the goods in an other Chamber	0	10	0
Itm all the goods in the Maids Chamber	1	0	0
Itm all the goods in his own Chamber	4	2	0
Itm the goods in the great Chamber	1	2	0
Itm the goods in John Prockters	0	5	0
Itm in Linin	7	1	6
Itm one pcell of slate	0	10	0
Some	22	0	6
Debts oweing to the Deceased	249	0	6

	li	s	d
Some totall	330 -	1 -	7

John Paley  
 William Paley  
 Rich. Lawson  
 Tho. Swainson

*Langcliffe modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick " "*

*Additions incorrect*

**MARGARET CARR 1624 Borthwick v39 f265**

In the name of god amen the eighth day of July 1624 I Margaret Carr of Rathmell moor in the county of York widow late wife of Edmond Carr late of the said Rathmell moor deceased sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be god) do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to honest burial at the discretion of my executor. And for my mortuary, debts, funeral expenses and other things belonging to the church my will and mind is that the same shall be paid and discharged out of my whole goods.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Wattson wife of Roger Wattson twenty shillings in money, my best gown, my best petticoat and my cloak. Item I give unto Margaret Carr my daughter in law the wife of John Carr my natural son my best hat and the residue of my apparel unbequeathed.

And the rest of of (*sic*) my goods I give and bequeath unto John Carr my son. And whereas my said husband Edmond Carr by his last will and testament written in his lifetime did demise and bequeath unto me, my executors, administrators and assigns the whole moiety or one half of all that tenement of Rathmell moors then in the possession of him and his assigns with the one half of all houses, buildings, commodities and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining for and during all such term of years as were then unspent of one lease thereof from Thomas Gregson made to the said Edmond Carr, which said moiety or half withal my right, title or interest, term of years claim or demand therein as before said I do devise and bequeath the same to my said son John Carr his executors, administrators and assigns during all such term as is yet unspent and to come of the said lease.

And I make and ordain him, the said John Carr, the sole executor of this my last will and testament these being witnesses: John Carr, Oliver Carr and William Bankes.

*Rawthmell moores*

**MARGARET CARR 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. May 1692 Bundle  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God Amen the eleaventh day of Aprill, in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred ninety and two I Margret Carr of Wiglesworth in the dioces of york widow being unsound in body but of sound and perfect mind & memory Praise be therefore given to Almighty God; do make and ordaine this my present last Will & Testament in manner and form following, (that is to say) First and principally I commend my Soul into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my Creator trusting in and through the Merits, death & Passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have full and

free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins; and to inherit everlasting life and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried in the Parish Churchyard of Gingleswick in the dioces aforesaid at the discretion of my Executor & Friends hereafter named And as touching the disposition of all such temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth that is to say First my Will and Mind is that my just debts and Funerall Charges be honestly paid and discharged Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Hall my son in Law the sum of five pounds of lawfull money of England he giving a lawful discharge before or upon the payment of the same Item my will is that the said five pounds be paid at or upon the end and expiration of twelve months next comeing after my decease, Item I give and bequeath unto the Children that is to the sons and Daughters of John Lund my Son in Law the like sum of five pounds to be paid equally amongst them as the shall accomplish their severall ages of twenty and one years Item it is my will and Mind and I do hereby will that the said John Lund receive into his hands the said sum of five pounds as soon as it can be had and obtained and keep the same in his hands or dispose thereof as he shall think fit and meet and receive and take the interest or increase of the same to his own use until the said Children shall accomplish their severall ages of twenty & one years and give lawful discharge for the same Item it is my will and mind and I do hereby will that if any of the said Children shall fortune to dy before the said age of twenty and one years (and be unmarried) that such pt or parts as should have beene due and payable to them (so dying) shall remain and come and be equally divided amongst or to such of the said Children as shall be then living. Item it is my will and Mind and I do hereby further will that if all the said Children shall fortune to dy before the said age of twenty and one years and be unmarried that the said John Lund & Margaret his now wife my daughter shall hold and to their own use receive detein and keep the said legacy or sum of five pounds without giving or rendering any account for the same either to my Executor hereafter named his Assigne or Assigns or to any other pson or persons whatsoever. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Carr (my Grandson) the sum of twenty shillings of like money to be paid to him only when he shall fully accomplish the age of twenty and one years and shall come in his own person lawfully to claim and demand the same and also seal and as his act and deed deliver to my Executor hereafter named good and sufficient acquittance testifying the receipt thereof before he shall receive the same. Item I give and bequeath to Mary late wife of Roger Carr (my Son) the sum of five shillings to be paid after the end and expiration of one whole year next comeing after my decease shee the said Mary in her own person comeing to claim and demand the same and shee the said Mary (and her husband if shee have any sealing and giveing to my Executor hereafter named a good and lawfull acquittance testifying the receipt thereof before the payment of the said legacy or sum of five shillings; else the said Legacy be utterly extinct and void in the Law to all intents whatsoever. Item after all my said just debts Legacies and funerall charges be honestly paid and discharged as aforesaid I give and bequeath all the residue and remainder of all my Goods and Chattels whatsoever unto the aforesaid John Lund and Thomas Hall (my Sons in law) equally to be divided betwixt them And I do hereby nominate appoint and make Thomas Lund son of the said John \jurat/ Lund sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and do here by this my said last will appoint and do earnestly desire the said John \Lund/ to be supervisor of this my said last will and Testament to see that all things herein comprised be honestly and faithfully pformed according to the contents of the same and the trust reposed in him; And do hereby revoke make null void and of none effect all former & other Will and Wills Testament & Testaments whatsoever

heretofore by me made either by word or writing; and this to be taken only for my last will and Testament and none other. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Published and confirmed in

the presence of

William Harrison            Jurat

John Metcalf mk

Margret X her mark Carr

.....Wiglesworth

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Wigglesworth " "*

Aprill ye 30<sup>th</sup>. 1692

A true and pfect Inventory of all ye goods Chattels cattles & Credits & Debts of Margret Carr of Gigleswicke Widow Late deceased had, are viwed valued & Apprised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed as followeth

	£	s	d
Imprimis her purse & Apparrell	02	00	00
Item one Fether bed & bolster	01	00	00
Ite. one Ruge	00	06	00
Item Two paire of sheets	00	06	00
Item one Ruge & a Coverlet	00	04	00
Item one Longsettle	00	04	00
Item in Iron Householdments	00	02	00
Ite. a Cupboard & a Safe	00	04	00
Item one Barrell	00	01	00
Item Two Chists	00	03	00
Item in pewder	00	03	00
Item one Gallon & a Chirne	00	01	06
Item owinge upon Bond	30	00	00
	£	s	d
The totall is	34	14	06

The Apprizers names

William \his marke/ Nelson

Richard \his marke/ Wilkinson

John Harrison

Henry Robinson

**OLIVER CARR 1699 Admin Ref.Borthwick.,York Bundle Apl 1700**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A (true) & full Inventory of all and Singular Lease Lands Goods & Chattels household Stuff & husbandry gear late belonging to Oliver Carr Some time of Cockley Bank deceased made & apprized this thirteenth day of February Anno Dom sixteen hundred ninety nine by us whose names are subscribed 1699

	li	s	d
Inprimis his apparel & horse saddle & purse	02	01	08
Item: two Cows & one heifer	04	06	08
Item: in Corn & Hay	01	00	00
Item one bedstead & bedding	00	03	04
Item in brass pewther & household Stuffe	00	09	00
Item one Cart one pair of Wheels & other husbandry gear	00	05	00
Item in Lease Lands	20	00	00

*One line Latin*

Apprized by us

Stephen T Carr

his marke

Thos T Clarke

Emanuell R Ramsden

Adam Lawson

**RICHARD CARR nuper of Grainhouse 1683**  
**Borthwick volume 60 Folio 75 Modern English**

In the name of God Amen the 22nd day of August in the year of our Lord God 1683 I Richard Carr of Grainhouse in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York husbandman being infirm in body but of good and perfect memory praised be Almighty God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me formerly made. And first I do commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and creator hoping through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have free pardon and full remission of all my sins, and my body to the earth to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends, and for my worldly goods I dispose of them as follows. First I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods. Item I give unto Margaret my wife a full third part of all my goods except £20 which is not due to be paid of 12 months after the decease of the survivor of me and Margaret my wife, which I give unto Margaret Bradley and Katteran Tomson equally between them if they be ..... me and Margaret my wife, but if they or other of them die before it fall due, then my will and mind is that *his part or hers* shall be divided among her children and for the other two parts of my goods I give them to Margaret my wife and to Thomas Carr my son and to Robert Bradley and Thomas Tomson my good sons to be equally divided amongst them and I do make Margaret my wife and Thomas Carr my son executors of this my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

his mark Richard Carr

Sealed signed and published with those words interlined *his part or hers*

Thomas Foster Thomas Berry, Thomas Carr

**RICHARD CARR 1693 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1694**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the thirteenth day of July in the year on thousand six hundereth ninety and three I Richard Carr of Longridg in the parish of Gigglesweek being infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be allmighty god doe make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following hearby revoking and making voyd all other wills by me formerly made, First I do comit and willingly recine my soule into the hands of allmighty God my creator hoping asueredly through the merites and mediation of Jesus Christ my saviour to have free pardon and full remission of all my sinns and my body to be buered att the Discretion of wife and frends, and as concerning my worldly goods and temporall estate I dispose of the same as followeth, First I will that my debtes and funerall expences be payd out of my whole goods, Item I give unto Jane my wife and to hir asigne or asignes for ever all those houisses and ground which I had by hir and the rest of my ground wch I purchased I give unto my sonn Thomas Carr and to his asine or assiner for ever Item I give unto Agnes Nicallson five shillings and all my moveable goods I give unto Jane my wife and Thomas my sonne to be equally devided betwext them, In wittnes whearof I have sett my hand and seall, the day and year above written and I doe nominat and apoint Jane my \jurat/ wife and Thomas \jurat/ my sonne executors of this my last will and testament

Sealed and published  
in the presence of us  
his marke

Richard Carr

Thomas **T** Carr jurat  
hir marke

Agnes **A** Nickallson  
Thomas Carr jurat

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A (true & perfect) Inventorie, of All .... Goods, and Chattells, lately belonging to Richard Carre of Long:Ridge within the Parish of Giggleswicke In Craven, and Diocesse of yorke deceased viewed, valued & Apprized. This eight day of June In the year, One Thousand, six hundred, Ninety Four – By us whose names are here subscribed as followeth

	Li	s	d
Imps. His purse and Apparell And Ryding Furniture	03	00	00
It. Three Kine, and one stirke	09	10	00
It. In sheepe; And Two Mares	08	00	00
It. Bedstocks and Bedding Meale & Malt	03	00	00
Item One Arke, one Chist, Chaires, Stooles, Tables	01	00	00
It. Carts Wheelles with ye rest of ye Husbandry Geare	00	10	00
It. In wood vessell	00	05	00
It. In Brasse & Pewter	00	15	00
It. Backstone, Briggs, Tongs, Reckin, with Rest of ye Huslemt of ye house	<u>00</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>00</u>
Sum total	26	10	00

Apprizers Names-

Thomas Carr Senr.

John Peate

his marke

Thomas T Carr Junr.

John Taylor

**ROBERT CARR 1612 Borthwick v32 f594**

In the name of god amen the seaven and twentieth day of Januarie in the yeare of our lord god one thousand six hundreth and twelve I Robert Carr of Stackhouse in the countie of yorke yeoman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect memorie god be praised therefore do make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend and comit my soule into the mercifull hands of almightie god trusting through the merittes of Jesus christe to be made ptaker of life everlasting and for my bodie I will that the same be buried in the pish churchyard of Gigglesweeke at the discretion of my wife and freinds And whereas I have by my deed indented bearing date with this my present will given grannted assigned lettover.and confirmed unto Thomas Lawson and Richard Lawson of Langcliffe in the said countie yeomen and to their heires and assignes for ever all my full and whole estate right title interest customarie estate clame of tennt right and demand whatsoever of and in that messuage and tennement with thappurtenances and all other lands tenements grounds commons and other things in Stackhouse as aforesaid which I did hold of our sovreigne Lord the kings majestie according to the custome of the mannor of Newbie whereof the said pmisses are pcell for and upon such considerations and for such intents as in the said deed are conteyned and expressed I do also by this my present last will and testament ratifie and confirme and approve the said deed and grannt thereby made and everie thing therein conteyned And for the money that shall grow due to myne executors and administrators or assigns upon saile of the premisses to be made by the said Thomas Lawson and Richard Lawson And likewise for all my other goods cattalls and creditts whatsoever my will is that my debts and funerall expenses being first deducted and paid out the rest be devided into three ptes whereof my will is that Jennett my wife shall have one pte to her owne sole use and out of the other two ptes my will is and I give demise and bequest unto Thomas Carr my eldest sonne tenne pounds And the residew I will shallbe equallie devided and distributed amongst all my children unpferred that is to say Thomas James Adam Beniamyne Agnes and Aliche And if any one of my said children die in their minorities then it is my will and I do herebie ordaine and demise that the portion and portions of them or any of them so dying shall remaine to the survivors of my said children before named and everie one of them to have an equall pte thereof And Moreover it is my will that Jennett my wife and her assignes shall and may have and enjoy my said messuage and tennement with the appurtennces and take and receive all the issues and profitts thereof to her own use for and towards the better bringing upp of and pferment of my younger children unpferred untill such tyme as the said Thomas Lawsonn and Richard Lawson shall have made saile thereof And Lastlie I do herebie make and ordaine the said Jennett my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament These



being witnesses (~~Thomas~~) James Carr John Stackhouse James Stackhouse and William Lawson

Latin text

*Giggleswick*

**CARR ROBERT 1655 WILL Ref. YAS MD335/6/57/27**

Trans. S.Gordon

In the Name of God Amen The Five & Twentieth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord according to the Computacon of the Church of England One Thousand six hundred Fiftie Five. I Robert Carr of Setle in the County of yorke Yeoman being sicke in Bodie butt of Good and pfect remembrance praised be God, doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I doe committ and willingly resigne my soule into the Mercyfull hands of almighty God my maker and Creator, trusting through his Mercy and by the Meritts of Jesus Christ to be saved and to have full pdon and remission of all my sinns and my Bodye to the Earth whereof it was made to be buried att my Parish Church of Giggleswicke att the discretion of my Friends And as for my Worldly & Temporall goods & estate I doe give, devise and dispose of the same as followeth First whereas by my deed or writeing under my hand and seale beareing Date the Sixteenth day of February last past I have Conveyed unto John Carr my youngest sonne One Cottage in Setle with Appurts? and one halfe of Two closes, lately improved lying above the Lodge and certaine other Closes, grounds, Comon of Pasture and turbary in the same deed or writeing picularly expressed, now I doe hereby confirme and approve of the said deede or writeing to the use & behoof of my said sonn John Carr according to the expresse meaneing thereof, Also whereas by my Indenture under my hand & seale beareing date the One & Twentieth day of February last I have conveyed to certain Feoffies in trust to & for the uses therein menconed All my Messuage & Tenemt: With appurtences in Setle of the Auncyent yearely Rent of Eighteene shillings Five pence, Now I doe likewise hereby confirme & approve of the same Indenture according to the expresse meaneing thereof & for the uses therein menconed; Also it is my will and mynde that my debts & funerall expences be payd out of my whole goods Also I doe give and bequeath unto Alan Carr my sonne in Law Twenty pounds, wch is poweing unto me by & from Richard

Lawson the Elder of Langcliffe, and due at Martinmas next; Also I give and bequeath unto  
Richard Wright my sonne in Law the like sume of Twenty Pounds, wch is likewise oweing unto  
me by and from the said Richard Lawson and payable att Martinmas next Also I give and  
bequeath unto the said Alan Carr the sume of Ten pounds; And also I give unto the said  
Richard Wright the like some of Tenn Pounds more to be payd out of my psonall estate, wthin  
One yeare next after my decease; Also my will and minde is that my Executors hereunder  
named shall maintain and keepe William Carr and Ann Carr my sonne and daughter wth all things  
necessarye dureing the life naturall of Margaret my now wife; And that after the death  
of my said wife, that then and from thenceforth my sonne George Carr shall maintaine and keepe  
with all things necessarye my said son William dureing the terme of his life naturall,  
according as is expressed in the above recyted Indenture Also I will that after the death of  
my said Wife, then and from thenceforth my said son John Carr shall with all things necessary  
and convenient maintaine and keepe (out of that some of Forty Pounds by the before recyted  
deed reserved to be payed) my said daughter Ann Carr dureing her life naturall Also I will that  
my said sonn John Carr, shall within one yeare next after the death of her the  
said Anne pay unto the said Allan Carr Five pounds and also to the said Richard Wright  
Five pounds out of the said Forty Pounds; And that all the remainder thereof, shall be & remaine  
to my said sonn John & his heires Also concerneing all the residue and remainder of my goods &  
chattells not already disposed of, I doe give and bequeath the same to Margaret my wife and  
John Carr my said youngest sonne equally to be divided betweene them And I doe nominate &  
appoynt my said wife Margaret & my said sonne John Carr Joynte Executors of this my last  
will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand & seale the day & yeare  
first above written  
Witnesses hereof  
John Windsor  
William Stackhouse  
Brian Cookeson

signed  
Robert X Carr

**CARR ROBERT of RATHMELL 17<sup>th</sup>.c.(\* ) INV Ref. YAS MD335/6/54/63**

Trans. S.Gordon – copy very faint

An Inventory of all the ..... chattels.....  
 Robert Carr late of ..... within the parish  
 of Gigleswick in the dioces of yorke husbandman  
 deceased prized the thirtith day of March .....  
 .....aler william Atkinson Robert ..... Thomas  
 Reynar .....followeth

	li	s	d
Inprimis six kine and one stirke	3?	6	8
Item a mare and a stagg		9	0
Item nyne bushells of meale	3	0	0
Item a pecke & a halfe of grouts	0	3	0
Item in Barley	0	2	0
Item in dust? #	0	2	0
Item six Cheeses	0	7	0
Item ten sacks	0	10	0
Item his apparrell	1	3	4?
Item a Gavelock a hacke two spades an iron Ri..bane two Iron hoopes and a pitchforke	0	5	0
Item five Coverletts & six litle bolsters	...	...	...
Item Ten peeces of pewther two pewther Candlestickes and seaven spoones	...	...	...
Item two brasse Candlestickes and an old ladle	0	1	0
Item fower stands three gallons two cannes a flaskett a stone pott, a butter, kitt a Chine,# three chesfatts,# seaven basens, a paire of buttercuppes, a flawne pott,# two skepps, a wiskett,# fower scibes? and ridles,# two sk.. (hole) dishes a ....., ..... dozen ..(hole) .. and fower litle	0	10	0
Item five pannes	0	10	0
Item a brasse pott & Kilpes #	0	6	0
Item fower litle Chists	0	8	0
Item a stone of butter	0	3	0
Item in beife and bacon	1	2	0
Item a Tubbe,a Knoppe & Chaffe bed	0	10	0
Item fower chaires	0	3	0
Item seaven Cushions	0	1	6
Item an Iron Chimney a Reckontree and a Backstone	0	3	0
Item three paynes of sheets and a b...re Cloath	0	7	0
Item a Cart and a paire of wheeles	0	6	8
Item a paire of traile Timbers	0	0	8
Item forty Lees of hempen yarne	0	3	4
Item three Arkes & three Chists	1	10	0
Item Twenty & one loose boards	0	10	0
Item two Tables	0	6	0
Item two Coverletts	0	12	0
Item a dishboard and two loose boards in it	0	1	0
Item fower paires of bedstocks	0	3	0
Item two teames an Iron sh(ake?)# and a Coulter	0	7	0

Item an trantree?	0	0	10
Item two h(arrowes?)	...	...	...
Item a fflorr ..... of loose wool	...	...	...
Item two Leases of the (house) and grounds at Stubbins (for) seaven yeares yet to come	10	0	0
Summa bon....	...	13	5
debts oweing to the Deceased by speciality			
Inprimis by James Carr Christopher Carr and John Battersby by bond	20	9	6
Item by James Carr and Stephen Shephearded by bond	20	9	6
Item by Chr Lupton by bond	8	17	...
Item by william Banke of the greene by bill	4	0	0
Item by william deane by bill	2	3	2
Item by Ellen Carr by bill	2	3	2
debts oweing to the Deceased without speciality			
Inprimis by Thos Harrison	10	0	0
Item by Steph: Armitstead	1	2	0
Item by Henry Armitstead	2	10	0
Item by John Knight	2	0	0
Item by John windsor	0	3	0
Item by Samuel Lindsay	1	19	8
Item by Christopher Carr	6	0	0
Suma Creditora	81	13	6?
Suma total	127	6	6

\* Could be 1655. See Gigg. Parish Registers p204 Burial Rob.Carr of Rathmell 1654.

No will found for Robert.

# dust – poss. ref. to chaff. – dust bed=bed-tick mattress filled with chaff

# chine – backbone of pig which is left when sides are cut off for bacon curing

# chesfatts/chesvat – cheese tub or vat

# flawne pott (Flawnders Ware Pans?) – made from iron imported from Flanders

# wiskett– a straw basket in which provender was taken to cattle. It had no handle but a hole at each end for the hands

# ridle – sieve

# kilp(pot cilp/kilp/kylpe) – Pot clip i.e. an iron hook in the chimney on which pots were hung

# shack/shuck fork? – usually wooden fork for shaking straw over the barn floor so that the corn may fall out of it

### **CARR ROBERT 1672 Ref. WYAS Leeds RD/AP1**

*Born Close House. Giggleswick*

In the name of God Amen the six and twentieth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundreth seaventy and two. I Robert Carr of Middleton Tyas in the County of Yorke Clarke being sick in body but of good and pfect memory ( I praise God for it) make this my last will and testamt in Manner and forme following. First I commend my Soule into the hands of God my only Saviour and mercifull Redeemer hoping through his mercies only to obtaine remission of all my

sins and to see the light of the Lord in the land of the living. And my body I com'end to the earth to be buried in the Parish Church of Midleton Tyas in what pt thereof my Friends shall thinke fitting. First of all I give unto my loveing Wife Luce Carr all my land at Youber in Clapham p'ish in Craven for the terme of her natural life and in Case the said land shall be sould before my death I doe give her the moneys it shall be sould for and as much out of my personall Estate as shall make it up a hundreth Pounds Compleate for her use for the Tearme of her Naturall life and after her death I give it to my sonne and my fower daughters their heirs & assignes for Ever Vizt. Rob't Carr. Alice Carr. Grace Carr. Pricilla Carr and Frances Carr to be Equally distributed amongst them. Itm. I give to my s'd sonne Robt. Carr one Sorrell Colt w'ch comes fower yeares old Itm I give all my household stuff to my Wife and my fower said daughters to be divided Equally amongst them, but if any of my s'd daughters have before or after this my last Will & Testam't Receaved any pt or pcell of Household goods they shall not come sharers till the rest have taken out soe much as any of them has soe received Itm I doe give all the rest of my personall Estate to my Wife sonne & fower daughters above Menconed to be divided Equally amongst them they paying amongst them all my debts and Funerall Expences Itm I make my Wife sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testamt hereby revoking and making voyd all former and other Will and Wills by me made In Witness hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare above Mentioned.

ROBERT C CARR (seale)

Signed and Sealed in the presence of  
JOHN X his mrke RAMSHEY  
Will RUDDI(?)

(Probate granted in Latin) – (freely translated abstract) At Richmond 15 Feb 1672 (1673) before the Venerable Joseph Craddock in the Court of the Archdeaconry of Richmond and diocese of Chester probate of all and singular the goods and chattels of Robert Carr Clerk granted to Lucia Carr widow the sole Executor named in the will who was sworn to perform the same and who exhibited a perfect account sworn to the value of £294 10s. before me

Will Drummond, Notary Public.

Aministration Bond, (abstract) Know all men by these presents that Lucia Carr of Midleton Tyas, in County York, Widow and John Shaw of the same place, gent. And George Wastell of Great Martins in the country aforesaid are bound to Rev. Joseph Craddock in the sum of £300 15 Feb 1672(1673)

The condition of the obligation is that Luce Carr shall execute and perform the last Will and Testament of Mr. Robert Carr Clerke late of Midleton Tyas, deceased...and exhibit an inventory of his goods &c.

Witness: Will Drummond

LUCE her X mrke CARR (seale)

JO:SHAW (seale)

GEORGE WASTELL (seale)

An Inventory perfectly taken of the goods and Chattells moveable and unmoveable of Mr. Robert Carr Clerk late of Middleton Tyas deceased praised by us whose names are hereunder written the thirteenth day of February 1672 (1673)

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Imprimis his purse and apparrell	090	0	0
It(e)m his library	010	0	0
Itm seaven kine and one heifer	024	0	0

Itm six oxen and two steers	029	0	0
Itm fower twinter bease	006	0	0
Itm six calves	006	0	0
Itm three worke horses or mares and one colt	008	0	0
Itm three score and eleven sheep	020	0	0
Itm three swine	003	10	0
Itm Wheat and rye sowne	020	0	0
Itm Wheat and rye in the barne and in the Garner	006	0	0
Itm beanes pease and oats	004	0	0
Itm big and malt in the garner	003	13	4
Itm two pair of wheels w'th one wayne two coups and coup stangs and the rest of implements belonging them	007	0	0
Itm the plowes and plow gear w'th all implements thereto belonging together with two pair of harrows	002	0	0
Itm one Cart wth a pair of wheels and necessaries belonging it	003	0	0
Itm in Poultrie	000	6	8
Itm in the Hall in beef and bacon	001	0	0
Itm in the Hall three tables, three chaires, fower buffet stools two formes and one Cubbard	002	0	0
Itm Pewther and brasse vessels wood vessel brewing vessel, and all implements thereto appurteining	003	0	0
Itm in the parlour two tables, six stools six chaires one Wanded chair one chist	001	10	0
Itm in the Chamber one bedstead w'th one fether bed and all other furniture belonging it together w'th tablecloths napkins, sheets and other Lining and other wolling cloth w'th one trunke and one chist	010	0	0
Itm in the farr chamber one bedstead one fether bed and the rest of furniture belonging to it	003	0	0
Itm two bedsteads wth furniture belonging to them with one trunke and one chair	001	0	0
Itm in the other Chamber one bed w'th furniture thereto, belonging	000	10	0
Summ'tot(al)	294	10	0

JOHN STOCKTON  
GEORGE WASTELL  
JOHN his V mrke SUELL  
JO:SHAW

**ROGER CARR 1621 Borthwick v36 f634**

In the name of God Amen the ninetenth daie of July in the ninetenth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc Anno dni 1621 that I Robert (*sic*) Carr of Closhowse wthin the parish of Gigeswicke and dioces of yorke yeomann sicke in the visitation of Almightye god yet nonetheles of good and perfect Remembrance thanks be given to him for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge First I Comend my soule into the hands of Almightye god my maker and

Creator and through the death and passion of his sonne Christ Jesus I do fully trust to be saved and my bodie to be buried in my pish Church of Gigleswicke aforesaid when it shall please him to call me offrom hence Inprimis I give and bequeath unto Adam Carr my father the some of twentie pounds of lawfull English money whereof there is Seaven pounds in the hands of Robert Coote of gigleswicke and is due to be paid at the feast of St. Andrew the appostle now next Coming and five pounds in the hands of my father in law Robert Swaynsonne and is due to be payd at or upon the second daie of Februarie next Coming and fower pounds in the hands of john Foster of the Feildyeate and is due to be paid at the feast of St Andrew thappostle next Coming after the makeing hereof and my minde and will is that my father Allann Carr shall but take of Robert Coote sixtene shillings for use and interest of the sayd tenn pounds and but sixe shillings eight pence of John Foster for the use and interest of the said forenamed some of fower pounds and the rest of the said interest unto Anne Carr my wife. Item I give unto my mann Robert Pailey my Clooke Item I give and bequeath to everie childe that I am godfather unto the some of three shillings fower pence Item I give to my brother in lawe Thomas Foster of Stainforth the some of fortie shillings to be paid to him or his assignes wthin one yeare after my decease And lastly all the rest of my goods moveable and unmovable whatsoever I give them to Anne Carr my wife whereof I do make her my sole executrix of this my last will and testament she bringing me honestlie to the ..... according to my abilitie paieinge and discharging all dues duties debts legacies wth funerall expences in such sorte and forme as the lawe requireth.

Witnesses hereof is these. Thomas Browne and John Carr

*Latin text*

**ROGER CARR 1689 Ref.Borthwick.York. Jan 1689/90  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred eighty nine I Roger Carr of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke yeom being somewhat infirme in body but of good & perfect memory prayed bee god for the same doe make & ordayne this my last Will & testament in maner & forme following hereby revoking all former & other Will & Wills by mee heretofore made And first and principally I commend & comitt my soule into ye hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and through the merritts & mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour my sinns shall all bee forgiven and that my soule shall bee made partaker of everlasting happinesse in the Kingdome of heaven And my body to bee buried in decent manner at the discretion of my friends & executrix hereafter named And as the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give and dispose as followeth And first my will and minde is that my just debts and funeral expences shall bee payd out of my personall estate Item my Will & minde is that Mary my now wife shall have and enjoy all my Messuages Lands and tenements whatsoever for during and untill such time as Thomas Carr my sonne shall attayne the age of twenty one years or marry And Imediately after my said sonne shall attayne the age of twenty one years or Marry then my will & minde is that hee shall enter to and possesse one full moiety of all my Messuages Lands & tenemts Item my will & minde is that my said wife shall educate & maintayne my said sonne until hee shall attayne ye age of twenty one years or marry Item my will & minde is that my said wife shall have one moiety of all my Messuages Lands & tenemts after my said sonne shall attayne the said age of twenty one years or marry, for and during her naturall life, if shee keep unmarried but if she happen to marry againe after

my Decease then my Will & minde is that shee shall have onely A third parte of all my Messuages Lands & tenemts during her naturall life & after her decease all my Messuages Lands & tenemts shall goe & redowne to my said sonne his heyres exects admis or assigns Item my Will and minde is that when my said wife & sonne shall make any division my said sonne shall have that pte of my Messuage house in which I now dwell Item my Will and minde is that in case my said wife shall happen to prove with child now that then my said sonne Thomas shall pay to such childe the sume of forty pounds when hee or shee shall attayne ye age of twenty one years or marry & my said wife to educate & maintayne the said child during its minority And in case it shall soe happen that neither my said sonne Thomas nor the childe now in my wifes wombe if shee bee with childe shall live to attayne to ye age of twenty one years or marry then my will & minde is that my sisters children shall have all my Messuages lands & tenemts equally amongst them Item my Will & minde is that the table & Cupboard in my mantionhouse ye \great/ Arke in ye Chamber and two bedsteads in the Parlors shall stand & remayne as heyrloomes to & for the use of my said sonne or other my eayres And lastly I doe nominate Constitute & appoynt my said wife Mary \jurat/ sole executrix of this my last Will & testament In Witsesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & year first above written  
 Seald signed & published  
 in the presence of us

Thomas Carr

his marke

Roger Carr

Christopher x Preston jurat

Jo: Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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December the 19<sup>th</sup>. 1689

An Inventory or prizall of the Goods of Roger Carr of Giggleswicke lately deceased by us whose names are hereunder written

	li	s	d
Impr his purse & Apparell	03	0	0
Three Steares one Heifer & a little Calf at Brakenber	04	0	0
One Bay Mare & all the Hay at Brakenber	03	0	0
All the Barley at home	04	0	0
All the Oates & two parts of the Hay at home	05	0	0
For two Kine att home	03	10	0
Two paire of wheels two Carts & one Coupe	00	13	0
One Cart Saddle & all horse geare	00	1	0
One Bridle & Saddle	00	3	0
One Table in the old mans end	00	4	0
One little Arke in the old mans end	00	2	0
Three little Chiests and a Coffe	00	8	0
Five paire of Sheets & three table Cloaths	00	15	0
One Coverlet & one Chaff bed	00	5	0
Two little Boulsters & one paire of Bedstockes	00	6	0
One Coverlet & a Chaffbed & a Blankett	00	2	0
One Harrow & load Saddle	00	2	0
Three Sackes & a winnow (Cloath)	00	5	0
All the Meale	00	6	0
One Axe a womble a Saw, middle boards & sideboards for wheels	00	6	0
Three Chaires & three Stooles	00	2	0
One little Cubboard with a Dishboard	00	4	0
One brass pott & two panns	01	0	0



One brass Laddle & a Scummer#	00	1	0
All the pewther and Heckle a mortar & a pestell	00	17	0
All the wood vessell	00	11	0
In Iron geare in the house one Range excepted	00	3	0
All the Beefe	00	8	0
All the Coales	00	8	0
All the Huslement	00	6	0
In all	30	13	00

Willm Wetherall  
 William Armistead  
 Christopher Preston  
 Thomas Hall

**ROWLAND CARR 1699 Ref. Borthwick.York. Jul 1700**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god amen I Rowland Carr of Palay grene being in firme in body but of good and pfect memory praised be allmighty god for the same doe make this my Last will & testament in manner and forme following, and first I do commit and willingly resine my soule into the hands of almighty god my Creator hoping assuredly by the mercy and mediation of Jesus Christ my redeemer to have free pardon and full remition of all my sinns and my body to the earth whear of it was framed to bee buried at the discretion of my wife as concerning my worldly goods I dispose of them as followeth, First my will and mind is that my debts and Funerall expences be payd out of my holl goods, Item I give unto Ann(e) my wife a third part of all my goods- and the other tow parts I give unto my tow sonns Rowland and Jhon excepting one black Coult which I give unto my sonne Rowland, and I doe appoynt Rowland \jurat/ my elder sone sole executor of this my Last will and testament in wittesse whear of I have sett my hand and seal the eight day of december in the year 1699

Sealed and published  
 in the presence of us  
 William Preston  
 Thomas Willson  
 Thomas Carr jurat

his marke  
 Rowland X Carr

December the 16<sup>th</sup>. 1699

Item A true and perfect Inventory of ye goods & chattels of Rowland Carr of higher paley green within the parish of Giggleswick Late deceased

	li	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparrell & Riding furniture	10	00	0
Item 4 stears att	8	00	00?
Item 10? Hefers att	3	00	00?
Item 3 Why Stearks att	3	00	00?
Item 5 Calves att	3	10	00
Item 6 Hefers att	15	00	00?
Item 6 Oxen att	3	00	00?
Item 6 Kine att	20	00	00?

Item 1 Heffer att	3	00	00?
Item 2 Stears att	3	10	00
Item 2 Mares att	5	10	00
Item 1 Filie att	2	00	00
Item 1 Fole att	1	00	0
Item 20 Wethers att	7	00	00
Item 20 Ewes att	7	00	00
Item 14 Hoggs att	2	10	00
Item In Corn	12	00	00
Item In Hay	12	00	00
Item Carts and Wheels & Cart geare	1	00	0
Item 1 Plough and Harrow with ye rest of all ye Husbandry geare	2	10	0
Item in Bedstocks & Beding	3	10	0
Item Arkes, Chists,Chaires and stoules att	10	10	0
Item in Brass & Pewter	2	10	0
Item one Dishboard with ye rest of ye wood Vessell	0	15	0
Item 1 Bakestone, Briggs, Reconkrooke with all ye rest of ye Houssle	1	10	00
Total	55	15	0
	li	s	d
Debts oweing by ye Testator	45	0	0
Debts oweing to ye Testator	59	0	0

Apprized by us  
William Foster  
Thomas Carr  
William Windsor  
Stephen Carr

**THOMAS CARR 1638 Ref.Borthwick.York. June Bundle.June 1638.**

In the name of God Amen the eleventh day of January 1638 of Thomas Carr of Gigelswick in the County of York sick in body but of ..... and perfect memorey praise be God for the same Doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly maker and my body to be buried att the discretion of my executor and loving freinds. For my wordly goods my will is my debts be paid out of my whole ..... Also I give unto my sonne in Law Thomas Lawson my best cloak. Also I give unto his youngest sonne ten shillings. Also I give unto the other two children of Thomas Lawson Lawrence and An one little butt in Brackenber to enter unto the same at my decease provided always that if my grandchilde Thomas Carr when he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares will give and pay unto them the said Lawrence and An to either of them ten shillings then my will is that he the said Thomas shall have the said butt. Also I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren William Carr son of Richard Carr and Jane Carr and Elizabeth Carr daughters of Roger Carr one p'cell of ground lying in far dalifax containing by estimation five roads (be it more or less) provided always and upon condition that if Thomas Carr sonn of Roger Carr when he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years paie unto the said William Carr Jane Carr and Elizabeth Carr the somme of one and

twenty pounds and ten shillings equally amongst them and for want of payment I give the said p'cell of ground to these my three grandchildren William Jane and Elizabeth. Also I give him towards this payment one other p'cell of ground lying on Crommocrefts. Also I give him 11s 6d rent lying neare the hie mosse laith on Gigelswickoutmoor. And if case the said William Jane or Elizabeth Carr or one of them die in their nonnage then my will is that child's parte or porcon shall be good and remaine to the suxinnor or suxinnors of them. Also my will is that my natural sonne Thomas Carr shall take the profits of that same p'cell of ground lying in far dalifax and shall put it to the use and behalf of William Carr son of Richard Carr towards his education and bringing upp untill such time as my grandchilde Thomas Carr hath accomplished the age of one and twenty yeares. Also I give unto Ricaed Carr my best sett of apparell. Also I give unto Christopher Brayshay a pair of clean britches, one pair of jerkins, one hatt [~~and one jerkin~~] As for the rest of my goods and leases not bequeathed I give unto my natural sonn Thomas Carr of Kirbie and I do make and appoint my natural son Thomas Carr (jur) to be sole executor of this last will and testament these being wittness.

Christopher Kellitt  
Robert Kellitt  
Thomas Lawsonn

*Thomas Carr I mke*

*Butt – small two roomed dwelling*

**THOMAS CARR 1663 Ref. Borthwick, York vol.46 fol.160  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Carr of Crinerridg # beinge sicke in body but of good and pfect memory prayed be God do procede to the Makeing of this my last will and testament in Manner and Form as Followeth First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and hope through the Merritts of Jesus Christ to be saved and my body to be buried in the pish Church garth of Giggleswecke att the discretion of my Friends secondly as Concerninge my outward Estate where with God hath been pleased to blesse me with I dispose of it as Followeth First my will and mynde is that my Debts and Funeral expenses be payd out of my whole Estate I have I give to my brother William Brasha of Malham ten shillings Item I give unto Thomas Preston James Preston and Dorothy Preston ten pounds, after the decease of my wife And all the Remainder of my goods and Lands I give unto Alice my wife whome I doe appoint sole Executrix of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the twenty sixth day of November in the Fourteenth year of the reigne of our sovereign Lord Charles the second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the Faith 1663:  
Thomas Carr his ..marke Leonard Walker his ...marke Richard Burton Thomas Carr

*# Craven Ridge  
Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS CARR of Giggleswick 1689**  
**Borthwick Institute Ref. vol. 61 fol 216 Craven Deanery**

In the Name of God Amen this twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred eighty nine I Thomas Carr the elder of Giggleswicke in the county of york yeom being somewhat Infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised bee God for the same doe make and ordayne this my last Will and testamt in maner and forme following hereby revoking all former and other will and wills by mee heretofore made (That is to say) first and principally I comend and comitt my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly – trusting that through the meritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour my Sinns shall bee forgiven And that my soule shall be made partaker of everlasting happiness in the Kingdome of heaven, And my body to bee buryed in the pish Church of Giggleswicke aforesaid at the discretion of my friends and executrix hereafter named And as to the temporall Estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse me I give and dispose as followeth And first my Will and mind is that all my just debts Legacyse and funerall expenses bee payd out of my whole estate I give unto Thomas Carr my grandchilde the sume of one hundred pounds to be payd him by my executrix hereafter named at such time (or within the space of three months after) as he shall attayne the age of twenty one years or marry he paying hee paying to my said executrix five pound yearly during her life naturall after hee receive the same, And after the decease of my said executrix, if shee depart this life before my said Grandchilde shall attayne the age of twenty one years or marry, then what Interest as can bee raised out of the said One hundred pound yearly untill hee attayne the said age of twenty one years or marry shall bee disposed of as followeth (vizt) three pounds thereof yearly to bee payd to Ellen Hall my daughter and the remaynder thereof to Margaret Lund my daughter And if it happen that Thomas Carr my grandchilde shall depart this life before he attayne the said age of twenty one years or marry that then the same One hundred pounds shall be payd to the issue (if any happen to bee) of my late sonne Roger Carr decd equally amongst them as hee shee or they shall attayne the severall age or ages of twenty one years or marry if my executrix bee then dead or within the space of three months after her (line inserted) *decease and in case theyr happen noe Issue of my said sonne Roger to attayne the age of twenty one years or marry then the said hundred pound to goe equally amongst all my Grandchildren then living* Item I give to Thomas Hall my sonne in Lawe forty pounds Provided allways and upon condicon that upon the receipt thereof hee give sufficient security to my said executrix for the payment of two pounds yearly to her or her assigns during her naturall life And alsoe at the same time give sufficient security for the payment of tenn pounds A peice to Alice Mary Jacob and Ellen Hall his children within the space of three months next after they shall respectively attayne theyr severall ages of twenty one years or marry if my said executrix shall bee then dead or within the space of three months next after her decease And in case any of them shall depart this life before they attayne theyr severall ages of twenty one years or marry that then his her or theyr Legacy or Legacys soe dying shall goe equally amongst such of them as shall attayne theyr severall and respective ages of twenty one years or marry Item I give to John Lund my Sonne in Law forty pounds pvided alsoe and upopn condicon that upon the receipt thereof hee give sufficient security to my said executrix for the payment of two pounds yearly to her or her assigns during her naturall life And doe alsoe at the same time give sufficient security for the paymt of

forty pounds of Lawfull English money to such Issue of the said John Lund begotten or to bee begotten by him on the body of Margaret his now wife equally amongst them as they shall attayne theyr severall and respective ages of twenty one years or marry if my said executrix shall bee then dead or within the space of three months next after her decease Item my will and minde is that in case my said Sonns in Law Thomas Hall and John Lund or either of them shall fayle in giving security as aforesaid that then my trustees hereafter named shall take and receive the said forty pound and forty pound or such of them as security is not given for to and for the uses before in these presents expressed and to and for none other use intent or purposes whatsoever Item I doe nominate desire and appoynt Thomas Carr of Stackhouse and Thomas Watkinson of Giggleswicke aforesaid trustees desiring them to doe theyr endeavours to see this my last will and testamt duely and truely pformed Item my will and minde is that my said trustees shall have all reasonable charges they or either of them shall bee anyway at or put to in managing this concerne payd them by my executrix Item I give to my said trustees twenty shillings A peice And Lastly I doe nominate constitute and appoynt Margaret Jurat my sole executrix of this my Last Will and testamt In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and year first above written

Seald Signd and published in the psence of us the Interliniacon in the twentieth line being first made

William Paley

Matthew Watkinson Jurat

Jo Richardson

Thomas Carr

Noverint universi per presentes Nos Margaretam Carr de Giggleswicke Diocesi Ebor. viduam et Thomam Hall, de Marton Diocesi ?? yeoman

Tenari et firmiter obligari venerabili vire Richardo Sterne Armigero Artium Magistro seaccarii Reverendissimi in Christo patris et Domini Domini Thoma providencia nera divini Ebor, Archiepiscopi Anglia primatis et Metropolitanani Commissario legitime Constituto in Quadringentis libris bone et legalis moneta Angliae Solvend eidem Thoma aut suo certo Atternat Executor Administrator sive Assignatis suis. Ad quam quidem solutionem bene et fideliter faciend. Obligamus Nos et utrum? nostrum per se pro toto et in solido Haredes Executor et Administratores nostros firmiier per presentes. Sigillis nostris sigillat. Dat. decimo sexto die mensis February Anno Dom. Millesimo sexcentesimo octogesimo Nono

Sigillat et deliberat in presentia

Matthew Watkinson

Richard Pollard

Margret her Carr  
marke

Thomas Hall

The Condition of the Obligation is such that if the within bounden Margrett Carr Relict and sole executrix of the last will and testament of Thomas Carr, late of Giggleswicke of the diocesse of yorke deceased doe well, and truly execute and performe the said will

And do pay his debts and legacies so far as his goods will extend and Law shall bind her if also she doe exhibbit into the Exchequer office at Yorke a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Good, Rights, Credits, Cartells, and Chattells, of the said deceased, and doe make a true and just Accompt of the same when she shall be thereunto lawfully called. And moreover if need require enter into further Bond with more sufficient suerties for performance of the premisses as the Judge of the said Court for the time being shall think requisite and needful. And lastly doe save defend and harmless keep the within named Commissary and all his Officers and Ministers against all persons by reason of the prtemisses. Then this present Obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain and be in full force and vertue.

A true Enter or Prizall of all the goods and Chattells of Thomas Carr psinier of Giggleswek yeoman Latly Deceased by us whose naines are heareunder written February the 3d – 1689 (*our 1690*)

In primis for his purse and Aparill	£ - s - d
	1 - 0 - 0
for I?? for A Cow	2 - 0 - 0
	0 - 10 - 0
In the midell Chaimber apair of	
Bed Stockes and the Beding therein	0 - 10 - 0
all for in the saime roum there is	
too Chistts att	0 - 3 - 0
A Couberte and A presor in the house	0 - 6 - 8
One Longe seat in the House	0 - 3 - 8
one Chair and stooles	0 - 0 - 8
The Puther	0 - 2 - 8
The Panns	0 - 2 - 6
one Iron Baicking stone and A rainge	0 - 10 - 0
wth Recon and Tonges	
One Barrall one stand and A baskitt	
wth other Small wood vesall	0 - 2 - 6
In Bills and Bonds	210 - 0 - 0
In Beif	0 - 3 - 0

In malt	0 – 4 – 0
Too paier of Sheets	0 – 10 – 0
three pair of Pillowbears	0 – 1 – 6
	_____
	219 – 10 – 2

Tho Carr

William Armistead

Thomas Brayshaw

Thomas Watkinson

**THOMAS CARR Admin 1691 Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle June 1691  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory of all the Goods & Chattels which did belonge & appertaine unto the late  
Thomas Carr of paley greene

	li	s	d
Imprimis his purse & his Apparrell	03	00	00
Item five Kine, And Foure Oxen	25	00	00
Item Two Steares & Three Twinter Steares	08	00	00
Item Three Whye Calves, Two Mares & One Colt	10	00	00
Item Thirtye Five Sheep	07	00	00
Item in Meale & Malt	01	00	00
Item Nine Sacks	01	00	00
Item Two Arkes & Three Chists	00	12	08
Item two pads & one Winnowing Cloth	00	04	00
Item in bedstockes & Beddinge	01	00	00
Ite 3 Tables & Chaires & Stooles	00	10	00
Item in Brasse & powder	01	10	00
Item one dishboard & Wood Vessell	00	10	00
Ite one Backing Stone, 1 Rainge, 1 Fryinge pan, 1 paire of Tongs & briggs, & one Reckoncrooke	00	10	00
Ite in Oates & Barley & Beanes	02	00	00
Item in Hay	00	05	00
Ite in Cart(s) & Carte geare Coups Wheelles & Wheele timbers	01	00	00
Ite in plowes & plowegeare, yockes, teames, & one Harrow And Horse geare	01	00	00
Ite in Forkes, Shovels, Spades one Spinning wheele & turfs with Sythes, Rakes & all other Huslement	00	11	00
Debts oweing to the Deceased	li	s	d
By William Windsor	05	10	00
By bond of Steephen Carr	06	10	00
By Rowland Carr	03	00	00

By Steephen Carr of ye Mill hill in Bolland	03	00	00
By Christopher Waller for a Steare	03	02	00
By Thomas Wilson	03	05	00
By William Bradley	02	17	06
By Richard Sutton	00	08	04
By Richard Roome	00	06	03
By Michaell (P)reston	00	04	09
By Thomas Barrowes	00	04	06
By Robert Stackhouse	00	04	06
By Steephen Carr in Bolland	00	06	00
	li	s	d
Summum honorum	94	01	06

Apprized by us Aprill ye 11<sup>th</sup>. 1691  
Richard Frankland

his marke

William Winsor W  
William Bankes  
his marke  
Thomas T Watkinson

**THOMAS CARR Admin 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Apl.1700  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A True & pfect Inventory of all ye Goods & Chattells of Thomas Carr at Lower payley Greene within ye parish of Giglesweeke late Deceased October 13<sup>th</sup>. 1699  
Aprized by us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Imprimis His purse Horse & Apparell	08	00	00
Itm: Six Cows	20	00	00
Itm: Foure Calves	04	00	00
Itm: Two Whyes	06	00	00
Itm: 1 Steare	02	10	00
Itm: 1 Why	02	10	00
Itm: 2 Why Stearkes	03	00	00
Itm: 1 Foale	01	00	00
Itm: 6 Weathers	02	00	00
Itm 9 Hoggs	02	00	00
Itm: 17 Ewes	04	10	00
Itm: 1 Tup	00	10	00
Itm: In Corne	05	00	00
Itm: In Hay	05	10?	00
Itm: Cart & Wheels	01	10	00
Itm: Yoakes & teames	00	05	00
Itm: 2 Coups	00	04	00
Itm: 1 Cart Sadle hames Backham backboard Traces Cartropes spades forks & all other Husbandry geare	01	05	00
Itm: nine Sacks	00	18	00



Itm: 2 pair of bedstocks & bedding therein belonging	01	05	00
Itm: 1 long table? & 2 little Ash tables & 1 Forme belonging to ye same	00	13	04
Itm: 3 Chists & one Arke	01	13	04
Itm: 6 Chaires	00	06	00
Itm: 1 Dishboard	00	02	00
Itm: 1 Chaire 1 Gallon & all other wood vessel	00	10	00
Itm: Brass & pewter	01	00	00
Itm: 1 Backstone briggs reckoncrook tongs Frying Pan	00	12	00
Itm: Meale and Butter wool and Turfes	05	17	00
Debts oweing to ye Testator	05	00	00
The Totall	87	10	08
Debts oweing by ye deceased	29	14	03

Thomas Carr  
Thomas Wilson?  
William Lund  
William Foster

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

#### **WILLIAM CARR 1624 Borthwick v38 f289**

In the name of God of (*sic*) amen the third day of December in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of god King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. and of Scotland the fifty eight In the year of our lord god 1624 I William Carr of Rathmell within the county of York carpenter sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god for the same do constitute, ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following; First and principally I commit my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my saviour trusting by his death and passion to be one of the elect and chosen(?) children of God and my body to Christian burial at the discretion of my executors.

First I give and bequeath unto my brother Robert Carr twenty pounds. Also I give and bequeath unto my sister Isabell handlon ten pounds. Also I give and bequeath to Margret Walker my sisters daughter ten pounds. Also I give and bequeath to Leonard Carr of (?)...lerdem forty shillings. Also I give and bequeath to Christopher Shute Vicar of Giggleswick twenty shillings. Also I give and bequeath to my brother Edmond Carr three pounds six shillings and eight pence if that he do not trouble and hinder my brother Roger Carr and my brother Robert Carr as concerning my lands and leases. And if he do for to have nothing but what he can get by law. Also I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Walker forty shillings. Also I give and bequeath to Edward Gregson of Whalley Banckes forty shillings and the one half of my clothes. Also I give and bequeath to Robert Cravenn for writing three shillings four pence. Also I give and bequeath to Edward Spencer four shillings. Also I give and bequeath to John Sharpp four shillings. Also I give and bequeath to Jennet Cunleffe for maiding me two shillings. Also I give and bequeath to Brian Deane one cow which is in his hand. Also I give and bequeath to the poor of my country four pounds. Also I give to bury me withal four pounds. And all the residue of my goods and chattels whatsoever I

give and bequeath the same wholly to my executors hereafter named and I make my brother Roger Carr and my brother Robert Carr my joint executors of this my last will and testament. Trusting they will perform the same. These being witnesses Robert Fletcher, Robert Craven and Christopher Marcer

*Rawthmell  
Gigleswicke.*

## **MEMORANDUM OF WILLIAM CARR 1661**

### **Borthwick vol 51 fol 485 Modern English**

Memorandum that William Carr of Langcliffe in the County of York yeoman being sick of the sickness whereof he died yet of perfect mind and memory, with an intention and purpose to make his last will and testament did about the middle of October in the year of our Lord 1661 say and declare these are the very like words in effect viz. I do give to my daughter Mary one parcel of ground called Boone Garris & Earrorths(?) and to the issue of her body, And for want of such issue to redound to my two grand children Elizabeth and Agnes Carr, Provided notwithstanding that my said daughter Mary shall have liberty to sell the said premises, if at any time through want or necessity she be constrained so to do.

*In the presence of*

*Willm. Carr iur*

## **WILLIAM CARR 1674**

### **Borthwick vol 55 fol 277**

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(Te)stamentum Guliemi Carr

.....God Amen the eighteenth day of February in the yeare of the ...(sovre)igne Lord Charles the Second over England Scotland France.....the twenty Sixt And in the yeare of oure Lord God according .....(comp)utation of the Church of England one thousand Six hundred.....(th)ree I William Carr of Langcliffe in the county of Yorke merchant.....and weak of body but of good and perfect remembrance prayed bee god doe.....and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and forme following And.....of all I commend and commit my soule into the handes of allmighty God my maker and Jesus Christ his only sonn my redeemer By whose merrits bitter deathe and passion his glorious resurrection and assention I hope to have remission full and free prdon of all my Sinns and a glorious inheritance with the Saints for ever to dwell with Him the father and Holy Spirrit in life everlasting And as for my worldly Goods and temporall esstait I Give and bequeathe in manner following And first of All I Give and hereby confirme unto my younger sonn Thomas Carr his Executors administrators and assignes all those landes tennements and buildings onely mentioned and expressed in one Deed or Indenture of Lease by mee

lately conveyed sealed and delivered to my sd sonn Thomas Carr for his better prferment in marriage upon confirmation of which conveyance I the sd William Carr am shortly to receive the some of one hundred pounds viz in or upon the first day of March next of all hereafter ensueing if pleas god I soe long live wch sd some when soon recd by mee or my Executors I hereby intend and appoynt the same to bee paid to Catherine Carr my daughttr within one yeare after her marriaige And I doe hereby appoynt my sd sonn Thomas Carr to pay out of his pte of my goods and Inventory to the sd Catherine beeside what I have heretofore given her the some of 20 pounds And now I hereby give and bequeathe unto Leonard Carr my eldest sonn my whole esstayt within the Towne and Township of Langclife now in my possession together with three partes of the milne called Langclife Milne The Turbary upon Cappanahill The new house and shop standing in Settle called Reeby(?) hous now in the possession of the said Leonard Carr my son with all and every of their privilidges Hee the sd Leonard Carr his Executors or assignes paying unto Ann Carr my daughter the some of two hundred and fifty poundes in manner following that is to say one hundred poundes within eightheene monthes next after my deceas And fifty poundes yearly for three yeares after the marriaige of the sd Ann Carr my daughter Item my will and mind is that my said sonn Leonard Carr shall pay out of his pte of my Goods and Inventory beside what I have heretofore given to the sd Ann the some of twenty pounds And if default shall bee maid by the said Leonard in payment of the sd somes to his sd sister Ann as above sd that it shall be lawful for the sd Ann to enter to all the landes in Langclife wch I have bought till the sd somes bee raised Item my will and mind is that my wife have out of my esstayt within Langclife beefore given to my sonn Leonard the some of twenty poundes yearly dureing her naturall life And the third of my goods according to the custome of the Province of Yorcke Item I give to my cozen Collonell Carr twenty pounds To my brother Tho: Carr other twenty pounds And to his sonn Tymothy twenty pounds And all the daughters hee haith att the time of my deathe ten shillings a pece unto Mary Carr my brother Lawrence daughter if then allso living att my deathe thirty shillings And I doe hereby nominate and appoynt Leonard Carr (jurat) and Thomas (jurat) my sonnes joynt Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revokeing all other formerly maid In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale dated the day and yeare first above written.

*Wm (?) Carr*

*Sealed ....sight and pr.....*

*jurat mke*

*John.....X...Chester ?*

*jurat mke*

*Elizabeth .. X Lancaster*

Testamentum.....Gulielmi Carr mercatoris de Langclife Februarj 18th 1673

**ARTHUR CATTERAL 1679 Ref.Borthwick. York vol. 58 fol. 444**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Arthur Catterall of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke Gentleman doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme Following First I Commend my soule to God Almighty hopeing for the remission of my sinnes through Jesus Christ my mediator & Redeemer And for my body I leave to the earth to be buried to the discretion of my freinds And for my temporall estate I doe bestow as followeth; Imprimis I doe give to my wife Martha Catterall tenn pounds per annum during her natural life out of my Landes; Alsoe I give to my said wife foure kine and a maire & a foale for the discharging of her funerall expenses, Item I give unto my daughter Martha Catterall twenty poundes Item I give unto my sonne in law Richard Wagden that married my daughter Elizabeth twenty poundes provided that he give my executors a generall release; Item I give unto my daughter Mary seventy poundes and two young heifers and one gelding; Item I give to my daughter Judith five shillings; Item I give to my nephew Charles Catterall twenty poundes provided that he give my Executors a general release; And for the rest of my Lands and Lease goods and Chattells of what kinde or nature soever They be moveable or unmoveable I give unto my sonne Thomas Catterall Minister, And doe make him my sole executor of this my last will and Testament; In witsesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of September 1679 Arthur Catterall Wittnesse hereof Matthew Falthorpe

*2 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN CATTERALL 1623/4 Ref. Borthwick. Vol 37 fol 582**

Testam[en]t[um] J[ohannis] Catterall armigeri  
 [Will of John Catterall esquire]

In the name of God, amen, the tenth daie of March one thousand sixe hundreth twentie and three I, John Catterall, of the New Hall in the Countie of yorke, esquire, being sicke in bodie but of sound and pfect memorie god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Following, Revokeing all former wills by me made First and principallie I Comend my soule to god Almighty hopeing fully through his mercy and the merittes of Christ Jesus my Redeamer to have remission and Forgiveness of all my sinnes and my bodie to be buried in my quire att the east end of gigleswick in such decent manner as my Auncestors have bene interred and touching all my worldlie goodes and chattells my will and mynde is that they be disposed and bestowed as hereafter Followeth. First I give and bequeath to Edward my sonne all such goods as to me do belong being or Remaineing at the tyme of my decease in the Newhall at Giggleswicke of what kinde or qualitie soever the same be And for the rest of my goodes it is my will and minde that all such debtes as I do truely owe and my funrall expenses be discharged out of them as Farr as they will extend. Item it is my will and minde that Willm Catterall my sonne shall paie these legacies hereafter menconed.

First I give to my sonne Edward Catterall one hundreth poundes and to Arthure Catterall my sonne one hundreth poundes, to be paide wthin three yeares next after my decease. Item I give to Robert Banckes and John Banckes my grandchildrenn either of them twentie mkes, and to Anne Banckes and Judeth Banckes their sisters either of them twentie nobles. I give to Anne Setle twentie nobles. Item I give to Judeth Setle and Elizabeth Setle either of them five pounds. And I appoint Xpofor Fetherston, Clarke, pson of Bentham, my sole Executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Thomas Craven, Jeffraie Thompson, Henry Wiglesworth, John Carr mke, and Willm Lawson.

Probate of Will of John Catterall, 1623/4

Et vicesimo quarto die mens[is] Martii Anno D[omi]ni Mill[es]imo sexc[entesi]mo vicesimo tertio decanus decanat[us] de Craven cert[ificavit] de probac[i]one h[uius]mo[d]i test[ament]i per testes no[m]i[n]atos iurat[os] etc

Co[m]missaque fuit administratio bonor[um] eiusdem def[unct]i Will[iel]mo Banck[es] ad exequend[um] et p[er]implend[um] test[ament]um eiusdem def[unct]i iuxta testatoris intentionem iuxtaq[ue] iuris in ea parte exigentiam prius iurat[o]

Salvo iure Cuiuscunq[ue] etc

[And on the twenty fourth day of the month of March in the one thousand six hundred and twenty third year of our Lord the Dean of the Deanery of Craven certified approbation of this will by the witnesses named, they having been sworn etc,

And administration of the goods of the same deceased was committed to William Banckes, to execute and perform the will of the same deceased according to the testator's intention, and according to the demands of the law in that regard, he having been first sworn.

Saving the right of any person whomsoever.]

**ROSAMUND CHAMBERS 1699/1700 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.62 fol. 163  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the 7<sup>th</sup>.day of Augst. in the 11<sup>th</sup>. year of the Reigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Lord Willm the third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the faith Annoque Dni 1699 I Rose als. Rosamond Chambers of Gigleswick in the County of Yorke Spr. being of sound & pfect memory yet of an infirme body & being minded to prevent any troubles or controversies which after my decease might or could arise be stirred up or commenced by my relacons (*relations*) do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following, that is to say First & chiefly I comend my Soule into the merciful hands of God, hoping thro & by the merritts of my Saviour Jesus Christ for remission of my sins & do comitt to the Earth my body to be buried in the pish Church yard of the sd. Gigleswick at the discrecon of my Extrix hereafter in these presents named and as touching the disposall of such worldly Estate as God in his mercy hath blessed me with, of the same I do dispose as followeth, after paymt. of my Just Debts & funerall expences I do give bequeath & hereby devise unto my loving sister Ellen Chambers all that my now dwelling house or Cottage situate in the sd. Gigleswick, one turfe house adjoining to the same one Garth or garden one little Croft & all a singular their aptences Herewith now or formerly enjoyed or used, to have &

to hold the sd. Cottage turf house garth or garden Croft with the appurte. unto her the sd. Ellen Chambers (her Exec. Admin. and Ass.) for and during the residue & remainder of the Terme of nine hundred years yet to come and unexpired. Item I give unto my Sister Ellen Chambers all & singular any household goods, utensils, Goods and Credits whatsoever. Item. I give unto my Sister Mary wife of James Higson the sume of 12d in full of her pretended right to the above devised premises Lastly having revoked all other former Wills, if any such were by me at any time heretofore made, Of this my last Will & Testamnt. I do nominate appoint and ordaine my loving Sister Ellen Chambers sole Exatrix, as witness my hand & Seale the day & year first above written. Rose als. Rosamond Chambers mark Sealed Signed and published to be the last Will & Testamnt. of the above named Rose als. Rosamond Chambers in the sight of us Richard Roome John Davidson Richard Atkinson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**LEONARD CHAPMAN 1611 Borthwick v32 f40**

In the name of god Amen upon the third day of September 1611 I Leonard Chapman of Settle within the parish of Giggleswick and County of York, husbandman being infirm in my body but of perfect remembrance I praise god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god trusting assuredly through the merit and precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard in Giggleswick. Item I will that my debts be paid forth out of my goods. Item I give and bequeath to Robert Chapman my eldest son and to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten all my tenement houses and taken grounds set lying and being in Settle and in Langcliffe fields and all assurances which I have of them and every of them to have and to hold the same all assurances concerning the same to the said Robert Chapman his heirs and assigns for and during all such terms as I have of them and every of them. And for lack of issue lawfully to be begotten of the body of the said Robert my eldest son I give and bequeath the same tenement and all my taken grounds and all assurances concerning the same unto Thomas Chapman my second son and to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten for and during all such terms as I have therein. And for lack of the said Thomas and of lawful issue of him then I give and bequeath the said tenement and all my taken grounds and all assurances concerning the same unto Giles Chapman my youngest son and to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten for & during all such terms as I have therein. Item I give to my son Robert Chapman one great ark, one long table and a form standing and being in the parlour. Item I give to the said Robert my eldest son one table in my house standing above the fire, one reckontree two of the best chairs in my house, all the bedstocks in my house, all joists and baulks in my house which are laid up, one lote(?) above my fire in the body stead of my house and fleaks which are laid up in my houses and in every of them. Item I give to the said Robert Chapman my eldest son all my carts and wheels and all my wheel timber. Item I give and bequeath to the said Robert Chapman my son all my bedding and insight# all chests arks pots pans knops guilefatts stands gallons doublers gymlings# bowls dishes all oak and other wood all boards within and about my houses all meal and malt in my house, all beef bacon and salt all hustlement within and about my houses upon condition that the said Robert my son or his assigns shall in consideration of this last bequest and legacy

satisfy and pay or cause to be satisfied and paid unto the said Thomas Chapman and Giles Chapman my younger sons to either of them the sum of six pounds of lawful English money in or upon the eighth day of September which shall be 1613 AD. Item I give to Easter my goddaughter one folding table. The rest of all my goods not bequeathed my debts discharged I give them wholly to my sons Thomas Chapman and Giles Chapman equally to be divided between them and if either of them out of this mortal life that then it is my mind and will that his part and portion shall be and remain to the survivor of them excepted always reserving unto Thomas and Giles Chapman my younger sons all the crop of my tenement this year. Also I make and ordain Thomas Chapman and Giles Chapman my sons joint executors of this my last will and testament and all other wills I utterly renounce and forsake. These being witnesses Robert Morehouse, Hugh Iveson and Br. Bainebridge .

*# Insight – goods e.g. household Goods*

*#gymplings – gimblin-gimlin- wooden salting tub*

*Gigleswicke*

**ROBERT CHAPMAN 1628 Ref. Borthwick vol40 fol319 (Mearbeck)**

In the name of God Amen the seven and twentieth day of June in the year of our lord according to the computation of the church of England one thousand six hundred twenty and eight I Robert Chapman of Settle in the county of York yeoman being at this time visited with sickness and infirmity in my body yet sound and perfect in mind and memory praised be to god do make this my last will and testament to be in manner and form following, that is to say. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits of my saviour Christ to be inheritor of the heavenly kingdom. And for my body I commit the same to earthly burial at the discretion of my friends.

Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole movable goods and such debts as are owing to me. And if ought remains the same to be divided amongst my children. And whereas I have by my indenture of lease bearing date with these presents demised, granted and to farm letten to Robert Crosedale of Stainton and to Robert Cookson of Settle in the said county yeomen and to their executors and assigns my cottage or mansion house in Settle aforesaid wherein I now dwell together with the barn garden and other houses edifices liberties easements commodities and other appurtenances thereunto belonging and together also with one parcel of arable ground lying on Gowdy lames containing by estimation half an acre be it more or less and three roods lying upon Cammock Bancke and one little butt or parcel under Cammock bancke and one Attermiredale containing by estimation be it more or less one acre and all woods underwoods standing growing and being upon the same premises and all and singular ways paths waters watercourses liberties and easements thereunto belonging. To have and to hold the said premises and all and singular the appurtenances to the said Robert Crosedale and Robert Cookeson their executors administrators and assigns from and immediately after the date of the said indenture for and during the term of three thousand years from then next following fully to be complete and ended without improvement of any

manner of waist as by the same indenture of lease with diverse reservations covenants and other agreements therein contained it may appear.

Now I the said Robert Chapman do by this my last will and testament declare and testify that my intent of making the said deed was to enable and give peece to the said Robert Cookson and Robert Crosedale and their heirs executors and assigns to sell and dispose of the said lease and of the estate thereby made and intended to be made as friends in trust so soon and at as good a rate as conveniently they can.

And for the money that they shall bona fide raise by the said assignment or selling of the said premises my will is and I desire them the said Robert Crosedale and Robert Cookson and their heirs to dispose thereof as follows: that is to say to Leonard my eldest son thirty pounds to be set forth for his use upon sale of the premises and to be paid to him with the increase of it when he comes to his age and that he shall confirm this estate by such lawful means as they shall require. And the rest of the consideration to be divided equally amongst my other children, John, Ann, Maude, Elizabeth and Robert and I desire the said Robert Crosedale to have the tuition of Robert my youngest son and for that portion that should belong unto him I give it wholly to the said Robert Crosedale towards the maintenance and education of my said son Robert being now an infant or otherwise to dispose of as he in his discretion shall think fit. And I make and ordain the said Robert Crosedale and Robert Cookson to be the executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Anthony Procter, John Windsor, William Lawson and Timothy Draper.

*Settle spelt settle in will*

**ALICE CLAPHAM 1688 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Jul 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen: The ninth day of Octob in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord James the second by ye grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the faith etc.& in the year of our Lord 1688. I Alice Clapham of Stackhouse in the parish of Giggleswicke & County of york widdow being sickly, lame, & weake of body, but in sound & pfect mind & memory (praised be Almighty God,) do make & ordain this my last Will & Testamt in manner & form following viz. First & principally I humbly commend & comit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator, hoping & fully believing, yt by the merits of Jesus Christ his son & my Saviour, & Redeemer, he will have & receive the same into his Kingdom of Glory: & for my Body, I comitt it to Christian buryall, in the pish Church of Giggleswicke, there to be decently interred with or being nigh to my dear deceased Husband Mr. Thomas Clapham, in good hopes of a joyfull Resurrection to Life eternall in the world to come: And as for my worldly goods & temporall Estate doe hereby order devise dispose of the same; as followeth. viz. Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Clapham the sume of ten pounds Item I give to Elizabeth Clapham one pound. It. I give to John Ellershaw my son in law two pounds & ten shillings. Item I give to Agnes Ellershaw my daughter the sume of Ten pounds. It. my will & mind is yt (*that*) Thomas Clapham my grandson shall have all & every such Household goods as are now in the possession of Thomas Clapham his father, viz. one great arke, one Tester bed, one great chist, & two Tables, with their appurtenances. Item I give & bequeath unto him my said grandson ye sume of three pounds, six shillings & eight pence. It. I give unto Willim, Agnes & Alice Clapham, my grand children five marks a peece. It. I give & bequeath to Isabell



Hargraves my grand daughter five marks; It. to John Ellershaw my grandson I give & bequeath Twenty pounds. Item unto Willim Ellershaw my grandson I give five pounds. It. to my grandson Henry Brown I give & bequeath five pounds. And my will & mind is yt my granddaughter Mary, the wife of Henry Brown aforesaid, shall have & enjoy all the household goods wich at the day of my death shall be in her custody & possession It. I do also, out of the naturall love & good will yt I bear to her, give & bequeath to her ye said Mary Brown, ye sum of Twenty pounds It. I give to Willim the son of ye said Henry Brown other Twenty pounds. It. I give & bequeath to Alice Yates my grand daughter the sum of five pounds. It. to Agnes Ellershaw my granddaughter I give five pounds. Itm. I give & bequeath to Isabell & Elizabeth Ellershaw my grand children, five marks a piece: It. I give to Thomas Kidd of Settle Ten shillings; It. to Alice Jaques I give the sume of five shillings: It. to Ann Stackhouse I give & bequeath other five shillings. And the rest & residue of my Estate reall or personall, which is not herein ordered & by mee disposed of I doe freely give & bequeath it all to my grandson Richard \jurat/ Ellershaw Clerke; whom I constitute, make & appoint sole Executor of this my last Will & Testamt. And I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at anytime heretofore made, desiring my said Executor, to see & take care yt this my last Will & Testamt. be truly & faithfully performed, according to my mind & intention herein already plainly specyfyed expressed & declared. In witness whereof I the said Alice Clapham have hereunto put my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written.

Witnesses hereof are

Thomas Browne

Alice Clapham mke

John X Titherington jurat  
Chr. Robinson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Settle modern spelling*

*Richard Ellershaw was vicar of Giggleswick*

### **Abbreviated version of same will of Alice Clapham of Stackhouse 1690**

#### **Borthwick vol 61 fol 286**

Widow. Will made 9th October 1688.

Sickly lame and weak of body. To be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick with or near my dear deceased husband Mr Thomas Clapham. To my son Thomas Clapham £10. To Elizabeth Clapham one pound. To John Ellershaw my son-in-law two pounds 10 shillings. To Agnes Ellershaw my daughter £10. Thomas Clapham my grandson is to have all household goods now in the possession of Thomas Clapham his father viz. one great ark one teaster bed one great chest and two tables with appurtenances ; also to him three pounds six shillings and eight pence. To William Agnes and Alice Clapham my grandchildren five marks. To John Ellershaw my grandson £20. To Issabell Hargreaves my granddaughter five marks. To William Ellershaw my grandson five pounds. To Henry Browne my grandson five pounds. My granddaughter Mary wife of Henry Brown aforesaid shall enjoy all my household goods in her custody at the day of my death; and out of the natural love and goodwill I bear her I give her £20. To William son of the said Henry Brown £20. To Alice Yates my granddaughter five pounds. To Agnes Ellershaw my granddaughter five pounds. To Issabell and Elizabeth Ellershaw my grandchildren five marks each. To Thomas Kidd of Settle 10 shillings. To Alice Jaques five shillings. To Ann Stackhouse five shillings. Residue to my grandson Richard Ellershaw clerk -- he sole executor.

Her mark

Witnesses Thomas Brown John Titherington Christopher Robinson

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A true & pfect Inventory of ye goods Cattells & debts of Alice Clapham late of Stackhouse deceased as they are Apprized this 16<sup>th</sup>. day of June by us whose names are under written Anno Dom 1690

	li	s	d
Imp. her purse & Apparrell	19	00	00
It. in Money upon Bond	103	00	00
It. upon Mortgage	20	00	00
It. in other Debts without speciality	15	00	00
It. 2 Oxen 4 Steares 1 Kine 1 heiffer one Mare one Fily	21	00	00
It. in Houshold goods expressed in Will	08	00	00
In Corne Growing upon upon (sic) ye ground which ye deceased had in possession	05	00	00
	li	s	d
Summa totalis	191	00	00
Deduct for Funerall expences	20	00	00
Sume of ye deduction	171	00	00

John Lister  
Richard Lawson  
Josias Dawson  
Thomas Carr

### **JOHN CLAPHAM 1620 Borthwick v36 f405**

Memorandum that upon the eighth day of January in the eighteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of god king of all England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc and of his highness reign over Scotland in the 54 (*sic*) AD 1620. John Clapham of Feizor in the parish of Giggleswick did ordain and make his last will and testament nuncupatively in manner and form following. First he did commit his soul unto god and his body to the earth. Item it was his will and he did give and bequeath unto Thomas Greenebancke his four sons unto whom he was grandfather every one of them 10s. Item he did give and bequeath to Elyas Clapham three daughters every one of them 5s. Item he did give and bequeath to Alexander Wilson his daughter 5s. Item he did give unto Roger Carr daughter 5s. And all the residue of his goods chattels and debts he did give and bequeath unto Issabell his wife. And he did ordain and make the said Issabell his said wife executrix of this last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Richard Pailaie and Robert Clapham.

*Giglswicke*

**JOHN CLAPHAM 1649 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Aug 1649**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen John Clapham of Settle in the County of Yorke batchelor being sicke in body but of good & pfect remembrance praised be god About the fourteenth day of May Anno Dni 1649 did make his last will & testamt. Nuncupative or in words to this effect First he did Comend his soule to god & his body to be buried in the Churchyard of Giglesweeke, at the discretion of his Maister Willm Newhouse; as for his temporall estate he did give & bequeath as followeth, first it was his word & mind as he said that his debts & funrall expences should be paid out of his goods, then he did give to the Children & servants of the said Willm Newhouse; evy one of them two shillings, then he did give & bequeath thirty shillings to the poore of Settle to be disposed at the discrecion of Roger Altham Rich. Coulton & Christopher Holmes, & for all the reversion & remainder of his goods & estate, he did give & bequeath unto the said William jurat Newhouse his Maister whom he made Executor of this his \last/ will & testamte

Witnesses hereof

jurat

Roger **RA** Altham

his marke

jurat

Rich. Coulton

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**ROGER CLAPHAM 1606 Borthwick v30 f98**

Memorandum that upon the four and twentieth day of April one thousand six hundred and six Roger Clapham of Stackhouse within the parish of Giggleswick and county of York yeoman did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following that is to say his mind and will was that his four children to whom he had as yet given no portion viz his sons Richard Clapham and Anthony Clapham his daughters Agnes and Elizabeth Clapham should have such filial part of his goods as to them by law does belong to be equally divided among them. Item he did give and bequeath to his daughter Margaret 20s and to his daughter Katherine 13s 4d to his son Richard Clapham his husbandry gear. The rest of all his goods moveable and unmoveable his debts legacies and funeral expenses discharged he did give and bequeath to his daughter Elizabeth Clapham.

Item he also did nominate and appoint his sons Richard Clapham and Anthony Clapham his executors and his nephews Giles Parker of Newby and Richard Pailey of Stainforth supervisors of this his last will and testament. Witnesses Thomas Carr, Robert Carr and Richard Paley.

*Giggleswicke*  
*Staineforthe*  
*Newbye*

**THOMAS CLAPHAM Ref.Borthwick.,York Bundle Dec 1647/8**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god amen I Thomas Clapham of Winskall sick of body, but of good & pfect memory prayed bee the lord, Imprimis I Bequeath my soule to god my maker, And I hope to be (saved) by the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour & redeemer, & my body to the erth

Itt. I give to Elizabeth Lawson my Granddoughter daughter to Richard Lawson of Lankliff vj <sup>li</sup>

Itt. I give to Richard Lawson my grandson & sonne to the sayed Richard Lawson lx<sup>li</sup>

Itt. I give unto Elizabeth Brayshey my grand doughter & doughter to Richard Brayshey of Cowside xl <sup>s</sup> when shee cometh to the age of one & twenty yeares & in the mene tyme to have xij <sup>d</sup> p(er) pound each yeare for the use

Itt. I give unto my sonne Richard Clapham his children (that is to say) Thomas Elizabeth & Agnes iij <sup>li</sup> a peec when they come to Lawfull (y)eaes, And to be payed in the mene tyme xij <sup>d</sup> per pound by the yeare

Itt. I give to Isabell Lawson, Tomazyn Brashey my doughters, Ales Clapham my Doughter in Law vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> a peece, And I Apoynt Richard Clapham \jurat/ my sonn Executor of this my last will & Testament

Witness J..hn Foster \jurat/

*Winskall*

**THOMAS CLAPHAM 1674 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 55 fol. 166**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen May the thirtieth \day of May/ 1674 I Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse in the pish of Gigleswick and County of yorke weake of body but of good and perfect memory God be praised, doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to say First I Comend my soule into the hands of God my maker, hopeing assuredly through the onely meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour, to be made ptaker of life Everlasting and I Comend my body to the Earth whereof itt is made, and to be buried att the discretion of my freinds. Impris after my debts paid and funerall Expenses discharged my will is, that Alice my wife shall enjoy one third part of my personall estate; Item I doe give to my six Grandchildren three of my sonne Thomas Children, that is by name, Alice, Thomas and Isabell and three of my sonne John Ellershaws Children, that is by name Agnes, Isabell and Elizabeth twenty pounds a peice, to be paid att one yeares end after my decease; Item I doe give all my household and husbandry geare, to my wife, and John Ellershawe, my grandsonne, equally betwixt them whoe I desire to keep house together and to keep my Grandsonne, Richard Ellershawe, att Schoole; Item for all other provision of Meale and Malt and all the profits of the Lands, both of hers, and Laurence Swainsons this two yeares to Come, shall be Equall betweene them, Item I doe give unto Agnes Isabell and Elizabeth Ellershaw, twenty pounds a peice more, Item I doe give to my daughter Agnes Ellershaw twenty pounds; Item I doe give to my Grandsonne John Ellershaw, my Customary Estate Low More and Birdshaw, And for all the rest of my estate nott yett disposed of I give and bequeath to John

Ellershaw, my Grandsonne whome I doe appoint sole executor of this my last will and Testament In wittesse whereof I have here unto putt my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written Thomas Clapham, Wittesse Richard Berry Thomas Carr

*7 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Richard Ellershaw became BA MA then vicar of Giggleswick*

**THOMAS CLAPHAM 1698 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.62 fol.106**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the eleaventh day of June in the yeare of our Lord God 1698 I Thomas Clapham of Winscale in the pish of Giggleswick & County of Yorke being weak of body but of pfect memory (praised be God) do make this my last Will and Testam in manner and forme following viz: first and principally I comend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, hoping thro the merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour to obtaine remission of sins & everlasting life, my body to the Ground to be buried in decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my friends and Excs. as for my temporall Estate which I have not formerly disposed of I give & bequeath as followeth First I order that all my debts Legacies and funerall expences & other necessary Charges be paid out of the Creditts and money owing to me so far as it will extend & the rest to be paid out of my goods till all be fully satisfied Item I give unto my three Grandchildren Alice Thomas & Anthony Clapham each of them five shillings Itm I give to my Grandson Richard Wharfe the like sume of four shillings. And I give to my four daughters Isabell Anne Elizabeth & Alice all the rest of my goods after my sd. Debts Legacies and funerall expences be discharged of what kind or nature soever they be except one young Colt which I give to my two sons Richard & Thomas Clapham whom I likewise appoint Excs. of this my Last Will and Testamt. revoking all others by me formerly made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale the day and year first above written – Thomas Clapham In the psence of Richard Lawson. Willm Clapham

*Winskill modern spelling*

**THOMAS CLAPHAM of Stackhouse, Giggleswick 29 Oct 1702**

**Borthwick Craven deanery Ref. Bun.Jan 1702 MIC 1808**

In the Name of God Amen this Twenty ninth day of October (in the) year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and two I Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse in the County of yorke yeoman being sick & weak in body but of good & perfect memory praised be God for the same do make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my Creator (hopeing & assuredly Trusting in and through the merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have pardon & remission of all my sins) And my body to be buried in the parish Church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named: And as for my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give & dispose thereof as follows

First I will that all my just debts funeral expences & Legacies to be paid out of my personal Estate:

It. I give to my son Wm. Clapham his heires and Assignes all my Freehold Customary & Lease lands within the parishes of Gingleswick and Horton: and I will & direct that he confirm one bargain or Sale of Lands lying within the Township of Grindleton wch I have lately made wth one Robert Robinson.

It I give unto my Loving wife Elizabeth the Summ of Ten pounds yearly & for every year to be paid her dureing her natural life; That is to say On every Eleventh day of November five pounds, & Every first day of (May) five pounds, The first paymt to be due the first of those days wch shall sooneth happen after my decease; wch sd yearly summ of Ten pounds shall by her be accepted in lieu of her Thirds or Widow right out of my Real Estate. It I give to ye sd Elizabeth my wife the sume of One hundred pounds to be pd her within Twelve monthes after my decease on condition she accept the sd yearly annuity of Ten pounds in lieu of her Thirds or Widow right and not otherwise: Nevertheless I will That she shall have the New-end of my dwellinghouse to live in & room in the Turfe house to lay Turfe Item. I give her my Gray mare & best Cow & one halfe of my household goods. Item I will that my son Willm. To keep or maintain the sd. Mare wth sufficient grass in the summer & hay in the Wintertime, for wch he shall have liberty to work her.

It. I give to my daughter Isabel Hargraves the Summ of One hundred pounds to be paid her within Twelve months after my decease.

It. I give to my daughter Agnes Clapham the summ of four hundred pounds to be paid her when she shall attain the age of twenty one yeares or marry:

It. I will that my Executor shall pay her ten pounds every year for her maintenance till her four hundred pound become due: But if she shall happen to die before she attain that age or Marry, then I will that her four hundred pounds shall be then disposed of, that is to say one hundred pounds thereof to my Nephew John Hargraves & the remainder to my Executor, the charges of her sickniss & funeral to be paid by the sd John Hargraves & my Executor proportionable to ye summs due to ym (*them*) It: To Nathaniel Armitstead Clo. (*Clerico/clerk*) I give Ten pounds It I will that the one halfe of my daughter Agnes her annuity for maintenance be paid at the end of 6 months after my decease, & ye other halfe at the end of twelve months & so every halfe year five pounds till \the/ four hundred pounds become due Item I make constitute & appointe William Clapham my son Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal the day & year above written

Sealed, signed, Published & declard to be the last Will &

Testamt of the sd Thomas  
Clapham, in the psence of

Thomas Clapham

Tho: Carr Henry Browne Richard Ellershaw jurat

### **Inventory 30<sup>th</sup> November 1702**

A True and Perfect Inventory of all (& singular) ye Goods, Chattles & Creddits of Thomas Clapham late Stackhouse in ye County of York yeoman deceased t.....

Apprised ye 30<sup>th</sup>. Day of November Anno Dom: 1702 by (us) whose names under written: The goods given in & by his Will excepted

	L	s	d
Impr. Horse purse and Apparell	30	0	0
Itn. Money upon Specialty	457	0	0
Itn. Moneys without Specialty	35	0	0
Itn. 6 Oxen, 4 Stears, 7 Heffers	45	0	0
Itn. 3 Cows with Calves	10	0	0
Itn. 3 Cows in Calf	9	0	0
Itn. 4 Twinters, 5 Calves	11	0	0
Itn. 1 Mear with A foal	4	0	0
Itn. 1 Hog, 11 Ews, 6 Weathers	5	12	0
Itn. 4 Lambs		16	0
Itn. In Corn and Hay	41	0	0
Itn. Husbandry gear of all sorts	3	6	0
Household goods			
Itn. Goods in ye Little Parlour		15	0
Itn. In ye Kitching Chamber		5	0
Itn. In ye Studdy Chamber	1	0	0
Itn. In ye Green Chamber	1	7	0
Itn. Two Arks		13	0
Itn. In ye New Parlour	1	15	0
Itn In ye Beddstead		5	0
Itn. In brass and Pewter	2	10	0
Itn. In Wood vessell		10	0
Itn. In Meal and Mault beef & bacon	2	10	0
Itn. Fire Elding		10	0
Itn. In Linnen	2	1	0
Itn. Dooltry ( <i>thus</i> )		1	3
Itn. Sackes and other Hustlements		19	6

Total is       £   666    14    9

Apprisers:-    Thomas Carr  
                   William Whitfield  
                   Henry Brown  
                   John Marton

**HENRY CLAPHAMSON 1642 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Mar 1646/7 MIC  
 1735**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen: The nine & twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord god according to the Computacon of the Church of England, one thousand, six hundred forty & two; I Henry Claphamson of Gigleswick in the County of Yorke Schoole maister being att this present sickly & infirme in health and body, but of good & pfect mind, \& remembrance/ praised be the Almighty; yet knowing the certainty of death but most uncertaine of the time (and) likewise considering that it is the duty of every good Christian to sett his house, in order before he die, to the end his Children and posterity may (enjoy) the lands & goods of the deceased, in peace & quietnesse, doe make & ordaine this my last will & testament in manner

& forme following: First I comitt my soule into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker & Creator, trusting assuredly through his mercy and by the merritts of my alone Saviour & redeemer Jesus Christ to be saved and have full pardon and remission of all my sins: And my body to the earth whereof it was made, to be buried in my parish Church of Giggleswick att the discretion of my friends And for my worldly & temporall goods & estate, wherewith god hath blessed me, I doe give, bequeath & dispose of the same as followeth First it is my will and mind, that that Cottage, Messuage, gronde with all appurtences thereto belonging, which I lately purchased and bought of Henry Barrow, shall be sold soe soone as conveniently can be, for & towards the payment of my debts, And if that will not extend & amounte to the full payment & satisfieing of all my debts my will and mind is that the remainder of all my debts shallbe discharged & paid out of my whole goods: And although my eldest sonne Robert Claphamson and my daughter Jane are allredy preferred yet aswell for the naturall love and affection that I have to my said sonne Robert, & Jane my said daughter, as alsoe, in assurance that they will be respectfull & dutifull to their mother & loveing & helpful to my younger sonns their brethren yet unpreferred I doe give them five pounds to be equally devided betweene them, that is to either of them fifty shillings. Also I give unto Mary my wife all the houses and grounds wich I lately bought & purchased of Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, widow, wherein my said wife is ioyned (*joint*) purchaser with me, all wich I doe give unto my said wife Mary her heirs and assigns for ever. Also I give & bequeath unto Hugh Claphamson & John Claphamson my younger sonns all the wood or wood grounds called the Lords Wood, wich I bought of the right ho:ble the Earle of Cumberland: And alsoe all that close called the farr maines wich I bought of Thomas Armitstead, both wich sd closes (vizt. The Lords Wood & farr Maines) my will & mind is that, Mary my wife shall have the occupacon of them, for her own use during her life, naturall, & that the same shall be devided betweene my said two younger sonns hugh & john att the discretion of Mary my said wife: And if my said younger sonnes shall att any time be mindful or willing to sell the said grounds or any parte thereof, my will, mind & desire is, that my sonne Robert shall have the first prefer thereof, & buy the same before any other, paying soe much as another will give And for the rest of my goods (my debts legacies & funeral expences first deducted & discharged) I doe give and bequeath the same wholly unto Mary my said wife to be used and bestowed att her discretion: And I doe make my said wife Mary \jurat/ my whole executrix of this my last will and testament In wittnesse whereof I have hereto subscribed & putt my hand & seale: Wittnesses hereof Anthony \jurat/ Lister & Brian \jurat/ Cookeson

H. ....

*3 lines Latin which are very faint  
Giggleswick – modern spelling*

**HUGH CLAPHAMSON OF FAIREHILL pa SLAIDBURN Nov 10 1676  
Buried Gigg. Ref.Borthwick v.57 f.200**

In the name of God Amen the Twentieth day of January In the yeare of our Lord god according to the Computation of the Church of England one thousand Six hundred Seventy I Hugh Claphamson of fairehill in the parish of Slaidburne and County of yorke being at this present of perfect health and Memory prayed be god, yet Consideringe that death is Certaine but the time uncertaine and that it is the duty of Every true Christian in time of health to sett his house in order and soe to dispose of his Estate that after his death his posterity and friends may enjoy the same with peace and quietness Thereof doe make this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and forme Followinge First I doe Committ and resigne my Soule into the Mercifull hands of almighty god my maker hoping through his Mercy and the merritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be saved and my bodey to the Earth whereof it was made to be buried at the parish Church of Giggleswick (in) decent Manner at the discretion of my



friends and for my worldly and Temporall Estate Lands and goods I doe give and devise the same in Manner hereunder Expressed First I will my debts and funerall Expences be payd out of my goods and personall Estate Item I Give and bequeath unto Henery Claphamson my Elder son for the use of himselfe his heires Executors Administrators and assigns all my Messuage Lands and Tenement with the Appurtenances situate and being at Fairehill aforesaid within the said parish of Slaidburne and also all my Messuage houses Lands Tenement and reall Estate whatsoever with thappurtenances within the said Gigleswicke and the Territories thereof and which Either Anciently belonged unto me or wich I lately purchased of my Nephew Robert Claphamson of Gigleswicke and of his Mother and sisters Together with all my writeings and Evidences which Concerne the said Messuages Lands and Tenements provided alwaies that my said son Henery doe permitt and Suffer my wife Agnes quietly and peaceably to have and Enjoy A full Third part of all the said houses Messuages Lands and Tenements for the sole and proper use of herselfe and her Assignes dureing her Life naturall in Right of her widdowes part in the same provided also that my said son Henery doe satisfy and performe the Condition hereunder Expressed and by him to be satisfied and performed in Reference to my younger son Cuthbert Claphamson according to this my last Will and Testament That is to say my mind and Will is that my said sonn Henery doe pay unto my said son Cuthbert Claphamson in part of his Filiall and Child portion out of my said Tenement and Lands in Gigleswicke the sume of one hundred and Fourty pounds Lawfull English money within the space of Two yeares next and Immediately after my decease but if default be made of the true payment of the said summe as abovesaid The same having First been Lawfully demanded, then after such default made my mind and Will is that my said son Cuthbert shall enter unto those two Closes of Inclosures lyeing within the terrories of Gigleswicke aforesaid Called by the names of the Maines Close and of the Close at the Maines Foot or the Close above the Towne with the house or barne ther on standing and which I lately purchased as above said of my said Nephew Robert Claphamson and of his Mother and sisters and from thenceforth shall have hold possesse and Enjoy the same with all their Appertances and all my whole Estate Right Title Interest Tearme and Tearmes of yeares therein to the sole and proper use and behoofe of himselfe his Executors Administrators and Assignes Anything in these presents Contained to the Contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding Item I give unto my younger son Cuthbert Claphamson for the use of himselfe his heires Executors and assigns all my Messuage and Tenement with thappurtenances at Raventhaw in the parish of Clapham and all my whole Estate Right Title and Interest therein And all my writeings and Evidences Concerning the same provided that my said wife Agnes have her widdow right in the same and my mynd and will is that my said son Henery Claphamson within the Space of three months next after he shall have attained the full age of one and twenty yeares shall grant Release and assigne unto my said Son Cuthbert Claphamson to the use of himselfe his heires Executors and assigns the said Messuage and Tenement with thappurtenances at Raventhaw# and all his whole Estate Right title and Intrest there in in the best and most Legall manner that by my said son Cuthbert or by his Counsell Learned in the Lawes Can be desired or Required and being there unto Reasonably requested but if my said son Henery Refuse to make the said Release and assignment of Ravenshaw to my said Son Cuthbert in Manner abovesaid being thereunto Reasonably Requested then my mind and Will is that my said son Cuthbert Claphamson shall Enter unto all my said Messuage houses Lands and Tenemt at Gigleswicke aforesaid soe given and bequeathed As above said to my said son Henery

and shall from thence forward have hold and Enjoy the same with all the appurtenances to the sole use of himselfe his Executors Administrators and assignes at all times hereafter and for all such tearme or Tearmes as I have or hold in the same anything in the above said grant or bequest as herein Contained to the Contrary in anywise not withstanding Item I give unto Agnes my said wife A third part of all my goods and personall Estate my debts and Funerall Expences being first deducted Item I give unto my son in Law William Johnson of Lightbirkes in the parish of Clapham and to my daughter Elizabeth his wife the sume of Twenty poundes Item I give unto Christopher Johnson their son the summe of Tenne pounds Item I give and bequeath all the remainder of all my said goods Cattells and personall Estate whatsoever unto my said son Henery Claphamson And my mind & will is that if Either of my said sons Henery and Cuthbert dye not leaveing any Lawfull Issue him Surviveing them all my sons Messuages Lands and Tenements soe Limited to their severall uses as aforesaid shall thenceforth be decend and Come to the Survivor of them and to the Sole use of him his heires Executors Administrators and assignes anything herein Contained to the Contrary in anywise not withstanding And I doe make nominate and appoint my said son Henery Claphamson sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In witnesse whereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seale the day and yeare First above Written High Claphamson Sealed Signed and Ratified in the sight and presence of Richard Franckland Elizabeth Franckland

# Raventhaw – during this period it was part of Lawkland. (Info in 'Missed place names' by A.H.Smith – Jill Sykes has a copy)

### **GEORGE CLARKE 1621 Borthwick v36 f561**

In the name of God Amen the one and thirtieth day of May in the year of our lord god according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred twenty and one I George Clarke of Settle in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits and blood-shedding of my alone Saviour Jesus Christ to be partaker of eternal life in heaven and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. And whereas my wife did give unto John Windsor my son in law at the time of his marriage and by my consent thereunto one cupboard my will now is that he shall have the same according to her gift. And I do fully approve and confirm her said gift therein to be good and absolute. Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be duly paid out of my whole goods, chattels and debts to me owing. And as concerning the lease of my house with appurtenances and also for the rest and residue of all my said goods chattels and debts to me owing that shall remain after my debts paid and funeral expenses discharged I give the one half thereof to my son in law Robert Carr his executors and assigns and the other moiety or half thereof to the said John Windsor his executors and assigns. And I make and ordain the said Robert Carr and John Windsor my said sons in law to be executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses John Stephenson, Christopher Lawson and Henrie Lupton.

Setle  
Gigleswicke

**HENRY CLARKE 1656**

**The National Archives PROB 11/253 and Borthwick Bundle March 1650/1 MIC 1745**

Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen** The twentieth seaventh day of May in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand Six hundred and Fiftie I Henrie Clarke of Rathmell in the parrish of Gigleswicke and County of Yorke yeoman sick in body but of whole and perfect remembrance Thanks be given to god for the Same; doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testment in manner and forme followeing vizt; First and principally, I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty god trustinge and constantlie beleevinge to bee partaker of his everlastinge kingdome through the merritts and by the presious bloodsheddinge of my saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ and my bodie to bee buried at the sight and discrecon of my wife and freinds Item my will and minde is that whereas I purchased of Richard Jackson of Wharfe one messuage or tennement with certaine other grounds in Rawtmell to mee and my heires and assignes as by conveyances under his hand and Seale beareinge date The eight day of May one thousand six hundred fortie and Seaven at large may appeare I give and bequeath the same to Henry Clarke my sonne and to his heires and if Henry Clarke my sonne dye without heires I give and bequeath the same to Mary Clarke my daughter and to her heires Item I give and bequeath unto Jennett Clarke my now wife and Mary Clarke my daughter all my (?)inflight (*?inheritable property*) within my house (except one Silver bowle and my Chest which I give to my Sonne Henrie Clarke I give and bequeath all my goods cattells and chattles to Jennet Clarke my now wife Henrie Clarke my Sonne and Mary Clarke my daughter after my debts and funerall expences be payd and discharged Item I give unto Mary Swainson sister to my wife twenty nobles to be payd unto her within one yeare after shee marrie Item I give unto William Clarke my sonne all arreares due unto mee by him out of the ground at Hesberthall uppon conditon hee seale and give a generall acquittance unto my executor for anie cause matter or thinge hee can claime challenge or demand of mee from the beginninge of the world untill the day of the date hereof and if hee refuse to Seale and deliver the sayd acquittance it is my will and minde that hee shall pay unto my executor all such arreares which is due by him unto mee for all his forceable entries and wrongs done unto mee at Hesberthall or in anie other place whatsoever Item I doe alsoe ratifie allow and confirme unto my sayd Sonne Henrie Clarke all my Leases chargs with all writeings perscripts and muniments for and concerninge the same Item it is my minde and I give unto my sonne Henry Clarke and his assignes one Lease of certaine Lands at Hesberthall Beareinge date the tenth day of May one thousand Six hundred fortie and two as by the saye Lease may appeare reference thereunto beinge had And it is alsoe my minde that my sayd sonne Henry Clarke pay unto Mary Clarke my daughter out of the sayd lands at Hesberthall The Somme of Threescore pounds when shee shall accomplish the age of twenty one yeares Item my minde is that my sonne Henry Clarke shall release unto Richard Walbank of Huggon house his estate the sayd Richard payeing unto him or his assignes all such somme or sommes of monie as shalbe due unto him out of the same And lastly I doe make Jennett Clarke my wife my executrix of this my last will and

testament In Witnes whereof I the sayd Henry Clarke have Sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written Henry Clarke marke: Witnesses hereof James Swinelhurst marke William Swainson marke Edward Howlden

**This will** was proved at London the last day of March in the yeare of our Lord God accordinge to the computacon of the Church of England one thousand Six hundred Fiffy and Six before the Judges for probate of wills and grantinge administrations lawfully authorized by the oath of Jennett Clarke als Benson the relict of the sayd deceased and sole executrix names in this last will and Testament of the sayd Henry Clarke deceased to whom was committed administration of all and Singular the goods chattles and debts of the sayd deceased Shee the sayd Jennett Clarke als Benson the relict of the sayd deceased beinge first Sworne in due forme of lawe by vertue of a Commission well and truelie to Administer the Same

### **RICHARD CLARKE 1614 Borthwick v33 f358**

In the name of God Amen october 4<sup>th</sup>(?) 1614 I Richard Clarke of Rathmell sick of body but of perfect remembrance praised be almighty Ggod proceed to the making this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all former and other wills. First and principally I bequeath my soul to almighty my maker and his divine son Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my executors and for my worldly goods and cattels I dispose of them in manner and form following. Item I will devise and set down my debts to be paid out of my goods and chattels and also I will and bequeath and give unto my three daughters the sum of £40 to every one of them or so much hereof as shall be thought fitting for if any of them my said three daughters do miscarry themselves or misgovern themselves contrary to the good directions and government of my executors then it is my mind and will that the portion or legacies thus intended or part thereof as my executors shall think fitting shall be deducted or not paid in respect of any their misgovernment. And whereas I am indebted for and in respect of purchasing my tenement and otherwise considering and well knowing my goods will not discharge my debts and legacies my will and mind is and I do limit grant assign and appoint my executor John Care to take and receive all the assurance and the estate which is to be passed from Samuell Knipe to my executor and his heirs for ever upon such provision, trust and limitation as by this my last will and testament is here expressed, that is to say my mind and will is that my executor John Care shall first pass unto Allen Carr good assurance for the Carre and Chapplinge and genkinge Crofte and so down to the waterside he the said Allan paying therefore all the said money which he is to pay according as we bargained and also discharging my good brethren Robert Carre, John Stackehouse and my brother Henry Clarke being my securities and bond for me to the foresaid Samuell Knipe for the said purchase money so as they may be truly kept harmless and also it is my will and mind that my executor shall grant all the remainder of my tenement which is to be purchased unto my sons John and Richard jointly to them and their heirs for ever provided always that neither of my said sons shall alien or make away either of their said parts but the one to the other and also my mind and will is I grant limit and appoint that my executors shall have power and authority to sell or lease any part of my said tenement so as the sum of the said purchase do not exceed £40 so as the same be done with the content and liking of my well beloved friends master William

Nowell of Caplesid gent and alan Carre of the said Capleside and I do ordain and make Isable my wife and John Carre my cousin aforesaid late of longill my executors of this my last will and testament. And also my mind and will is that whereas I have a lease for and during the natural life of master John Catterall and also a lease in reversion taken of Richard Catterall his son and heir apparent for 99 years immediately to enter at the decease of the said John Catterall I will that my wife have the half part thereof during her widowhood and if she marry then my mind is the said leases shall remain to my other executor John Carre to the use of my children as shall be thought fitting by my said friends William Nowell and Allan Carr and I make these my friends supervisors of this my last will and testament to see my executors perform this my will according to my true meaning as my trust is in them. And it is my will that my said wife shall have the bringing up of my said children and to occupy my said tenement until my sons shall accomplish and come to the age of six and 20 years if she keep her my wife so as my children have their portions paid out of my said tenement to make up their portions where my goods will not serve, and if she marry then my will is my wife have £40 paid out of my said tenement and it is my mind and will that John Carr my executor shall have his charges paid and also paid for his travel (*travail?\**) out of my said goods and tenement and it is my mind and will that if my wife marry she shall deliver up my said tenement with my leases and all the children's portions and all that belongs them and all such writings as she has in keeping touching or concerning my said tenement or any other thing which appertain to good of my children unto John Carre my executor. Witnesses William Nowell Alan Carr John Stackehouse James Balderstone.

\* *travill* in original = *travel or travail?*

*Rawthmell*  
*Giglsweeke*

#### **RICHARD CLARKE 1628 Ref. Borthwick vol 40 fol 414**

In the name of God Amen. The 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1628 I Richard Clarke of Rathmell within the county of York sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick.

Item whereas Jane Clarke my late sister did by her last will and testament did give unto poor people of Rathmell and to other lame poor coming thither eleven shillings of lawful English money yearly for ever now I the said Richard Clarke according to [*the*] agreement with my said sister made in her life time in consideration of 20 marks of lawful English money for which I did mortgage a parcel of ground called Grasmandale in Rathmell aforesaid do by this my last will and testament do give unto the poor of Rathmell aforesaid and other lame people coming into Rathmell for ever eleven shillings yearly to issue go out and be payable out of my lands in Eplands in the said Rathmell for ever according to my sisters will and I appoint Thomas Browne my brother in law, Stephen Armytsteade and Isabel Clarke my mother of the said Rathmell to distribute the same giving to them and their heirs for ever the said yearly annuity to the use above said and to distrain for the same if it be not paid at any 26<sup>th</sup>

December and the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June by equal portions for ever which eleven shillings is to that end that it should not be any benefit or ease to the inhabitants of Rathmell for sparing their own purposes but be only distributed by the persons above said and their heirs for ever as they shall think good.

Item my will is that whereas I am indebted to diverse persons and that my goods will not extend to discharge it all I give to Isabell Clarke my mother and her heirs for ever one close called Grasmandale, all my meadow ground in (linam?) at dikefoot and all other my meadow ground above dike in Rathmell aforesaid and saving other land at her election (*ellecon*) in Rathmell aforesaid as will be sufficient to pay all my debts whatsoever which I owe to any person or persons whatsoever and which will be sufficient to pay all such legacies as my said sister Jane gave by her last will and testament and for the discharging of all the said debts and legacies I authorise my said mother to sell convey and assure my said lands for such consideration as the same will give to the use aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath to my brother John Clarke a yearly rent of six and twenty shillings of lawful English money to be paid out of the rest of my lands yearly during the life natural of my said brother John Clarke and the same to be weekly by even portions in full satisfaction of all his right title claim and interest of in and to all the rest of my lands and possessions and hereditaments in Rathmell aforesaid except 18s weekly due to the said John Clarke by former assurance for his maintenance during his life natural.

Item when my said debts and funeral expenses be discharged out of my goods, lands and hereditaments I give and bequeath all the rest of my lands buildings and hereditaments with their appurtenances unto my mother Isabell Clarke during her life natural and after the decease of the said Isabell I give and devise all the aforesaid lands buildings hereditaments with their appurtenances to my two sisters Anne Clarke and Jennett Armytsteade their heirs and assigns for ever. Item I make Isabell Clarke my mother sole executrix of this my last will and testament witnesses hereof: John Carr, Stephen Armytsteade, Thomas Browne

*Rathmell spelt Rawthmell*

**JOHN COATE 1679 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.58 fol.29  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I John Coate of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke Cordwainer doe make this my last will & Testament in manner & forme Following First I bequeath my soule into the handes of God Almighty hoping that in the merritts of Christ Jesus to have the pardon & forgiveness of my sinns: And for my temporall estate I Commit my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried att the discretion of my wife; I give unto every one of my children twelve pence a peece; And for the rest of my goodes Landes & debts of what kinde soever I give unto my wife shee paying my debts and funerall expenses; And I make my wife Margarett Coate my onely Executrix of this my Last will & testament as aforesaid, And to this my last will I have sett my hand this 19<sup>th</sup>. day of May in the yeare of our Lord God 1679 John Coate; Witnesse hereof Robert Carr Robert Cote Arthur Catterall

*1 ½ lines Latin*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**MILES COATE 1672 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 58 fol. 724**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Miles Coate of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke cordiner\* being sick in body but of perfect memory praised be God doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping in the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus to have the pardon and forgiveness of my sins and I comitt my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried att the discretion of my brother John Coate And for my temporall Estate First I give unto my brother John Coates three daughters tenn shillings a peece and I give unto my sister (s.....yes) three children tenn shillings a peece and unto my sister .....ens five children tenn shillings a peece to be pd. within a year after my decease by my executors and upon default of payment of the sd. severall sums as aforesaid then my mind and will is that they jointly enter unto my pcell of ground called Goat..... Land lyeing near Stangrams in the Townfields of Giggleswicke aforesaid to them and their assignes during the lease I hold of the Earl of Burlington Alsoe I give unto Robert Coates and Myles Coate sons of my brother John Coate of Giggleswicke aforesaid all my tenant right or lease which I hold of the Earl of Burlington within the Lordshipp of Giggleswick and (county) aforesaid for the whole terme of yeares which is yet to come and accept before accepted provided that my brother John Coates have the benefitt and profitts of the tenant right or lease dureing their nonage if my brother John Coate soe... but if it please God that he dye before they come to age then it is my minde that my two nephews Robert Coate and Myles enter into the sd. premises or their assignes and take the profits thereof and my funeral Expenses being discharged I make and ordaine my sd. nephews Robert and Myles Coate joint Executors of this my last will and Testament And hereunto I sett my hand the twenty (fourth) day of Aprill Anno Dni 1672 Miles Coate in the presence of us James Higson Arthur Caterall

*One line Latin*

*Nonage – under 21 years of age*  
*\* Cordiner = cordwainer (shoemaker)*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN COCKE 1694 Admin. Ref. Borthwick Bundle Oct. 1694**

An apprizem. made of the Goods & Chattells of John Cocke late of Giggleswick in the County of York Yeoman dec'd – Apprized by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this 30<sup>th</sup>. day of June Anno R..R.Willi et Maria nunc Anglia etc. sexto Annoque dom.1694<sup>to</sup>

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Item I paire of old bedstocks & bedding thereunto, one old Awmry 3 old Chaires 2 little Chests or Desks two little Tables 2 stooles 2 little pewter Dishes 1 pewter Flagon & the rest of the small Goods in the firehouse now standing	00	13	00
	00	18	00

Wm. Paley  
 Thomas Brayshaw  
 Thomas Stackhouse  
 Matthew Watkinson

### **CHRISTOPHER COCKETT 1604 Borthwick v29 f474**

In the name of god Amen the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and four I Christopher Cockett of Giggleswick in the county of York cloth worker sick in body but of perfect remembrance to God be praise do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty god and my body to the earth from whence it came. Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods and I give all my title interest and right whatsoever of in and to that cottage or house wherein I now dwell with the appurtenances unto Thomas Cockett my eldest son to be unto him in full recompense of his portion desiring him to pay unto William and Robert my younger sons either of them 40s within one year after his marriage to mend# their portions and for my goods I will they be divided into two parts and that William, Robert and Alice my three youngest children unpreferred have the one half equally divided amongst them and all my part commonly called the deads part I give wholly to the said Alice my daughter which said Alice I make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament these being witnesses Nicholas Benson, John Benson and William Lawson.

#mend – remedy

*Gigleswicke*

### **THOMAS COCKETT 1620 Borthwick v36 f491**

In the name of God Amen upon the one and thirtieth day of January 1620 I Thomas Cockett of Stainforth under Bargh in the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in my body yet of perfect mind and memory I praise god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my Soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved and



my body to be buried in the church yard in of (*sic*) Giggleswick. Also my will and mind is that Isabell my wife shall have my houses and all my tenement not forth letten for and during her natural life. And all my goods moveable and unmovable upon condition that she shall pay and discharge all my debts. Also my will and mind is and I give to Henrie Cockett my eldest son and his assigns my house and Calgarth, the Croft and one parcel of ground called the ley banks and certain common of pasture lying and being in the moor head in Stainforth under Bargh aforesaid and my lease of the same. To enter unto and to have and to hold the same from and immediately after the death and decease of the said Isabell my now wife for and during the residue of the term of years therein mentioned then unexpired to hold in full satisfaction of his part and portion of all my goods. Also my will and mind is and I give unto my three sons Myles, Stephen and Lawrance Cockett one close of ground called the Acree Close be it more or less according to a bargain formerly made with them and in full satisfaction of their child's portion of my goods. Also my will is that Isabell Cockett my sister shall have a bedroom in my dwelling house during her life. Also I ordain and appoint Isabell my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament . These being witnesses Thomas Foster, Robert Swaineson and James Armitstead.

*Stainforde under bargh(e)*  
*Gigleswicke*

#### **JOHN COCKMAN 1603 Borthwick v29 f110**

In the name of god Amen the twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord god according to the computation of the Church of England 1603 I John Cockman of the Stubbinge within the Lordship of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body none the less of sound memory (to god be praise) do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god trusting in Christ Jesus to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends.

Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid and done out of my whole goods and then the remainder of all my whole goods chattels and debts to be divided into three equal parts whereof my wife to have her third part according to law and for the other two parts my will is and I give the same to be equally divided amongst my three children, that is to say Thomas, Francis and Jane and if god call any of them to his mercy before their age of one and twenty years then the portion or portions of any of them so dying to remain to the survivors or survivor of them.

Item my will is and I do hereby appoint that Ruthe my wife shall have the tuition of my said children and the governing of their portions till they come to their full several ages of 21 years if she so long live and be not married again but if she die or fortune to be married again then I commit the tuition of my said children and their portions to my brethren-in-law Thomas Sowden and William Lawson.

Item whereas I have compounded and agreed with the worshipful my master John Catterrall Esq for a lease of my tenement with appurtenances at Stubbinge above said whereon I now dwell for the term of twenty and one years which did begin at the decease of my mother Agnes Cockman who departed this life the 25th day of April last past and likewise for a lease of one great close called Stubbinge Close for the like term of twenty and one years beginning at Candlemas last I request my said master that he will without delay seal the same leases and

perform the same according to conscience and to our faithful agreement set down in certain notes made between us subscribed with his own hand and according to that undoubted trust which I evermore have had and now have in him, for the good of my poor wife and children. And further my will is and I ordain that Ruthe my said wife or they to whom the tuition of my said children (by force of this my will) shall appertain shall have and enjoy my said tenement close and leases for the better bringing up of my said children till my son Thomas come to 21 years old, and then he to have all my leases to him and his assigns and all my right estate and terms of years which then shall be to come therein and unexpired (my wife's right therein always and at all times excepted) and I do appoint my said wife and my brother in law Thomas Sowden executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses William Jackes of Giggleswick, Mathew Procter, Michaell Sowden and William Lawson.

*Rawthmell  
Gigleswicke*

**RICHARD COCKMAN 1603 Borthwick v29 f19**

In the name of god amen the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred and three I Richard Cockman of the Stubbing within the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of sound memory to God be praise do make this my last will and testament as follows First I commend my soul to God and my body to the earth from whence it came. Item whereas I did allow my wife heretofore to give two kine unto Thomas Cockman my son's son I will that the same gift stand good. Item it is my will that my goods be divided into three equal parts and that my wife have her third part thereof according to law and for my part called the deads part after that my funeral expenses and mortuary be performed I give out of the same to Francis and Jane Cockman children of my said son John either of them five marks and the residue of all my said goods I give them wholly to my said son John. And I make my said son John Cockman and Agnes my wife executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses of the same Thomas Claphamson and William Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

**JANE COOKE of Stainforth 1638 Borthwick ref. Nov 1638 Craven**

In the name of god Amen I Jane Cooke of Stainforth widow late wife of Roger Cooke deceased sick in body but of perfect remembrance, god be praised, hoping to be saved through the merits of Jesus Christ my redeemer do first bequeath my soul to god and my body to be buried in the church of Gigleswicke and I give ten pounds to be bestowed of my funeral and if any be spared I will that it be given to the poor of the township of Stainforth and I give to two daughters of Andrew Peacocke son of Henery Peacocke of Cowside five pounds a piece. Item I give to James Stackhouse my servant seven pounds. Item I give to Agnes Wilkinson, Richard Walker's daughters five pounds. Item I give to Robert Paycocke of Cowside four pounds. Item I give to Anne Stephenson of Arncliffe forty shillings. Item I give to the eldest son of Robert Walker forty shillings. Item I give to John Walker twenty shillings. Item I give to Henery Banke of Settle his children twenty shillings. Item I give to Thomas Peacocke twenty

shillings. Item I give to Thomas Coate late my servant two shillings and I give to Margret Stalman daughter of \Robert/ Stalman of Astweeke ( *Austwick*) when she come to one and twenty years of age twenty pounds and if she die before, I give to four children of Robert Peacocke eight pounds that is forty shillings a piece and to Robert Walker eldest son forty shillings and to Henry Peacockes youngest daughter forty shillings and to the two daughters of Andrew Peacocke forty shillings a piece and to my servant James Stackhouse forty shillings and forty shillings to the poor of the township of Stainforth, if the said Margret Stalman die before she come to one and twenty years of age and I do make Roger Lawson of Stainforth my whole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my handmark and seal the 24<sup>th</sup> day of [*torn*] 1638

Sealed and signed In the presence of us Thomas Armetstead mark,

Robert Kidson marke

Jane Cooke (marke)

Anthony Foster \jur/

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

#### **ROGER COOKE 1629 Ref. Borthwick v41 f476**

In the name of God Amen. The seventeenth day of February in the year of our lord god 1629 and in the first year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of god King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I Roger Cooke of Stainforth-under-Bargh in the County of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: first I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ his dear son my saviour and redeemer to be made partaker of eternal bliss in his heavenly kingdom. And my body to be buried in the Churchyard of Giggleswick and my funeral charges to be born and paid out of my whole goods. Item I give devise and bequeath my messuage and tenement with appurtenances in Stainforth-under-Bargh aforesaid and all my houses, edifices, barns, buildings, gardens, lands, meadows, pastures, commons and other appurtenances thereunto belonging and my lease thereof and all my estate interest and term of years therein and thereunto to Christopher Cooke my son and to his executors administrators and assigns to his and her only use and uses provided always and upon condition that he shall permit suffer and allow Jaine Cooke my wife and her natural mother to have hold and enjoy to her own use the third part of my said messuage, tenement, houses, gardens grounds and other appurtenances in Stainforth aforesaid for and during so long time as she shall continue unmarried after my decease. And as concerning my moveable goods first I give all my husbandry gear to my son Christopher Cooke and for the residue of my said goods my will is that Jane my said wife shall have her thirds according to the law and custom of the country and the other two parts I give and bequeath freely and wholly to my said son Christopher Cooke. And I do make and ordain my said wife Jane Cooke and my said son Christopher Cooke to be the executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Henry Foster, Robert Kidson and Richard Wildman.

*Giggleswick spelt Giggleswicke in will*

**WILLIAM COOKE 1693 Ref. Borthwick.York. Apl 1694**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Memrm yt (*that*) William Cooke of Milldam in ye County of yorke & parish of Gigglesweeke Batshellor did upon ye twenty sixth day of December last past \make this his Nuncupative will/ in ye sight & hearing of us whose names are here subscribed \in these words or words to the same purpose viz I Give & bequeath to John Cooke of ye said milldam my brother in Law All my goods in what kind & nature soever moveable & unmoveable In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands ye Twelfth day of february in ye year of our Lord one Thousand six hundred ninety & three – And named the said John Cooke his whole executor

her marke  
Dorothy C Bankes  
his marke  
Stephen X Robinson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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*Date on top line obliterated*

An Inventory taken the day & yeare above written of all ye Goods and Chattells belonging to William Cooke of ye Mill Dam in Township of Rathmell & County of Yorke Labourer deceased, And apprized by us whose names are subscribed as Followeth

	£	s	d
Impr. his purse & Apparrell	00	10	00
It. One paire of Bedstocks And beding for one bed	00	15	00
It. Two little Chists	00	05	00
It. One house In Settle with Two dwellings in it and a Garden belonging it, And about halfe an Acre of Ground Lying in Cammachbrow in Settle Towne Field	12	00	00
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Suma totalis	13	10	00

Thomas Cooke  
his marke  
James I Adkinson  
Thomas Tindall  
his marke  
Thomas V Adkinson

**JOHN COOKESON 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Sep.1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God Amen this twenty eight day August in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred ninety, I John Cookeson of Settle in the County of yorke yeom being somewhat Infirme in body but of good & pfect memory, praised bee God for the same doe make & ordayne this my Last Will and testament in maner & forme

following hereby revoking all former & other Will & Wills by mee heretofore made  
And first & principally I commend & Comitt my soule into the mercifull hands of  
Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in & through the merrits & mediation  
of Jesus Christ my sins shall bee forgiven & that my Soule shall bee made partaker of  
everlasting happnesse in the kingdome of heaven & my body to buried in decent  
maner at the discretion of my friends & executor & executrix hereafter named And as  
to the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give & dispose  
as followeth And first my Will & minde is that my Just debts Legacies & funerall  
expences bee payd out of my whole Estate Item my will & minde is that Ellen my  
wife shall have & enjoy all my Messuages Lands & tenements within the parishes of  
Gigleswicke & Burnsall all in the County aforesaid until such time as James  
Cookeson my sonne shall attayne the age of twenty one years for & towards the  
maintenance & education of him & all my other Children, Item my will & minde is &  
I doe hereby give & bequeath unto my said sonne James All my Messuages Lands &  
tenemts with theyr rights members within the said parishes of Gigleswicke & Burnsall  
to enter to the same as followeth (That is to say to one moiety thereof at such time as  
hee shall attayne the age of twenty one years, & to one moiety or halfe of A halfe  
parte thereof at such time as my youngest child shall accomplish the age of twenty  
one years & the residue & remainder thereof imeadiately after the death & Decease of  
my said wife, Hee paying unto my young children Francis Thomazin Anne John  
Anthony & Ellen the severall sums of One hundred pounds a peice as they shall  
atayne unto theyr severall ages of Twenty one years, And in case it shall soe happen  
that any of my said younger children shall depart this life before they attayne theyr  
severall age of twenty one years then my will & minde is that then his her or theyr  
Leagcy (*sic*) or portion soe dying shall goe equally amongst all my children living &  
that shall atayne ye said ages of twenty one years, my said sonne James to have his  
share as well as the rest, Item my will & minde is that my said Wife Ellen shall have  
& enjoy the one moiety or halfe of all my said Messuages Lands & tenemts until my  
youngest child shall atayne ye age of twenty one years for & towards the maintenance  
& education of my younger children & my will is that afterwards shee shall enjoy  
one third parte thereof for & during the terme of Sixty years if shee shall soe long live  
Item I give & bequeath unto my said sonne James two full parts of all my psonall  
estate the same in three parts to bee divided & ye other third parte thereof I give &  
bequeath unto my said wife Ellen And Lastly I doe nominate Constitute & appoynt  
my said wife & my said sonne James joynt executors of this my Last Will &  
testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the day & year  
first above written

his marke

John C Cookeson

Seald Signd & published  
in the presence of us  
Hugh Hall jurat  
John Skirrow  
Jo:Richardson

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....the 5<sup>th</sup>. 1690

.....apprizemt. ....tially made of the goods & Chattels of John Cookeson of Settle  
lately decd by us whose names are hereunto subscribed vizt. Hugh Hall John Skirrow  
Wm.Hall John Wildman

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse & apparell & riding furniture	5	0	0
Moneys in the house	6	0	0
2 Kine & 2 Calves	3	0	0
2 Oxen	6	0	0
4 stears	6	0	0
2 twinters	2	10	0
2 heifers	2	0	0
5 milk Kine	7	10	0
3 Mayres & 3 Staggs	6	0	0
52 old sheep	7	16	0
12 Lambs	0	18	0
3 hoggs	0	12	0
	53	6	0

#### Red Chamber

Imprimis One bedstead	0	13	4
1 feather bed & 2 bolsters	0	10	0
1 Chafe bed 1 rugg 2 blankitts & one boulster	0	10	0
1 payre of red Curtains	0	5	0
1 Trundle bed & Chafe bed	0	2	6
One table & forme	0	5	0
6 chaires	0	15	0
1 bufitt stoole & 3 shelves	0	2	0
1 pillion & cloth	0	1	0
40 Lea of yarne	0	2	6
Cheese fatt & sinker & 2 Cheeses	0	1	4
	3	7	8

#### Midle Chamber

1 Table & forme	0	6	8
3 Oake Chaires & 3 Cushions	0	7	6
	0	14	2

#### Chamber over the house

1 Table & one forme	0	10	0
one Arke	0	8	0
5 bushell of meale at 4s per bushell	1	0	0
One tub & A pcell of Groats	0	4	0
one littell Chist	0	1	0
one Spinning wheele	0	0	6
one Chafe bed 1 boulster 1 blankitt & two coverletts	0	5	0
3 buffit stooles & one tub	0	3	2
	2	11	8

#### In the old Chambers

Three bedsteads	0	6	0
three Chafe beds & three Chafe bolsters	0	4	6
two Chists 8s 2 littell Arks 6s-8d	0	14	8
	1	11	2

#### In the Kitching Loft

three bedsteads 13s 4d one payre of hangers & two matts 3s	0	16	4
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one feather bed & two feather bolsters	0	15	0
three Chafe bedds & fower chafe bolsters	0	6	0
fower Coverlitts one Rugg & one blankitt	0	12	0
one Littell round table 2s 6d one Long (seatex?) two cushions 18d	0	4	0
	2	13	4

In the Low Parlor

Two bedsteads	1	10	0
two payre of Curtains	0	5	0
one feather bed & one feather bolster	0	15	0
two Chafe beds & two Chafe bolsters	0	4	0
one Rugg two blankitts & one happin	0	13	4
one table & one forme	0	8	0
one littell table & one bufett 2s two Oake chaires 3s	0	5	0
one Long seate & 2 cushions 13s 4d two baskitts & A littell wooll 6d	0	13	10
	4	14	2

In the higher Parlor

One bedstead	1	0	0
one payre of Curtains	0	2	0
one feather bed & two bolsters	0	13	4
two Chafe beds & two Chafe bolsters	0	3	0
one Trundle bed 1s two blankitts 2s 6d	0	3	6
one forme 1s 6d 3 Ash chaires 1s 6d	0	3	0
two Oake chaires 4s two bufitts & one round stoole 2s 6d	0	6	6
	2	11	4

In the Cellar

One knop & Gelcar 4s two Hogsheads 4s	0	8	0
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In the Butterie

One Cupboard 5s one table & two forms 5s three litell boxes & 3 shelves 1s	0	11	0
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In the Bodistead of the house

Two tables & one forme	1	0	0
one Cupboard	0	12	0
one Long seate 6s 8d 2 Ash Chaires & six stooles 1s 6d	0	8	2
fower shelves 1s	0	1	0
five Chamber potts & one possit Cupp	0	5	0
five littell tankards 2s 8d one Dozen of plaits 4s	0	6	8
fower salts Nine cupps & fower Sawcers	0	3	0
one hand bason & one pasty pann	0	1	0
fower white plaits & two potts	0	1	0
two Smoothing Irons & Heaters	0	0	6
one warming pann 5s two brasse ladells 8d	0	5	8
two Chopping Knives & one broiling Iron	0	0	4
one (tosting bit?)	0	2	0
Nine porringers	0	2	3
eight plaits & five Candlesticks	0	4	4
Sixteene dublers	0	16	0
eighteene flagons & Canns	1	0	0
two doz: of Spoones	0	?	6

three Brasse potts	0	16	0
one Iron pott & Crookes	0	5	0
One Brasse mortar & Peshier one broiling pan one (strikeing?) ..... & one Chafeing dish	0	3	6
eleaven panns	2	10	0
three barrels & one Cooler	0	1	0
three galons & one piggon	0	1	0
one flaskitt one Tunnel# & one payre of Tems	0	1	0
three basons 1s 2 Cheesefatts 6d	0	1	6
two barrel one stand one Churne & stafe one rattan (trap?).....	0	1	6
two flaskitts	0	0	8
Nine payre of sheets	1	7	0
three table cloths one 003 ½ of Napkins & halfe a doz: course ones	0	6	0
one dripping pan & spitt	0	4	0
one bakeing stone one payre of briggs one payre of tongs 1 tosting iron	0	2	6
	11	11	1

In the New Barne

One jetty of hay	3	10	0
two stees one forke & one Rack	0	2	6
one pcell of boards 1 shovell 6 cow bands 1 hay crooke & one rope	0	1	2
two Ridles two Cart Sadles one payre of haines one flaw spade	0	1	0
Oats beans barley & wheat in all 840 stoucks at 6d per stoucke	21	0	0
hay at Newfield	0	10	0
	25	4	8

In the old Barne & Hay Loft

In hay	5	10	0
two Arkes	1	10	0
one Ridle two load Sadles one seed hopper & one Measure	0	4	0
tenn sacks & (1 winding cloth)	0	16	0
two ..eing /..... & fower bushells of Malt	0	16	4
two shuttles? two Ridles & hemp	0	6	4
two hay Carts & two payre of wheelles	1	0	0
two turfe Carts one Coupe & one payre of wheelles	0	6	8
two Sithes with (pooles)	0	1	0
two forks one forke shaft one wheele barrow 2 stees	0	2	0
two Cart sadles 3 barkhams two payre of haimes 3 back bands two payre of Cart ropes one overlay one ax	0	6	0
eight raikes	0	0	6
one great Hammer one Gavelock & one hack	0	5	0
some od husbandry gear with three forks	0	2	0
two Carts & one Coupe	0	2	0
one (Percell) of turfes	1	0	0
one Cheese presse	0	0	4
one plow & harrow	0	2	6
Coulter & share	0	2	0
three teams & yoks with bows; 1 (Creap?) 2 Swingletrees 2 payre of (traces?)	0	6	0



two Midle boards with all other od huslent	0	10	0
	13	8	8

Debts owing to ye deceased

Roger Procter of Nether hesleden by bond	30	0	0
Richard Shackleton by bond	20	0	0
Wm. Procter by bond	20	0	0
Hugh Lawson by bond	10	0	0
	80	0	0
Suma total	202	12	11

Debts owing by ye deceased

In Legacys which he was charged by

his maker, & servant wages

30 10 0

funeral expences

16 0 0

*Kine – cow, usually the milking cow in a herd*

*Twinters – animal which has seen two winters*

*Chafe bed – mattress filled with chaff*

*Trundle bed – low bed, usually on wheels, often kept out of use under a standing bed*

*Pillion – a light saddle*

*Sinker – Circular board which presses the curds down into the cheese vat under the press*

*Knop – Large tub or washing tub*

*Hogshead – large cask for ale, beer, cider or wine*

*Possit – drink of milk curdled with ale or wine*

*Dubler - large sized plate or dish of wood or pewter*

*Pesher /pessell? – pestle used for pounding food in a mortar*

*Chafeing dish – dish containing food to be placed on a chafer*

*Chafer – small dish with lid used for holding hot ashes or charcoal to keep food warm*

*Cooler – oval tub*

*Piggon – small wooden vessel or pail with one stave longer than the rest to serve as a handle*

*Flaskitt – oval washing tub, flask or bottle*

*Tunnel – a funnel*

*Temse – small fine meshed sieve, used for flour but also in brewing & woollen trade*

*Briggs – wooden frame to support a strainer, used in dairy & brewing*

*Hames / Haimes –two curved pieces of wood forming part of a draught-horse's collar, with hooks to which the traces were fixed.*

*Flaw spade –*

*Coupe – cart with closed sides on runners or wheels*

*Backband – strap or chain supporting the shafts of a vehicle*

*Hack – tool used in the kitchen/mattock/rack to hold fodder*

*Coulter – iron blade fixed in front of a plough share which makes a vertical cut in the soil*

*Share – iron blade in a plough*

*Swingletree – cross bar on a plough*

*Happin / Happing – a rug or coverlet for a bed*

*Gelcar –*

*Barkhams –*

*Gavelock – a crowbar*

*Stagg – castrated bull/young unbroken horse/horse under 3 years old*

*Smoothing iron (& heaters) – the heaters were round bars of iron heated in a fire & then inserted into the hollow iron*

*Dripping pan – a pan placed below the meat on a revolving spit to catch the drips.*

*Broyling iron / Brewling plate – broiling plate; made of iron for cooking meat over a fire.*

**ROBERT COOKESON 1699 Ref. Borthwick.York. May 1699 (Admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory of the Chattels of Robert Cookeson late of Giggleswicke deceased as apprizd by us subscribing –

One Lease of a small Cottage with a Ruinous Barne & one little garden belonging there to	li	s	d
	15	00	00

Jo:Armistead  
Roger Armitstead  
Arthur Whitaker  
Willim Bradley

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMASINE COOKESON 1682 Ref.Borthwick.York.vol. 60 fol.74  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this third day of March in the thirty fifth yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God King of England etc. Anno Dom.1682 I Thomasine Cookeson of Settle in the County of yorke widdow being sickely in body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God doe make constitute ordaine and declare this my last will & testament in manner and forme Following revoaking and annulling by these presents all and every testament and testaments will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or writeing and this is to be taken onely for my last will and testament and none other And First being penitent and sorry frome the bottome of my heart for my sinnes past most humbly desireing forgiveness for the same I give and Commit my soule unto Almighty God my saviour and Redeemer in whome by the merrits of Jesus Christ I trust and beleive assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sinnes and that my soule with my body shall rise againe with joy at the last and generall judgement through the merrits of Christs death and passion and inherit the kingdom prepared for his elect And my body to be buried at the discretion and in such place where it shall please my Executor hereafter named to appoint And for the following my temporall estate which it hath pleased God to bestowe upon me I doe order give and dispose the same in manner and forme following that is to say, First I give unto my Granddaughter Esther Senior twenty poundes which said twenty poundes my sonne in law Hugh Hall is oweing unto me, Item I give unto every Grandchilde I have (besides the aforementioned Esther Senior) forty shillings a peece when they shall respectively attaine the age of twenty one yeares if they will give a full discharge to my Executor (hereafter mentioned)

excepting Hugh Hall children if he refuse to pay the abovesaid twenty poundes, Item all the rest of my goodes and moneys what so ever (after the defraying of my funerall expenses) I give and bequeath unto my sonne John Cookson whom I doe hereby appointe sole Executor of this my last will and testament; In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written. My minde and will is that my Executor shall give unto my daughter Elizabeth forty shillings Thomasine Cookeson her marke sealed and signed in the sight and presence of us with the word interlined betwixt the first and second line Thomas Carr Wm. Paley

*One line Latin*

**ELIZABETH COOKSON 1613 Borthwick v32 f662**

In the name of god Amen. I Elizabeth Cookeson of Settle the unprofitable servant of almighty god weak in body but strong in mind and of good and perfect remembrance the Lord be praised do willingly and with free heart render and give again into the hands of my Lord god and Creator my spirit which he of his fatherly goodness gave unto me when he first fashioned me in my mother's womb making me a living and reasonable creature, nothing doubting, but that for all his mercies set forth in the precious blood of his dearly beloved son Jesus Christ our only saviour and redeemer he will receive my soul into his glory and place it in the company of the heavenly angels and blessed saints. And as concerning my body I even with a good will and free heart give over commending the same to the earth whereof it came, to be buried in Giggleswick church yard at the discretion of my good friends. And for these little goods which god has bestowed upon me I do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.

First my mind and will is that the church dues and funeral expenses be honestly paid and discharged out of the whole, then I give and bequeath these legacies following. First I give to Robert Swenson my father-in-law the sum of ten poundes. Item I give to Robert Morehouse forty shillings. Item I give to William Browne of Langcliffe my uncle forty shillings. Item I give to James Browne of Nortwith my uncle forty shillings. Item I give to three children of my brother John Cookesone thirty shillings being every one equally divided 10s. Item I give to Thomas Cookeson ten shillings. Item I give to Jenet Cookeson my aunt 10s. Item I give to Elizabeth Browne my god daughter 10s. I give to John Cookeson my uncle 10s. Item I give to Annas Greene my aunt 10s. Item I give to Elizabeth Lowckland my god daughter 12d. Item I give to Edmund Greene 2s 6d and for my apparel to be given at the discretion of my mother. And the rest of my goods I give unto my brother John Cookeson.

And I ordain and make him whole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand mark the ninth day of December in the years of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc the eleventh & of Scotland the seven & fortieth 1613. Witnesses of the same Robert Morehouse Robert Swaynson and John Carre

Settle  
Gigleswicke

**ROBERT COOKSON 1702 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Aug 1702**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the Ninth day of June in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seaven hundred & Two I Robert Cookson of Settle in the County of Yorke yeom being sick of body but of pfect mind and memory praised bee Almighty God for ye same doe make publish & declare this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following revokeing & disann(ulling) all other Will & Wills Testamt. & Testamts wtsoever heretofore by me made either by word or in writeing And first I bequeath & comitt my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting by his mercy & through the meritts & mediation of his blessed son Jesus Christ my Saviour & redeemer the same to enjoy eternall blisse & happynesse & my body to bee buried in ye pish Church or Churchyard of Gigleswicke in A decent manner at the discrecion of my Executrix hereafter named And as for the temporall Goods & Chattells with which it hath pleased God to bless & bestow upon me I give devise & dispose of as followeth that is to say First I will & my mind is that all my Just debts & funeral expences be payd by my Executrix out of my household stuffe goods & Chattells soe soone as the same can bee disposed of to raise money to discharge my sd debts And my Will & mind is after my Just debts & funerall expences bee honestly discharged & payd that the overpluss of all such money as shall bee raised out of my sd goods and Chattells & the remainder or rest of my goods & Chattells wch shall bee then unsold or disposed of shall bee to the onely proper use & behoofe of Mary my Deare & Loveing wife who I make sole & absolute Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hoping she will duely and truly performe the same according to the true intent & meaning hereof & to the utmost of her power As Wittnesse my hand & Seale the day & yeare in these presents first above written  
Seald Signd & published

in the presence of us  
Tho: Carr junior  
T Lawson jurat

Robert Cookson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A True & pfect Inventory of all & singuler the Goods Cattle Chattells (de)btts Creditts household stuffe & husbandry Geare belonging to Robert Cookson of Settle in the County of Yorke yeom late deced Apprized & made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this Tenth day of July Anno Dom 1702

	li	s	d
Imprimis his purse & Apparell	02	10	00
his horse Sadle & bridle	04	00	00
In the sunn Chamber			
One long table & frame & one Joyned forme	01	00	00
Two old Chairs	00	01	06
One paire of whole headed Teaster bedstocks & other paire of bedstocks with A Matt Teaster	01	00	00
Two feather beds	01	10	00

Three feather bolsters & 2 paire of Canvas sheetes	00	18	00
Two paire of blanketts & one red rugg	00	18	08
Two Chaffe bolsters 1 paire of red Curtains & Iron rodde	00	06	00
Eight loose Gyests? two frames & two bed Cords	00	04	00
In the Higher Chamber over the Parlor			
Two paire of Bedstocks	00	10	00
One feather Bedd	00	12	00
One rug one old Coverlett & an Happeing	00	06	00
Two Chaffe beds 5 bolsters & one blanket	00	08	00
One spinning wheele	00	02	06
25 Ash Gyests & 3 loose boards	00	05	00
One old Ash table. A frame & one Joyned forme	00	05	00
One old bedstead & A paire of Iron Racks	00	06	00
In the Higher Chamber over the house			
Tow paire of Bedstocks & two Matts	01	00	00
Two ruggs two feather beds & three Canvas sheets	01	16	00
Two paire of blanketts 3 Chaffe bolsters & A paire of Curtains	00	08	00
One Arke two Chists one little table & A Chaire	00	13	04
Three Riddles two (shittles?) & an old trundle bedd	00	03	00
Six Gyests one old bed & loose boards	00	02	06
In the High Porch Chamber			
One paire of Bedstocks & Cord one feather bed A Chaffe bed & A Coverlett	00	13	04
In the Out Chamber Over the shopp			
One paire of bedstocks & A little table	01	01	06
One feather bed A Chaffe bedd & two feather bolsters	01	10	00
One paire of Sheets one rugg & A bed cord	00	07	00
One paire of Curtains & Rodds	00	13	04
One long seate 2 Joyned Chairs & 2 little Chairs	00	06	00
In the Parlor Chamber			
One paire of Ash bedstocks & painted teaster	00	07	00
One rugg one paire of sheets one paire of blanketts & A Chaffe bed	01	00	00
One paire of Curtains & bed Cord	00	06	08
One feather bolster & A Chaffe bolster	00	03	00
One long table 3 Joyned formes & A stand	00	16	00
One Cloths presse	00	13	04
One little table a little Deske A Joyned chaire & A wanded Chair	00	08	00
In the Chamber Over the house			
One long table & one Joyned forme	00	17	00
One paire of Ash bedstocks & A Stand	00	09	00
One feather bedd	01	06	08
Three feather Bolsters	00	08	00
One paire of blanketts	00	08	00
Two paire of sheets	00	08	00
One Happeing & A Counterpane	00	10	00
One paire of Curtains Vallans & Iron rodde	01	05	00
One little table & one Chaire	00	03	06
In the Porch Chamber			

One table & One Chaire	00	08	00
In the Staire Case			
One Old Arke & A pecke	00	03	06
In the bodystead of ye house			
One Table frame & one Long settle	00	13	00
Four Joyned Oake Chairs	00	10	00
Four other little Chairs 3s one little table 4s	00	07	00
One Clocke & Case	01	06	08
One brass pott	00	10	00
One bakeing stone & two paire of briggs	00	10	00
One paire of Niggards one reckon Crooke one paire of tongs & A paire of little (racks)	00	05	00
Five pewter Chamber potts	00	05	00
three spitts two (tosting) & A Cockle pann	00	05	06
One spade one Smoothing Iron & heaters	00	04	06
A warmeing pann A brass Chaffeing dish A paire of bellows A paire of tongs a beefe forke & broiling Iron	00	06	08
Twelve pewter dishes	01	10	00
A doz of plates 6s.6d. 8 tankerds & A great tankerd 12s.	00	18	06
6 pewter porringers 2 salts A doz. of pewter spoons & other little pewter things	00	03	00
Two shelves A bread fleake & 80 Leas of Yarne	00	07	00
In the Parlor			
A paire of Bedstocks	00	13	04
A feather bed & A Chaffe bed	00	15	00
three feather bolsters	00	06	08
Two ruggs A paire of blanketts A paire of curtains & A sheet	00	15	00
One Cupboard	00	06	08
Six pewter Candlesticks & A brass Mortar	00	05	00
One little table & 3 buffetts	00	04	00
three paire of Linnen sheet 1 doz of Napkin three table Cloths & other Linnen	01	10	00
A paire of silke Temms?	00	01	06
In the Celler			
Two large brewing pans	04	10	00
Two large G(e)lkers & A salting tub	01	05	00
Three Tearses four barrels & an hogs head	00	16	06
One Churne one paire ofG(a)rden shears & other old wood vessell & potts in ye Parlor	00	05	00
In the Brewhouse			
Three Little pans two Gelkers a Knopp & A Flaskett	02	00	00
A Chesse press & 6 Oakeboards	00	09	00
An old bedstead & some other old wood vessell	00	03	00
In the Stable			
An Arke 10s. A skepp 1s.6d. A Carte & paire of wheelles 10s.	01	01	06
two Ladders 5s.6d. A Gate att ye end of ye fold 3s	00	08	06
Racks Mangers balks Gyests fleakes & other loose boards	06	13	04

In the barne			
A Carte & paire of wheelles	00	18	00
Another Carte paire of wheelles & A Coup	01	00	00
A plow plow Irons & plowgeare	00	10	00
Hay & Straw	01	10	00
One old Cow & A Calfe	02	00	00
One old Mare & a foale	01	05	00
A Boare	02	00	00
Husbandry geare & all other Huslemts & old things in & about ye house & stables	00	13	04
	74	02	06

Willm Taylor  
John Skirrow  
T. Lawson

Debts oweing by the deceased

	li	s	d
Mr. Thomas Walker	10	00	00
George Wilson			
John Walton	03	15	00
Tho. Carr junr.	03	00	00
Richard Paley	06	08	00
Mr. Coulthurst	09	17	00
Jon. Skirrow	01	00	07
Jeremy Bonscale	00	09	09
Saml. Lawson	01	00	00
Leo. Bolland	01	00	00
Richard Berbecke	03	00	00
Tho: Lawson	03	16	06
Mr. Ellershaw	03	00	00
Mr. Hawkerigg	07	05	00
Wm. Pate	01	00	00
Martin Richardson	01	00	06
Adam Browne	00	12	00
Mr. Potter	03	00	00
to .A. Mallman att Leeds	01	00	00
Mrs. Whitehead	00	10	00
Hugh Iveson	01	03	00
John Hamerton	01	00	00
Richard Lawson	01	10	00
Eliz: Richardson	01	02	00
Tho. Moorehouse	00	03	07
Robt. Walker	00	13	10
Henry Browne	06	00	00
Mr. ....aylor	00	10	00
Jon. Foster	00	12	00
Mr.Wm. Dawson	05	00	00

Isabell Awstwicke	01	00	00
Edmond Hemingway	00	14	08
Jon. Waidson	01	08	00
Jon. Bradley			
Widdow Lupton	00	14	00

**ROBERT COTE 1647 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Oct 1649  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen The Foure & Twentieth day of January in the yeare of our Lord god according to the Computacon of the Church of England One Thousand sixe hundreth Fourty seaven I Robert Cote of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke being sickely in Body but of good & perfect remembrance prayed be god doe Make this my last will & Testament in manner & forme following First I committ & commend my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty god my maker & creator trusting assuredly through his mercy & by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely redeemer to be saved & to have full p(ar)don & remission of all my sinnes; & my body to the Earth whereof it was made to be buryed in the parish Churchyard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends And for my worldly & Temporall goods & estate I give bequeath & dispose of the same as followes Inprimis whereas I am lawfully possessed of certaine p(ar)cells of ground, that is to say one pcell lying under Cockett & one pcell called a Tofte land, & one other pcell called a (S)eld land lying within the Towne fields of Giglesweeke, wich I had by grant from Rowland Falthrapp, & doe hold the same to me & myne Executors & assignes for the terme of many yeares, as by the conveyances thereof made may appeare, Now I doe hereby give & devise \all/ the before named pcells of ground & all my appurtances concerning the same unto (Elizabeth my wife?) *...page torn...use &.....* of the same *...pleasure.....* Elizabeth my said wife shall have & enjoy the moyety or the one halfe of all my houses land & the half of all my other grounds during her life naturall, and that my sonne John Cote shall have the other halfe thereof; and after the death of my said wife I give the same wholly to my said sonne John his Exer & assignes for ever And if it shall please god that I shall live till after Candlemas day, then my will & mynd is that my said wife shall have & take the profitts of all my houses & grounds for the next yeare after Item my will & mynd is that my said sonne John Cote shall pay unto my younger sonns Francis & Myles Cote the some of Forty pounds by equall porcons in manner followinge that is to say, to eyther of my said sonns the some of Ten pounds upon the second day of February next after my decease; And likewise to Eyther of them Tenn pounds upon the second day of February next after the death of my said wife # Ite my will & mynde is that \all/ my debts & funeral expences be first payd out of my whole goods: Item I give unto my daughter Margarett the some of Twenty pounds; Item I give unto my son in law \ John Barrey/ Twenty Nobles to make his wife portion up to Twenty pounds: Ite I give unto my son in law Thomas Greene Five pounds to make his wife portion up to Twenty pounds Item my mynd is that my table in the house & the Arke in the seller & Two beds in the Chamber shall remaine at the house as Aireloomes to & for my son John; Ite my will is that my younger sonns Francis & myles shall have a Bedroome in my said house soe long as they shall be unmarried. Ite I give to every one of (my) grand children two shillings Ite concerning all the rest of my goods & chattels not before desposed of, I give the same wholly to Elizabeth \jurat/ my said wife, whom I make



sole Executrix of this my last will & Testamt., & in witnes thereof I have hereto put my hand & seale;

witnesses hereof Robert \jur/ Carr Bryan \jurat/ Cookeson  
Thomas Atkinson

Robert Cote  
his marke

#Item my will & mynd is that John Cote my eldest son shall within One yeare next after the decease of my said wife pay unto Francis and Myles Cote my younger sonns & unto Ann & Jane my daughters the some of Tenn pounds to be equally divided amongst them.

*(The above written along the side of the document)*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

### **LAWRENCE COULTON 1626 Borthwick. v39 f233**

In the name of god amen upon the fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord god 1626 I Lawrence Coulton of Stainforth under Burgh in the county of York husbandman sick in body yet of perfect mind and memory praise god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church in Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends. Also I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid forth of my whole goods.

Item my will and mind is that Margaret my wife shall have the one half of my movable goods which is her right according to law and custom of the country.

Item my will and mind is and I give and bequeath the other half of all my movable goods to the said Margaret my wife and to George Swainsonne my brother in law equally to be divided between them.

Item my will and mind is that Margaret my wife shall have the use and occupation of my house in Stainforth and one garth and one close called foregroome only during her widowhood.

Item I give and bequeath the said house, garth and close called Foregroome to the said George Swainson my brother in law and to his children and their assigns and all deeds and evidences which I have concerning the same. To enter to the said house garth and close immediately after the death or marriage of the said Margaret my wife. And also my will and mind is and I give and bequeath unto John Coulton Anne Coulton and Jane Coulton my cousins twenty shillings a piece to be paid unto them by the said George Swainson my brother in law at the time of his entry to the possession and occupation of the said house, garthe and close.

Also I give and bequeath to the inhabitants of Stainforth before said three shillings and four pence for and towards the amends(?) of their bull.

And I nominate and appoint the said Margaret my wife and the said George Swainson my brother in law to be joint executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Robte Swainson and Anthonie Bainbrigg.

*Stainforth under barghe  
Giggleswicke*

**WILLIAM COULTON 1675 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 57 fol. 157  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I William Coulton of Setle in the County of yorke husbandman (being sick) of body yet of pfect memory praised be god doe make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and forme following this seaventh day of December in the twenty seaventh year of the Raign of our sovereign Lord Charles the second King of England and Anno Dom. 1675 First I do bequeath my soule into the mercifull hands of God trusting through the merritts of his deare son Christ Jesus and my redeemer to receive remission of my sins and as for my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends and as for my temporall estate I dispose and bequeath it .....*one line gone*..... my brother John Shaw and to my.....William.....of my (last will?) all that the close of ground with one barn in (Gall.....) and Wood Dale to be sould for the payment of my debts and funeral expences and after the sum be paid the overplus of the said money if any be I give equally to my two daughters Jennet and Jane to be paid them when they attaine the age of twenty one yeares (respectively?) It for the rest of my houses and grounds in or within the township of Setle aforesaid I give and bequeath the same to my son John and he to enter to it when he shall accomplish the age of twenty one yeares upon a payment of tenn pounds to my daughter Jennett within one year after he enter and upon payment of other ten pounds of full English money within three yeares after he enter to the estate as above said to my daughter Jane and in the interim my wife to (have) it for the bringing upp of my children and for my personal estate remainder after my wife Agnes have had her third of the ...remainder to bee divided equally amongst my three children when they shall respectively attaine the age of twenty one yeares I doe hereby nominate and appointe my wife Agnes sole executrix  
William Preston (*sic*)

*Settle modern spelling*

*The signature name is copied as Preston not Coulton*

**ISABELL CRAVEN 1631 Ref. Borthwick v41 f477**

I Isabell Craven widow late wife to James Craven of Stainforth deceased being of perfect remembrance do make this my last will & testament. I bequeath my soul to Almighty god my maker, and I hope to be saved by Jesus Christ my redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish Church yard of Giggleswick and my funeral expenses being paid out of my goods and all other expenses discharged and paid I give all the rest of my said goods to be equally divided and parted between my said two daughters Isabell and Anne Craven, and I make Isabell and Anne Craven sole executors of this

my last will and Testament, written the second day of June 1631 & the sixth year of king Charles' his majesty's reign. Witnesses hereof Henry Foster and Richard Armitsteade .

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke*

**JAMES CRAVEN 1625 Borthwick v39 f124**

In the name of god amen the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1625 I James Craven of Stainforth under Bargh within the county of York tailor being sick in body yet of good and perfect memory praised be god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First and principally I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting that through his bounteous and everlasting mercy and for the merits of the death and passion of Jesus Christ to be saved and to be heir of eternal glory. And I commit my body to the ground from whence it came, and the same to be buried in church or churchyard of Giggleswick it being my parish church, at the discretion of my wife and friends.

And for such outward substance and worldly goods as Ggod endued me withal my mind and will is to dispose of them as follows. Inprimis whereas I am now possessed of a messuage or tenementof (*sic*) in Stainforth before said and 17 acres of ground with houses gardens with other appurtenances thereto belonging my will and mind is and I do hereby appoint that the whole profit and yearly benefit thereof from and immediately after the day of my death for and during the space and term of seven years then next ensuing and the same to be fully complete and ended shall be and remain to Isabell my wife for and towards the better education and bringing up of Roger Craven my son and Isabell and Ann Craven my daughters and after the end of the said term of seven years that then the said messuage, tenement and premises the said seventeen acres of ground and all the appurtenances thereto belonging shall wholly remain and come to the use of the said Roger Craven my said son his heirs administrators and assigns for and during the terms of all the several leases whereby I hold the same except and always reserved out of this my present gift and grant unto Isabell my said wife and her assigns one certain enclosed parcel of ground called the Moore Close also Fowle Sike which I do now occupy in common together with William Cockett of Stainforth aforesaid which said parcels of ground I do by this my will reserve and leave in the power of Isabell my said wife with all my estate right title and interest therein either to sell or otherwise dispose of as she shall think good in her discretion. And also excepted and reserved unto the said Isabell my said wife the full third part of all my said the remainder of that my said messuage tenement and premises from the end of the said term of seven years for and during the term of forty three years then next ensuing if she so long do live. The said houses grounds and premises except as before excepted into three parts equally to be divided. And as concerning all other my goods of what nature sort or condition soever the same be it is my will and mind that the same shall equally be divided into three equal portions or parts, one third part thereof I do leave unto Isabell my said wife as her dower and right. One other third part thereof I do give and bequeath unto my two younger daughters Isabell and Ann in lieu of their child's portions of my said goods the same equally to be divided between them. And as for the other third part of my said goods it is my will and mind that my debts funeral expenses mortuary and other rights

belonging to the church should be paid out of the same and for the rest of that my said part of goods which shall then remain I do give and bequeath the same to Isabel my said wife and to Isabell and Ann my said younger daughters amongst them three equally to be divided.

Item I give to William Foster of Giggleswick my brother in law all my apparel which is now in his house except my hat and my shoes in recompense of the pains taken with me now in the time of my sickness, provided always and yet never-the-less upon condition that if my said son Roger Craven shall die and depart this life before he shall accomplish his full age one and twenty years and be then unmarried and have no issue of his body lawfully begotten that then the estate and right of all my said grounds houses and premises except before excepted shall then remain and come to the use of my three daughters that is to witt [*sic*] Bridgett Carr wife of Richard Carr of Rathmell and of Isabell and Ann my said younger daughters amongst them three equally to be divided. And be it also, provided and upon condition that if either of my said two daughters Isabell and Ann shall die before they come to age to receive their portions and be then unmarried that the portion of them so dying shall remain and come to the use of her that shall survive. And be it also provided and upon condition if my said wife shall marry her self to another husband before my son Roger shall come to the age of one and twenty years that then as well the said portions belonging to my said daughters as also two parts of my said grounds and premises belonging to my said son Roger shall then come to the hands and government of Roger Craven of Stainforth before-said my brother's son as a friend in trust for the uses of my said children to whom the same by right ought to come.

And I do appoint Isabell my wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament and I do appoint for supervisors thereof my said cousin [*sic*] Roger Craven and my neighbour Roger Cooke of Stainforth aforesaid these being witnesses John Stephenson, Roger Craven and William Foster.

*Giggleswicke*  
*Gigglesweeke*  
*Rawthmell*

**ROBERT CRAVEN 1650 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1650**  
**Transcribed by S. Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the five and twenteith daie of May 1650 I Robert Craven of Setle within the County of yorke singleman sicke of body but of good and pfect Remembrance I praise god for the same: doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following first I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almyghtie god my Sauvyour and my body to be buried in the Church yard in Gigleswicke at the discrecion of my frends Item I give unto Jane Craven my Sister all my pte of lande wich lyes in Staineforth that is to saie my pte in Riding close Close (*sic*) my pte in Ridings head my pte \in/ Esheberance? and my pte in a lande in fosbanncke upon Condicion that she paie and discharge all my funerall expencis Item I give unto Richard Craven my brother Three pounds and Fifteene shillings which Henry Laukland of Stainforth oweth me upon his bonde Item I give unto Richard Craven my brother Eight pounds which I lent him Item I give unto Richard Craven the rent of my

foresaid lands in Staineforth for four yeares And I appointe Richard \jurat/ Craven my brother and Jane Craven my Sister to be jointe executors of this my last will and testament

Wittnesses

William Newhouse

John Kidd

Robert Craven

jurat

Tho: Cockman

*Settle modern spelling*

*Giggleswick “ “*

*Stainforth “ “*

**ROGER CRAVEN 1701 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle July 1702  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God amen I Roger Craven of Staineforth undr. Bargh in the County of Yorke Yeoman being Sick and Weake in body but of Good and pfect mind and memory thanks bee Almighty God for the same But calling to mind the certainty of Death and the uncertainty thereof And Being for avoyding all Scruples which may happen or fall amongst my Relations mindfull to settle that Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to Bestow upon me Doe make this my Last Will & testamt. in manner & forme following And first I bequeath my Soule into the Hands of Almighty God our Heavenly father Hopeing through the merritts & mediation of his Sonne Jesus Christ to have full pardon & remission of all my Sinns & my body to bee Buried att the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And as touching & Concerneing my reale & psonall Estate I Give & bequeath as followeth Impr. I Give and bequeath unto Isabell Craven my Loveing Wife all that my Messuage or Dwelling house wherein I now dwell situate in Staineforth aforesd. together with all & Singuler the Houses Edifices Barnes Buildings Crofts Garths Gardens to the same Belonging or in any Wise Appertaineing together Likewise allso All and Singuler my Lands Closes Inclosures meadows peeces and parcells of Ground & premises pastures Beast Gates Sheepe Gates or Cattle Gates in Stinted pastures Moores Mosses Commons Comon of pasture & turbary whatsoever which I Have or doe anyways belong or Appertaine unto me with their & every of their rights members & Appurtnces Lying & Being within the precincts and territories of Staineforth aforesd. as in any other place or places whatsoever shee my sd. Wife paying & discharging first my just Debts & funerall Expences To have and to hold the sd. Messuage Houses Closes Lands & premises with their & every of their rights members & Appurtnces unto my sd. Loveing Wife her Executors Adminrs. & Assignes for & during all such termes & numbers of yeares as are yett unspent & to come in the same or any pte thereof Itm I give and bequeath unto Wm. Clapham Thomas & Hugh Clapham Sonns of my Bro. in Law Wm. Clapham five shillings a peece And unto Thomas Claphams Wife aforesd. Five shillings & unto Hugh Claphams Wife five shillings & to his twoo Children each five shillings Itm I Give & bequeath unto my Bro. Bacons three Children viz. Craven Bacon Elizabeth & Agnes Bacon (five) shillings a peece Itm I Give & bequeath unto Richard Iveson my twoo nephews James & Wm. Foster my neece Margrett Tempest to every one of them five shillings & unto Alice Metcalfe daughter of Christopher Metcalfe five shillings all which sd. Legacyes my Will & mind is bee pd by my

Executrix within twelve months next after my decease & Lastly I Give and bequeath all the rest of my Goods Cattells & Chattells Debts & Creditts whatsoever unto Isabell my sd. Loveing Wife whome I make nominate & Appoynt Sole Executrix of this my last Will & testamt. In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this thirtyth day of Aprill in the thirteenth yeare of the Raigne of our most Gracious Sovereigne Lord William the third King over England etc. And in the Yeare of our Lord God one thousand Seaven Hundred & one.

Sealed Signed published & declared to bee the

Last Will & testamt. of the sd. Roger Craven

in the presence of us

Roger Craven

Richard Armitstead

William Clapham jurat

Anthony Paleye

Jn. Paleye jurat

*Stainforth modern spelling*

A true Inventory of all the goods & cattle & lands of.....Craven of Stanforth lately diceased unde Bardyh & county..... Apprized by us whose names are underwritten May ye .....Domi. 1700

	li	s	d
Impr. his purs & apparrell	05	00	00
Item 2 mares 1 filly & fole	07	00	00
Item 5 Kine 3 small calves & 5 twnter whys & 2 stirks	23	10	00
Item 10 ewes & lambs & 10 gimbers	07	00	00
Item 3 paire of wheels, 3 carts & 1 coupe	02	?	?
Item 1 plough & 1 harrow & other small husbandry gear	00	09	?
Item in the chambers 2 beds with furniture belonging thereunto	02	00	00
Item 1 table & forme & 3 chists 1 round table with 6 chairs	01	15	00
Item in ye chamber over ye bodistead 2 arkes 2 chists 1 gimling & spinning wheel, 6 sacks	02	10	00
Item in parloure 1 bed 1 cubberd & bedding 2 chists 1 desk 1 little table	02	10	00
Item in bodistead 1 table 1 long settle 6 chairs 1 dishbord, 6 quishings	05	00	00
Item 1 knop, 1 gilfat( <i>gulleyyvat</i> ) & 2 barrills, wth other wood vessel	00	10	00
Item 5 pans 1 pot 1 warming pan with 1 little pan & mortar	00	13	04
Item 4 peuter dishes 5 plaits, 1 flagon 1 tankar 1 possit cup with 1 candlestick with all the rest of ye houseall goods, & other Huslement	00	13	05
Item 1 dossen of nabkins 2 table cloths	00	06	09
Item Hooses & Lanes	44	00	00
Totall	100	08	00

John Procter

Anthony Paleye

Tho. Foster

Chris. Metcalfe

**HENRY CUNDALL 1698 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.62 fol.236**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Henry Cundall of Settle in the County of yorke Currier being sick in body but of pfect mind & memory praised be Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills & Testamts. whatsoever formerly made by me First I comend my Soule into the hands of almighty God my maker trusting by his merritts & thro the merritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be saved & my body to be buried in Christian manner at the discrecon of my Extrix hereafter named and as to the worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give & dispose thereof as followeth and first I give unto my daughter Anne Cundall one bond of ten pounds whereon Christopher Knowles & Anthony Knowles both of Long Preston standeth bound unto me for paymt. of five pounds & all Interest there upon..... and likewise unto the sd. Anne Cundall two Cooking pans one brass pott one Chist standing in the body of the house. Itm I give unto Thomas Baynes & Elizabeth Baynes my Grandchildren Twenty shillings apiece to be pd. out of my goods within.....days After my decease which sd. forty shillings shall be in full of my daughter (Margaret Baynes) child porcon she having had a competent full share & porcon of my .....before Itm I give & bequeath unto Henry Marsden my grandson...../..... to be pd. by my Extrix. when he shall attaine the age of thirteen years if he shall happen to dye then to redound to my Extrix only. Itm. I give unto my dear and loveing wife Anne Cundall one bond of twenty pounds wherein Roger Armistead of Settle standeth bound to me for paymt of ten pounds one other bond of ten pounds wherein Robert Carr of Settle standeth bound to me for paymt. of five pounds, and one other bond of twenty pounds wherein John Robinson of Knotts standeth bound to me for paymt. of ten pounds, & one pair of bedstocks standing in the Chamber with the bed & all the beding thereunto belonging & one white mair & all & singular the household goods which has been bought since my sd. wife & I have been married. Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Marsden the Brewing pan standing in the house after my wife's decease & not before Itm my Will & mind is that my son in Law Thomas Marsden & my sd. daughter Anne Cundall shall have all my household goods equally betwixt them which I had before I was married to Anne my now wife, & lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my sd.wife Anne Cundall sole Extrix of this my last Will & Testament to whom I give & bequeath all the rest of my goods & Chattells & Credits not herein & hereby mentioned & disposed, and I desire Thomas Carr snr. to stand as Feoffe to see this my last Will & Testament according to the intent & meaning thereof duly performed to whom I give two shillings six pence for his trouble, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale this 8<sup>th</sup>. day of February Anno Dom 1698/9 Henry Cundall his marke - Sealed and published in the presence of us those words attaine the age of thirteen years & if he shall happen to dye then to rebound to my Extrix only being first interlined in the presence of us Thomas Carr. John Moone. T.Lawson

**JAMES DAVID 1683 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 60 fol. 85**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the fifth daye of September in the five and thirtieth yeare of the King that now is over England et Anno Dni 1683 James David of Stainforth in the parrish of Gigleswicke and County of yorke being sicke and weake in body but of sound and perfect memory praise be given to God for the same and knowing the

uncertainety of this life on earth and being desirous to settle thinges in order doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following assuredly beleiving that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sinnes and to be saved by the pretious death and merrits of my blessed saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus And my body to the earth from whence it was taken; And to be buried in the parrish Church yard of Gigleswicke in such decent and Christian manner as to my executor hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient And as touching such temporall estate and such goodes Chattels and debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I doe order give and dispose the same in manner and forme Following that is to saye First I will that all those debts and duties as I owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paide or ordained to be paide within convenient time after my decease by my Executor hereafter named; Item I give and bequeath unto Ellen my wife all that Mansion or dwellinghouse situate at Gigleswicke and one laith or barne and one garth or garden and alsoe all that late Mansion dwellinghouse now a laithe or barne adjoining to the Messuage or dwellinghouse late of Thomas Peart deceased (that is to say to the east end thereof withall the appurtenances hereunto belonging; And alsoe one Mansion or dwellinghouse situate at Langcliffe with one pars(nep?) bed in one garth or garden lying on the backside of the said Mansion or dwelling belonging to one Robert Tully naturall sonne of the said Ellen And likewise all my personall estate at Stainforth that is to say quicke goodes and dead and all my household goodes whatsoever inwardly and outwardly; Item I give & bequeath unto Jaine Hairbridge daughter of Gilbert Hairbridge of Stainforth my Godchild one shilling Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Gibson daughter of John Gibson of Staineforth aforesaid my Godchild one shilling; Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Bootham of Gigleswicke my Godchild one shilling; And Lastly I nominate ordaine and appointe Ellen my wife to be my sole Executrix of this my last will & testament revoaking all other wills and testament by me formerly made and doe make this as my last will and testament In Witness whereof I the said James David have hereunto put my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written James David sealed signed & delivered in the sight & presence of William.Paley Richard Armitstead Rob. Lakeland

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Stainforth modern spelling*

**JOHN DAVID Admin 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle Nov 1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed of all the goods & Chattells late John David of Gigleswicke in the Diocesse of yorke Deceased this twenty fifth day of October Ano Dom 1690

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse & apparrell	0	10	0
It. one old Cottage (& littell?) garden	1	13	6
Item some household goods in the house wherein hee dwelt	0	15	6
	2	19	0

*Giggleswick modern spelling*



**CHRISTOPHER DAWSON nup. de Langcliffe (Late of Halton Gill) 1682  
Borthwick vol 59 fol 311**

In the name of god Amen the seaventh day of Aprill 1682 & in the four and thirtyth yeare of or sovarign Lord Charles ye second I Christopher Dawson of Langcliffe in the County of yeork yeoman beinge aged & infirme but of good & perfect remembrance make this my last will & testamt in manner & forme followinge. And first I comend my soul to almighty god my Creator, hoping to be saved through the onely meritts of Jesus Christ my mercifull saviour. And my body I leave to be buryed att the discretion of my executor hereafter named, concerning the temporall estate which god of his mercy hath blessed me with I doo thus order Imprimis I give unto my son Josias Dawson one close called Bluhaw within the Township of Langcliffe for the terme of fourscore yeares if he soe long live and after his decease I give the remainder of the terme I have in it to Christopher Dawson of Appletreeweke my Grandson his exors admrs and assignes. It. I doe allow & my will is that my Grandson Willm Dawson of Haltongill shall duringe his life occupy one long table in his parlour and another in ye Bodysteade two great Arks in the Chamber over it, one cupboard in the parlor & after his decease to them of his posterity as shall enjoy the estate. It. I give to Josias & Willm sons of my Grandson Christopher Dawson the sume of one hundred pounds (viz) to each of them fifty pounds & doe will yt the sd Christopher shall have the Interest of it till they doe each of them come att the age of one & twenty yeares towards their maintenance which sayd sume I will shall be payd to the sayd Christopher my Grandson or his exors adms or assignes within one whole yeare after my decease It. I give to my Grandson Willm Dawson the sume of fifty pounds & to his eldest son Christopher the sume of fifty pounds & doe will that the sd sumes shall be payd top the sd Willm his exors adms or assignes within one yeare after my decease & I will that he shall have the pfitts of his sons fifty pounds till his son come to the Age of twenty one yeares, And if the sd Christopher shall dye before he attayne yt age, then I will that William & Mary his Brother & Sister shall have the sd sume divided betwixt them equally when each of them doe come to the yeares of one & twenty It. I give to my grandson Josias Dawson the sume of two Hundred & fifty pounds to be payd within one yeare after my decease, As also the sume of two Hundred & fifty pounds more if my executor observing his good Carryage shall thinke fitt otherwise my mind & will is that the sd last mentioned two Hundred & fifty pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grand Children as my exor shall thinke fitt, provided yt the sd two Hundred & fifty pounds be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grandchildren or some of them It. I give to my Grandson Jonathan Dawson the sume of Three Hundred pounds when he shall attayne the age of twenty one yeares as alsoe the sume of two Hundred pounds more if my exor observing his good Carryage shall thinke fitt otherwise my minde is that the sayd last menconed two hundred pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grandchildren as my exor in his discretion shall thinke fitt, provided that the sd share of two Hundred pounds be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grand Children or some of ym but if it happen that the sd Jonathan shall dye before he shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares my mind & will is that the sd three hundred pounds first before to Jonathan disposed & also the sd two hundred pounds last mencoed shall be divided amongst the rest of my Grand Children or such of them as my exor shall thinke fitt provided the whole sume be given amongst my sd Grandchildren It. I give to my Grandaughtr Anne Dawson the sume of two hundred pounds when she shall

accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares and also the sume of one Hundred pounds more if my exor observing her good Carryage shall thinke fitt otherwise my mind is that the sd last menconed one hundred pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grandchildren as my exor in his discretion shall thinke fitt provided that the sayd sume of one Hundred pounds last mencoed be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grand Children or some of them It. I give to my Grandaughr Alice Dawson the sume of two hundred pounds when she shall accomplish the age of two & twenty yeares or be marryed whether shall happen sooner & also the sume of one Hundred pounds more if my exor observe her good carryage shall thinke fitt, otherwise my mind is that the sayd last mencoed one Hundred pounds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grand Children as my exor in his discretion shall thinke fitt provided that the sd sume of one Hundred pounds last mencond be really disposed of to the use of my sayd Grandchildren or some of them It. I give to my late wives son John Burkeson of Darnbrooke the sume of Tenne pounds to be pd within one yeare after my decease & also the sume of five pounds which I lent him for which I have his Bill. It. I give to my late wives Daughter Jane Hopkins the sume of Tenne pounds to be pd within one yeare after my decease And as for the rest of my personall estate I give it all to my exor herafter named And I doe hereby Constitute and appoint my son Josias (jur) Dawson the sole executor of this my last will & testamt In witsesse whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day & yeare above written

Witnesses hereof

Chr Dawson

Richard Lawson (Jur)  
 Anthony Armitstead  
 Lancelot Knowles (Jur)

**CHRISTOPHER DAWSON Admin 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Nov 1690  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of all the goods & Chattells late Christopher Dawson of Knt.Stainforth in the parish of Gigeswicke in the Diocesse of yorke gent decd taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this twenty seaventh day of October Ano RRs & R Willim & Maria Angl et secundo Anoque Dom 1690

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse & apparrell	05	0	0
It. in houseold goods husbandry geare & other husslemt	20	0	0
It. in beasts horses & shee (sic) ( <i>sheep</i> )	55	0	0
It. in Corne & hay	20	0	0
	100	0	0

Apprizers names

Robert Cookeson  
 Edward Hemingway  
 Wiff Sailesberry  
 Henry Hewton

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*RRs & R - Regni Regis & Regine*

**CHRISTOPHER DAWSON 1693 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle May 1693  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Dawson of Lancliffe in the parish of Giggleswicke in the County of Yorke Gentleman being infirme and sick in body but of sound minde and memory praised be God for the same Do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following Imprimis my soul to God Almighty beleiving my salvation in the onely merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ And as for my body I commit it to the Earth in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection to eternall life and to be buried by my Executors in trust hereafter named My dear Wife and father Josias Dawson, in the parish Church of Giggleswicke aforesaid And as to my temporall Estate which God of his mercy hath bestowed on me I dispose thereof as followeth, That is to say, I do appoint that all my debts and funerall expences be first paid out of all my goods Chattels and personall estate of what kinde or nature soever either consisting in Trusts or otherwise by my Execs. hereafter mencioned or some of them And afterwards the Legacies menconed in a Codicill or Schedule hereunto annexed And I do hereby declare and appoint that the said Legacies by me hereby given and bequeathed as aforesaid be paid by my Executors or some of them within the space of one halfe year next after my decease And I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Margaret \jurat/ and father Josias \jurat/ Dawson Executors of this my last Will and Testament in trust for and to the sole benefit of my son William Dawson until he shall accomplish his full age of seventeen years And after his attainment to such age I do constitute and appoint him my said son sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament And I do give devise and bequeath unto my said son William Dawson his Executors Administrs. and assignes after all the said debts funeral expences and legacies paid as aforesaid All the residue of my goods Chattels and personall estate whatsoever either consisting in Trusts or otherwise and in particular whereas by severall Deeds of grant and assignment severall and respective Leases and Rents were assigned and granted to severall Trustees therein named for and during the residue of the severall and respective terms and leases for years then to come and now not expired of and out of severall Landes Tenements & Hereditaments situate lying and being severally and respectively within Lancliffe Stainforth under Bargh and Giggleswicke in the said parish of Giggleswicke in the County of Yorke to the severall and respective Trusts in the said Deeds severally and respectively mencioned Relating to and for the benefit of me the said Christopher Dawson my Executrs. Administr. & Assignes after the end & determinacon of severall other Trusts therein limited and precedent to the said Trusts relating to me as aforesaid As by the severall and respective Deeds of assignment and Grant reference thereunto being had may at large and fully appear I do hereby give and bequeath All the said Trusts relating to and for the benefit of me the said Christopher Dawson as aforesaid unto my said son William his Executrs. Administ. and Assignes in as large ample and beneficiall manner matter and terme As I have interest or power therein During all the residue of the said terms and leases for years in the said Landes tenements and Hereditaments yet to come and expire And lastly I do hereof revoke all other Wills and Testaments whatsoever if any such were heretofore by me made – In wnesse

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty seventh day of March In the fifth year of the reigne of our soveraigne Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary over England etc Annoque Dom 1693

Sealed Signed Published and Declared to be the last Will and Testament of him the said Christopher Dawson In the sight and presence of us wth these words (or schedule) interlined before ye sealing and publishing thereof

*Two lines latin* Robt. Coates....

Richard Ellershaw

Josias Dawson jurat

R. Atkinson jurat

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A codicill or schedule of Legacies and Bequests made by me Christopher Dawson of Lancliffe Gentleman In pursuance of my last Will and Testament hereunto affixed Imprimis I do give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret Dawson all my household stuffe of what kinde or nature soever the same be now being and remaining in my now dwelling house at Lancliffe afforesaid for and during all the time that she the said Margaret shall and doth continue my Widow and no longer And at or upon the time of her marriage if such shall be I do give and bequeath all the afforesaid household stuffe unto my Son William Dawson Item I do give & bequeath unto my said wife Margaret the Sume of one hundred pounds. Item I do give & bequeath unto Richard Ellershaw Clerke the sume of ten shillings and if he preach my funerall Sermon I do give him the sume of Twenty shillings more Item I do give and bequeath unto mine uncle John Bank the sume of Twenty shillings Item I do give unto Matthew Bank his Son the Sume of Twenty shillings and do release unto him the said Matthew the Sume of Twenty shillings he is indebted unto me Item I do give unto Richard Atkinson the Sume of Twenty shillings. Item I do give unto James Iveson the Sume of Twenty shillings. Item I do give unto (every) hired Servant at my decease the sume of five shillings a piece. And I do hereby further declare that these Same Legacies be taken as pte of my said last Will and Testament And this to be the codicil or schedule therein menconed As Witnesse my hand and seal this Twenty seventh day of March Anno Dom 1693

Witnesses hereoff

Richard Ellershaw

Josias Dawson jurat

R. Atkinson

*Langcliffe modern spelling*

**ELLEN DAWSON 1647 Ref. Borthwick. York. Bundle March 1647/8**

**Transcribed by S. Gordon**

In the name of God Amen, I Elin Dawson \of Stainforth underbarck/ sicke in body but, sound and p(er)fect in mind \& memorie/ praised bee God for the same, Anno Dom 1647 the 23th day of September. doe ordaine and make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and forme as followeth; viz. Inprimis I doe bequeath my Soule to Almighty God, my maker and redeemer & my body to be buried in the Parish Church of Gigglesweek, Item I bequeath and giveth to Ellin Lupton daughter of Roger

Lupton of feazor All my lands, leases or goods which I bought of John Cooke Citticen of London and all Houses and appurtenances belonging to this my Temment now in the tenour and occupation of my Husband Roger Dawson in Stainforth afforesaid. And to enter to it at the decease of my Husband paieing and discharging the Legacies, and bequeaths hereafter mentioned and set downe, Item, I give to my brother Francis Lupton fortie pounds Item I will and bequeath to my Sister Ann Paley wife to John Paley Fortie pounds, Item I give and bequeath to my sister Agnes Ashe fortie pounds, Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Armitstead and his brother francis Armitstead sonnes of my Sister Elizabeth Late wife of John Armitstead fortie pounds, Item I give and bequeath to my servant James Stackhouse one close of pasture and feeding called the Summer Banke lying in the Lordshipp of Lackland more over I give and bequeath to my sister Agnes one bed of cloase and alsoe 2 pan(s)  
*The next line crossed through*(It is my will and intent that the said Elin shall pay the sd legacies)  
Lastly I ordaine the afforesaid Elin Lupton daughter to the said Roger Executor of this my last will & Testament, In testimonie whereof I have set my hand the day & yeare above written

Sealed & signed  
Witnesses hereof are  
Roger Lupton  
James Foster \jurat/  
Ales Stalman  
Tho: Armistead

Ellin Dawson  
mke Ellyn mark

*4 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Feizor " "*

**ROGER DAWSON 1647 Ref.Borthwick,.York Bundle Oct 1647/8**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Memorandum, That Roger dawson of Stainforth underbergh in the County of yorke, beinge of good and pfecte mynd and memory (though sicke in body, did (animo testandi) by word of mouth make and declare his last will and Testament touchinge the disposeinge of his goods, Cattells, Chattells, and psonall estate the sixt day of october in the yere of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred forty seaven in manner followeinge, vizt: he did give and bequeath by word of mouth of his own free accord to Christopher dawson his onely sone all his whole estate, and did nominate, and appoynt him, his sole Executor in the presence of William Watson of Knight Stainforth gent & others in words to the .....

Jurat  
Wm. Watson

15 October 1647 *Three lines in Latin very faint,*

*probat coram mr(?) Smith Cl[er]ico ...*  
*(proved in the presence of Mr Smith Clerk ...)*

## CHRISTOPHER DEANE of Settle 1639

Upon the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1639

In the name of god Amen I Christopher Deane of Settle in the county of york yeoman sick in my body yet of perfect mind and memory, I praise God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul into the \merciful/ hands of the Almighty my maker and redeemer \trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my saviour to be saved/ and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends. And as for my worldly goods which god has blessed me withal I give and bequeath the same as follows: First my will and mind is and I give and bequeath all my full part of my household goods unto Agnes [Hall] my daughter in law in lieu of £5 which I kept in my hands. And also I give, devise and bequeath unto John Hall my son in law<sup>1</sup> and to his heirs and assigns two cattle gates in one pasture close of ground lying within the lordship of Settle aforesaid called Close greene and all ways, liberties and easmt (*easements*) to the same belonging \and all deeds and evidences which I (have) concerning the same/ to have and to hold to hold (*sic*) the same to the said John Hall his heirs and assigns for ever \or for and/ during all the rest and residue which are yet unspent and to come of any term or terms of years for which I hold the same, upon condition that he the said John Hall shall sell and dispose of the same, and make and raise as much money forth of the same as he can (\*\*\*\*\* sale) and be accountable thereof to my executrix hereafter named \ forth of the same and the residue of my goods my will is/ And that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged. And I give and bequeath all the residue of my goods and cattels whatsoever now in my possession unto Elizabeth my wife \ and to her heirs and assigns for ever/ and I do hereby ordain and appoint \the said Elizabeth my wife/ to be executrix of this my last will and testament.

And whereas I am lawfully seized of an estate of inheritance of in and upon one messuage or dwelling house in Settle wherein I now inhabit and one barn or lathe thereunto adjoining and one garth or garden thereunto belonging and certain parcells of arable and meadow ground lying within the fields of Settle aforesaid containing by estimation three acres or thereabouts be it more or less \my will and mind is that Elizabeth my wife shall have and enjoy the same only during her natural life and after her death/ I give and bequeath the same \houses, lands and premisses/ to Robert Deane my brother and to his heirs and assigns for ever upon condition that he shall sell and dispose of the same at the dearest rate that he can and shall divide the monies thereupon raised amongst the four children of the said Robt and three of the children of Elizabeth my wife viz. John Anthonie and Agnes Hall every one a rateable part of the same Provided always that if my said brother do not truly perform according to this my will and mind then my will and mind is that neither he nor his said children shall have any part or portion of the legacy above mentioned anything above specified contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And also I give and devise and bequeath unto Robt Deane my said brother all my apparel and to John Hall my riding furniture.

And in testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above written

In the presence of John Carr

signed

William Hall <sup>jur</sup>

Christofere Deane mark

Anthony Bainbrigg <sup>jur</sup>.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*various crossings out and insertions above the line which are difficult to unscramble*

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## JANE DICKINSON 1632 Borthwick v167 f168

In the name of god Amen the <sup>xxiith</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup>.) day of February One thousand Six hundredth thirty two I Jane Dickinson of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke widdow sicke in body but of good and perfect memory prayed bee god therefore) doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge hereby revokinge all former wills by mee made. And First and principally I Commend my soule into the hands of Almighty god trusting \*\*\*\* [4 words] pretious blood shedding and merritts of my alone Saviour and (mediator?) Jesus Christ and not in any meritt or meritorious acte of my owne witnessed \*\*\*\* of my Resurrection to eternal life in heaven And my body I Commend to the earth to bee buried in Christian and honest buriall at the discretion of my Executors and freinds. And as touchinge my worldly goods wherewith god has blessed mee my will and minde is and I doe hereby give devise and dispose thereof as follows First it is my will and mind that my debtes funerall Expenses the Fees and other charges due to the Ecclesiastical Courte be discharged out of my goods. Also it is my will and mind and I doe hereby forgive my sonne in Law Robert Armitstead of Lakeland the price of a Cowe which he had of mee which Cowe cost me three pounds three shillings Eight pence also thirty shillings which hee received for mee att Burley which hee has not yet payd mee Alsoe Twenty shillings which hee owes mee for my sonnes Anthony Paycockes debt and which hee the sayd Anthony appointed him to pay me out the price of his house in Gigleswicke which the sayd Robert sold for him. Also I forgive my sonne Richard Peacocke Fifty shillings which hee owes mee soe as he see mee honestly caird for in my sickness and decently and honestly brought to my buriall as befittes a woman of my degree and which I make noe doubt but hee will doe and observe. Also I give to every of my grand children two shillings a piece to bee sett forward and bestowed For their use as my Executors shall thinke fitt in their discretion and itt is my Will and minde that whereas my estate stands in debtes due to mee arreared and other personal thinges (of which debtes I have given a perticuler and perfect note at the makinge hereof) My will and mind is that when my will is performed as aforesayd that for the residue and remainder of my goods that Henry Mitchell my Executor shall release my debtes as they growe due and use the same fower years respectively after my decease payinge use money after sixteen pence in the pound after the time they come to his hands and giving security for the same and my will and minde is that after the sayd Henry shall have had the same for Fower yeares as afforesayd that hee shall pay the same and that the same shall remaine and comme to my sonnes Richard Peacocke, John Peacocke and Anthony Peacocke and that the same shall remaine and the rest of my goodes shalbe equally and indifferently devided amongst my said three sonnes provided always that it is my mind that Isabell wife of Robert Armetstead have my gowne (redd?)cote wast Cote and a safe gard and that the same shalbe given her as my Executor shall think fitt. Item I give the sayd Robert Armetstead twelve shillings Item I give to my sonnes Richard my best Coverlett a blankett and bolster and a payre of sheets and my sonne John to have the other parte of my bedd Clothes. And I doe hereby nominate and appoint my sonne Richard \jur/ Paycocke and Henry \jur/ Mitchell Executors of this my last will and testament trusting their truth and honesty for due Execution and performance thereof accordinge to my full minde and intent. These being witnesses William Thompson Christopher Braishey Henry Thompson Henry \jur/ Lawsonn .

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM DICKONSON 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle May 1650**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God, amen. the xviith. day of February Anno Dom 1648 I William Dickonson of Lythbanke in the pish of Giglesweeke being weake and feeble of body by or in respect of ould age and mindfull to make my last will and Testament and first I doe commend my soule into the hands of almighty god my Maker hoping to be saved by the mercy and Mirritts of Jesus Christ my onely saviour and redeemer and my body to be buryed in the Church porch of Giglesweeke my said pish Church And first my minde is and I doe give unto my sonne William Dickonsonn of Barwick all such houses lands and other the premises as I have now in occupation to have and to hould the same after my death and the death of my wife to him the said William Dickonson and his heires by this my last will and testament for ever. Alwaies provided and my will and minde is that he the said William Dickonson shall pay the some of seaventeene shillings tenn shillings pte herof unto my Naturall Daughter Elizabeth Alsoe that he shall pay unto my daughter Agnes five shillings Alsoe that he shall pay unto my third daughter some two shillings once within a yeare next after my decease or the death of my wife. And as for my goods and Chattells I give the third pte thereof unto my wife as to hir belongeth and the rest of my goods after my debts be paid and funeral expences discharged I give the same unto my said sonne William Dickonsonne to dispose thereof as he pleaseth and I doe make him my sole and whole executor of this my last will and testament And in true testimony hereof that this is my last will and testament I doe hereunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written

Sealed signed and delivered  
in the sight and presents of

marke  
William Dickonsonne



marke

John + Browne  
marke

William \\\ Browne  
John Bankes

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JAMES DIXON 1654**  
**The National Archives PROB 11/242**  
Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the Name of God** Amen The three and twentieth day of Februarie in the yeare of our Lord One thousand Six hundred Fiftie three. I James Dixon of Gigleswicke in the Countie of Yorke beeing sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised bee God, doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following. First I doe committ and willinglie resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Allmightie God my Maker and Creator trusting through his mercie, and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to bee



saved, and to have full pardon and remission of all my sinns, and my body to the Earth whereof it was made, to bee buried in my parishe Churchyard of Gigleswicke at the discreton of my friends. And for my worldly and corporall goods, and estate, I doe give devise and dispose of the same as following. Revokeing herby all wills by me formerly made. First wheras William Tenant of Setle my Sonne in Law hath hertofore by lawfull Conveyances sufficient in the Law Conveyed unto mee myne Executors and assignes all his lands, and Grounds lying at Jackraynes in the Northfields, and at Newfeilds, within the Townshippe of Setle Now my will and mynd is, and I doe herby give, and bequeath unto John Tenant, eldest Sonne of the said William, and to his heirs, and assignes all my writings, and Evidences concerning the said Grounds, and all my right, Title, and Estate of the premisses to mee therby conveyed for and in Consideration wherof my will and mind is that the said John Tenant shall pay unto James, William, Elizabeth, Agnes, and Isabell his younger Brothers and Sisters, also to Thomas Morehouse, and Elizabeth Morehouse my Grand-children to everie one of them Forty shillings a peece, and the same to bee paid to them severallie, as they attaine their severall age of Twentie one yeares and if any of them dye before they come to twentie one yeares of age, then I will that their parte, and Legacie soe dyeing shall remaine to the said John. Also my will and mind is, And I do herby give, and bequeath unto Margaret Tenant my Grand-daughter eldest daughter of the said William Tenant and to her heirs and assignes forever All my houses, Barnes, Closes, and Grounds within the Townshipp of Gigleswicke, and all my writings, and Evidences concerning the same. and also all my goods, chattells and cattells movable and unmovable, and all my Estate reall, and personall within the Townshipp of Gigleswicke and moneys to mee owing by any person or persons whomsoever. And I will that the said Margaret Tenant shall pay unto Anne Tenant her naturall Mother the summe of Eight pounds and the same to be paid within One yeare next after my decease. Also I will that the said Margaret Tenant shall pay unto James, William, Elizabeth, Agnes, and Isabell Tenant, her natural brothers, and sisters, and also to Thomas Morehouse, and Elizabeth Morehouse, my Grand-children to every one of them Eight pounds a peece, and to bee paid to them severallie as they doe attaine, and accomplish their severall ages of Twenty one yeares, they giving sufficient Acquittances for the receipt therof. And if any of them dye before they attaine their severall ages of twenty one yeares, then I will that their parte, or Legacie soe dyeing shall remaine to the said Margaret Tenant Also I give unto William, Richard, and James Sailesbery Twentie shillings this is to everie one of them Six shillings and eight pence a peece. And I doe make, nominate, and appoint Margaret Tenant aforesaid my Grand-daughter sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament. And I doe nominate William Bankes and Thomas Lawson of Gigleswicke, Supervisors of this my last will, and Testament, whom I doe entreate to see the same truly performed, as my trust is in them reposed; In witnes wherof I have herunto putt my hand, and Seale, the day and yeare first above written. James Dixon his marke. Witnesses herof William Banke, Brian Cookeson

**This** Will was proved att Westminster before the Judges for probate of wills, and granting administrations the Seventeenth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred Fiftie Fower by the Oath of Margaret Tennant the Grand-child of the said deceased, and sole Executrix named in the said will To whom was committed administration of all and singular the goods, Chattells and debts of the said deceased, shee beeing by vertue of a Commission first sworne truly to administer//

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

*Settle* " "

### **THOMAS DOCKWRAY 1603 Borthwick v29 f185**

In the name of god Amen the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1603 I Thomas Dockrey of Giggleswick in Craven within the county of York yeoman being sick and very crazed in body notwithstanding of very good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do proceed

to the making of this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I give and commend my soul to my lord god almighty my only maker, saviour and redeemer and my body even with a good will and free heart to the earth from where it came and the same to be buried in my parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid and that so near unto the body of my late deceased mother in law Margaret Bankes as my good friends shall think meet and convenient.

Item it is my will that Jennet Dockrey my wife shall have hold use occupy possess and quietly enjoy all those my houses lands and tenements with the appurtenances as now I have hold and enjoy under the right honourable Lord George Earl of Cumberland situate, lying and being within the liberties, precincts and territories of Giggleswick aforesaid and that in as large ample and beneficial manner and form as I the said Thomas now occupy the same by force and virtue of any warrant, grant, assurance, long lease or conveyance as I have touching the premises. And this I limit unto her for the better maintenance and education of all my children that is to say from & immediately after my death and departure until such time as Thomas Dockrey my eldest son shall accomplish the age of 23 years if the said Jennet do so long keep her my wife and live in her pure widowhood and when my said son Thomas shall accomplish the said age of twenty and three years then and after that I freely give my said tenement with the appurtenances and all my estate and title therein unto the said Thomas my said eldest son reserving the full third part thereof unto my said wife during her said pure widowhood. The said Thomas my eldest son paying to his younger brethren twenty marks a piece as they shall severally accomplish the age of four and twenty years, And if it shall please god to call the said Thomas to his mercy before he accomplish the said age of three & twenty years then it is my will that all the said premises consequently descend and come to his next brother and so from one to another. And if it shall please god to call them all before they accomplish their lawful age then the said premises to descend and come to Margaret Dockrey my only daughter. And if it please god to call them all to his mercy in their minority then all the said premises to descend and come to my natural sister Marie Dockrey and to her issue etc yet notwithstanding it is my will that if my Lord the Earl of Cumberland do redeem again into his hands my long lease of five thousand years and repay to my executors the sum of three score and odd pounds the said sum or so much thereof as shall be needful to compose with my Lord for a new assurance of all the said premises shall be bestowed to the use and benefit of my said son Thomas and if he be dead to the next his brother and so consequently as before said to all intents and purposes and for the surplus or remainder of the said three score and odd pounds if any such be, it is my will that the sum so remaining shall be towards the payment of my debts and education of my children.

Item it is my will and the true intent and meaning thereof is that if my second son Stephen Dockrey come to have and enjoy my said tenement that he shall give and pay to his two younger brothers Joseph and Robert Dockrey either of them thirty pounds and that within three years next after he shall enter to the premises. And if the said premises descend and come to Joseph my third son then shall he pay to the said Robert his brother the said whole and entire sum of three score pounds within three years like as before said. Item it is my will and I freely give to Stephen Dockrey my said second son the lease which I have granted to me and my assigns in reversion of a tenement called the Hallowses or by what other name soever the same be, lying near unto Ratchdale(?) in Lancashire which said tenement I have upon the grant of the Right worshipful Thomas Howlt of Grislehirst Esquire for the term of one and twenty years as in the said lease extant may appear.

Item I give to my third son Joseph Dockrey one other lease of a tenement situate within the lordship of Rathmell granted by and from Richard Catterall gentleman together with all such writings bonds and scripts as anyway touch and concern the same.

Item it is my will that three pairs of my best stand bedstocks and the new cupboard in the far chamber shall stand and remain in their several places as heirlooms for my eldest son or such other my sons as it shall please god shall live to enjoy the premises.

And for my daughter Margaret whom I as dearly love as the rest I leave her to the good benevolence and disposition of her good and kind grandfather and other her good and natural friends whom I trust will be as careful for her maintenance and preferment as I could be myself.

Item I give to my good friend George Heellise all my shooting gear, bow, arrows and quiver as a token of remembrance praying his kind favour and friendly advice towards my wife and children.

Item I give to my uncle Croffeild my second doublet and second breeches and jerkin. Item it is my will that my shop in Settle so soon as Giles Moore his term is determined shall come to the use of my eldest son and so remain as an appurtenance and benefit to the house and other the premises successively as before said. And be it further remembered that it is my will and great request that where anything is left unperfect in this my said last will or if any controversies happen to grow and arise between and amongst my said wife and children after my decease or if there be anything forgotten necessary for my said wife her widow right or for my children or any of them that then it is my will and mind that my friends of trust and supervisors hereafter named shall according to my trust qualify and moderate all such extremities as so shall arise or happen to grow.

And now lastly as touching all other my goods chattels rights and credits which to me only appertaineth my debts first paid of my whole goods my legacies and funeral discharged and my body honestly brought to the *[the scribe has missed a line or two here]* church commonly called the deads part the same I give to Jennet my said wife. And I nominate ordain and make as supervisors and friends of trust my well beloved father in law Thomas Bankes my brethren in law John and Robert Bankes together with the friendly society and assistance of my good friend Richard Armitstead of over Settle to whom I give and bequeath ten shillings for a remembrance and good will and for his pains to be taken therein earnestly entreating these my said supervisors and friends of trust to see this my will performed. And if it please God to call away my said wife in the infancy of my said children that then they would for my sake take upon them or so many of them as then shall be living to dispose of all things needful for my children's good at their discretion. And to conclude I constitute ordain and appoint Jennet my said wife and Robert Dockrey my youngest son joint executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses of the same: George Smith and Thomas Craven.

*Gigleswicke  
Over Settle*

### **MARGARET DUCARD 1659 Stackhouse Ref. TNA Prob 11/289**

**In the name of God Amen** I Margaret Ducard of Stackhouse in the County of York widow being aged and infirm of body yet of sound and perfect memory (praised be god for it) First and principally I commit my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty God my Creator steadfastly believing that by the merits death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have full and free forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit the kngdom prepared for his elect And I commit my body to christian burial

at the discretion of my friends and Executor hereafter named And as touching my worldly goods and estate real and personal which god hath bestowed upon me I dispose of the same as followeth And first I give and bequeath unto my natural sister Jane Frankland the sum of three pounds by the year for term of her life And also I will unto her to have hold and occupy my house and ground called Langley for her life immediately from and after my decease And the remainder after her decease I appoint and give unto the children of James Hill and John Bayster begotten of the body of my brother John Peeles daughter to them and their heirs for ever equally to be divided betwixt them I do also further give unto the said children of James Hill and John Baister begotten as aforesaid my land called Redlee to them and their heirs for ever equally to be divided betwixt them Item I give unto Miles Jenkinson son of Robert Jenkinson twenty marks I give unto my niece Anne Jenkinson mother of the said Miles forty shillings a year for her life if she outlive the said Jane Frankland her mother The first payment to begin at the end of one year next after the decease of the said Jane her mother I give unto Hen Frankland son of her the said Jane forty shillings a year for his life also if he overlive the said Jane his mother I give unto John Cooke son of Thomas Cooke deceased twenty marks And unto Ralphe Cooke, Thomas, Katherine, and Jane Cooke brothers and sisters of him the said John Cooke twenty nobles apiece each of them to be paid out of the bills and specialties due unto me from Thomas Cooke their father and ..... otherwise unless the debt by specialty as aforesaid fall short and will not extend to the payment Then my mind is that their legacies shall be paid forth out of the residue of my goods and estate Item I give unto Will Ellell son of Hen Ellell twenty nobles I give to the children of Humphrie Walker twenty marks to be divided amongst them equally I give unto Jane Walker and her sister Ellin Walker fourteen pounds to be divided betwixt them equally I give to Elizabeth Hartley daughter of Robert Hartley of Stackhouse twenty pounds And further I give unto the said Elizabeth and all the rest of the children of Robert Hartley aforesaid forty pounds to be disposed equally amongst them and to be paid and allowed out of that yearly rent or rentcharge due unto me out of the said Robert Hartleys his lands in Headingley(?) the last part thereof Item I give unto Anne Hartley of Stackhouse sister of the said Robert ten pounds out of the rents due unto me from her husband Also I give to my brother Tho Peele twelve pence over and above all he oweth me And to every of his sons twelve pence the piece I give to John Peele sone of my brother John Peele twenty shillings a year for his life First payment to begin at the end of one year next after my decease Also I will that Robert Emmott shall have twenty pounds And Martha his wife twenty marks more to be paid out of those bills and specialties due unto me from John Cooke of the Coals(?) and no otherwise unless the debts by specialty fall short and will not extend to the payment Then my mind is that their legacies here given shall be paid for out of the residue of my goods and estate Item I give unto Alice Walker late wife of Ralphe Walker of Hungrill twenty nobles And to Elizabeth Walker daughter of him the said Ralphe Walker of Hungrill three pounds six shillings eight pence I give unto John Cooke my brother in law twelve pence Item I give to the two children of Captn Will Cooke deceased either of them three pounds six shillings fourpence Item I give to Hen Bayleson forty shillings To Thomas Carr the eldest son of Roger Carr of Rathmell forty shillings And to every of the children of the said Roger Carr twenty shillings apiece I give to the children of Anthony Wilkinson of Long Preston forty shillings to be equally divided amongst them I give unto Isobel Fleeminge of Long Preston ten shillings Item I give unto Mris Baynes wife of Ralphe Baynes of Meawith Esquire five pounds to be paid her her executors or assigns within a year after my decease I

give to Thomas Hargreaves and Mary Read daughter of John Read to whom my late husband Mr Ducard was godfather either of them ten shillings And to Margaret the wife of Robert Banckes of Gigleswecke my goddaughter ten shillings To Thomas Clarke son of John of Longpreston ten shillings Item to the children of John Browne of Gisburn Blacksmith ten shillings to be equally divided amongst them Item I give to Margaret daughter of Frances Foster of Rathmell twenty shillings I give to (?) Will Danser and Thomas Danser either of them three shillings four pence And to Anne Wood three shillings four pence Item I give and dispose forty shillings unto Mr Robert Baynes son of Ralphe Baynes Esquire aforesaid to be paid him within a year of my decease Also I give and dispose forty shillings unto Mrs Asheton of Arnolds..... to buy her a Ring To be paid within a year after my decease Item I give unto Will Fort son of Rich Fort of Firlier(?) six pounds thirteen shillings fourpence Also I give to Elizabeth daughter to my brother Thos Peele thirteen shillings four pence by the year during her natural life First payment to begin at the end of two year after my decease I give to my sister Mary Fort twenty shillings by the year for her life after the like order and time to be paid I give unto Anne Armistead daughter of Stephen Brinistead (*sic*) late of Capleside To John, Richard, Charles her brothers to Ester Armistead and Isabel their sisters each of them twenty shillings Item I give unto all that I am whole Aunt unto not mentioned in this my will twelve pence apiece Item I give ten pounds to be employed for the placing of poor children apprentices born within Boulton parish at the discretion of the minister Churchwardens and overseers for the poor of the said parish for the time being with the approbation of two Justices of the peace And I give six pounds to the like use and Employment to be paid by my Executors to the Overseers for the poor within the Township of Rathmell for the placing of poor children of that town apprentices as aforesaid Item whereas Christopher Boocke of Barnoldswick and his wife are both late deceased and hath three small children namely Edward Boocke, John Boocke and Alice Boocke unprovided for Albeit I am fully persuaded that God according to his promise will be a father unto them and if they live in his fear he will not see them lack, yet since the law of God and my near relation require that I should have a personable care of them I give as a token of love and affection I bear to them one hundred pounds which I will that the same be bestowed by my Executors discretion for much of the same sum as will take again or purchase their fathers Tenement in Barnoldsweweke now out of Lease for the use and behoof of Edward Boocke the eldest brother of the same can or may be provided and obtained But in case any Executors do not or cannot make a purchase nor take a new Lease he shall then answer and pay the said Three children the aforesaid sum of one hundred pounds thus divided (that is to say) Edward forty pounds, John thirty pounds And Alice thirty pounds if they live until they be of the age of one and twenty years And if any of them die before that time Then the survivors or survivor to enjoy that part of him or them so dying And in the meantime it is my mind and will that my Executor shall have and be charged by me to take the Custody of the said three children namely Edward John and Alice until they be of full age of one and twenty years and they to be brought up and ordered by him at his discretion with all things necessary and fitting for their education without any consideration or allowance for his keeping of them during their minority and at the end and expiration of this term of years he shall give them a right and good account of the profit and increase of this my legacy given to them notwithstanding my meaning and will is That if my Executor do purchase the Inheritance of the said Tenement or take a new Lease or other good estate of the same That he shall deliver resign and release all his power interest Title Claim and the occupation of the same together with

the mean profits thereof during his management thereof to Edward Boocke child of ~ brother aforesaid at his age of one and twenty Provided always that before the delivery of possession or Account giving to him the said Edward Boocke he the said Edward Boocke shall give such security to be bound in the double sum to pay his brother and sister Three score pounds (divided as aforesaid) as they shall accept and like of severally And then he to enter occupy and possess such estate as my Executor make concerning the Tenement Item it is my will and mind that the reversion residue and remainder of all my estate and estates in Lands Tenements and Leases, goods, debts and substances, and sums of money and whatsoever shall be given and remain and I do hereby give the same to Edward Craven my Executor hereafter named and his heirs so long as Edward Craven shall have heirs of his body And if he die without heir That then Edward Boocke aforesaid and his heirs shall have my lands and Tenements of inheritance in the same manner And for default of such issue to John Boocke his brother and to his issue And for default of such issue To Alice Boocke their sister And for default of such issue to the next heir of me the said Margaret Ducard And I do make nominate and appoint him the said Edward Craven my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament And it is my mind and will that he my said Executor shall administer and take the profits of all my estate and estates in lands Tenements and Leases for and towards the paying and discharging of the legacies and bequests by me given and bequeathed and contained in this my last will and Testament And I make Supervisors thereof John Ashton of Arnoldsbiginge and Ralph Baynes Esquire And for their pains to be taken about the same I give unto them Three pounds six shillings eightpence a piece, To be paid to them or their Assigns Executors or Administrators within one year after my decease Provided Lastly my full determinate will mind and pleasure is That in case any person or persons will not be content with these my gifts in this my will and Testament but do seek any means or advantage by Law, or do trouble my Executor or attempt doing or going about such act or acts, That then all and every such person or persons so doing shall lose all such benefit as they or any or them might have by force of this my last will and Testament and the same legacies and bequests thus lost and void I give to remain to my Executor in witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand mark and seal the day and year first above written Margaret Ducard In the presence of us Robert Hartley, Thomas Geldart his mark, William Hartley, Robert Howson.

**Be it known That whereas** I Margaret Ducard made my last will and Testament in writing bearing date the twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and seven That now for as much as I have changed my mind touching certain things in the same last will contained And for and concerning all other things in the said last will mentioned (other then such things as I shall not hereby dispose of) I do by this present Codicil confirm and ratify the said last will And first whereas by my last will I do give unto my sister Jane Frankland Three pounds by the year for her life, and my house and ground called Longley for her life, and the remainder after her decease I do give unto the children of James Hill and John Bayster And further also I do give unto the said Children of James Hill and John Baister the Radlee to them and their heirs for ever my mind and will now is That my said sister Jane Frankland shall have seven pounds to be paid her yearly during her life from and after my decease But she shall have nothing to do with or make claim to the house or ground called Longley, neither shall the children of James Hill or John Baister have the remainder thereof as it is set down and contained in my said last will, now my Title in the Red Lee as is likewise mentioned in my said last will, my will is

that the children of James Hill shall have all my Title in the Red Lee to them and their heirs forever, and not the children of John Baister as I had as by my last will disposed it But my will and mind is and I do hereby give unto the children of John Baister twenty pounds instead of that I gave him by my last will To be paid him within one year of my decease And whereas by my said last will I do give unto Robert Emmott twenty pounds my will now is that he shall have but only fifteen pounds thereof To be paid him as my said will mentioneth And to his children five pounds more that he oweth me for which there is no specialty to be allowed by my Executor and no otherwise to be paid by him Item I give to my brother John Peele not mentioned in my said last will six of the last years of the capital lease of the K... in Lowthersdale And .....by my said last will I do give unto John Cooke son of Tho Cooke twenty marks my will now is that he shall have twenty pounds And his Two brothers ....five pounds a piece And their two sisters Katherine and Jane Cooke three pounds apiece and no more though they had more given them by my said last will, Also I give unto the said John Cooke that legacy of twenty marks which I gave by my last will to Martha the wife of Robert Emmott To be paid him in the same manner that the said Martha should have been paid by my said last will And I revoke ad....and destroy that legacy of twenty marks given to the aforesaid Martha wife of Robert Emmott by my said last will and instead thereof I do give unto her the said Martha twelve pence, Also I give unto Margaret Boocke daughter of Christopher Boocke of the Hallings five marks to be paid two years after my decease Item whereas by my said last will I do give unto William Ellell twenty nobles my will is now that he shall have but five marks Item whereas by my said last will I do give unto the two children to the Captain William Cooke deceased either of them three pounds six shillings eightpence my will now is that those two legacies given to them be revoked, made void, and of no effect Item whereas by my said last will I do give unto Alice Walker late wife of Ralphe Walker twenty nobles my will is now to revoke and make void the same and instead thereof I do give unto her twelve pence Item whereas by my said last will I do give unto Elizabeth Walker daughter of Ralphe Walker three pounds six shillings eightpence my will now is that this same legacy be revoked and made void Item I gave to Henry Carr of Rathmell twenty shillings And to every of his children six shillings eightpence apiece Item I give to Roger Carr of Rathmell twenty shillings And to his son Thomas mentioned in my said last will but twenty shillings And to every of his brethren and sisters but six shillings eightpence apiece Item I give to Rich Haughton of Rathmell ten shillings, and to every of his children three shillings fourpence And whereas I have given and devised Edw Boocke and John Boocke as my said last will appears my will and mind is to give Edw Boocke over and above what I have given him by my said last will And I do hereby give unto him the said Edward Boocke forty pounds more then is contained in my last will To be paid him by my Executor when the said Edward Boocke accomplisheth his age of one and Twenty years And if my my Executor do not pay the same I do give him the said Edw Boocke and to his heirs for ever all that parcel of land which I bought of Robert Hartley .....late before in the occupation of .....Hartley of Rowing(?) And ...John Boocke the younger brother over and above what I have given him by my said last will I do hereby give unto him the said Jo Boocke forty pounds to be paid by my Executor when he accomplisheth the age of twentyone years And my will is and I heartily require my Executor that he does range all things in this my Codicil contained to be faithfully performed according to my true meaning as the same were so declared and set down in my last will and Testament in witness whereof to this my

present Codicil I have subscribed my name Margaret Ducard her mark In the presence of us Robert Hartley, William Hartley, Robert Howson

**This will and Codicil were** proved at London Before the Judges for probate of wills and granting administrations lawfully authorised the one and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred fifty eight By the oath of Edward Craven the sole Executor named in this said will To whom was committed administration of all and singular the goods chattels and debts of the said deceased he being first sworn by virtue of a Commission surely to administer

*[NB Paver's Marriage Licences 1626: (see genuki.org.uk)*

*1626 Thomas Dugard of Long Preston and Margaret Carr, widow of Gargrave "to be married either place"]*

**FRANCIS DUCKETT Inv. 1694 Ref. Borthwick, York. Dec. 1694(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory taken the 24 day of Novemb. Anno Dm. 1694<sup>to</sup> of all the Goods & Chattells belonging to Francis Duckett of Tenters in Rauthmell in the parish of Giggleswick in Craven in the County of York husbandman lately dec'd and apprizd by us whose names are here subscribed as followeth-

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse & Apparrell	01	00	00
Itm four Cowes	20	00	00
Itm 3 Stirks	5	00	00
Itm 5 Whyes	16	00	00
Itm 25 sheep	10	00	00
Itm 1 Swine	01	4	00
Itm. one Mare & foale & horse & 2 yeare old fillies	08	00	00
Itm. 2 Acres & a halfe of Corne	10	00	00
Itm.5 Acres & a halfe of hay	04	00	00
Itm. Meale & Malt hard corne & Wheate Beef and Bacon	02	00	00
Itm. 2 bedds as they Standeth in the Chamber over the firehouse	01	16	0
Itm. 5 paire of Canvas sheets	0	14	00
Itm. 4 paire of Lin:sheets	01	06	00
Itm. 5 pillow beers & 8 Napkins & 1 boardcloth	0	07	08
Two towells 5 dooble Coverletts 4 bolsters	02	16	00
Itm. 5 blanketts	00	10	00
Itm. 13 Cushions	0	06	06
Itm. 4 chests	01	00	00
Itm. 2 Arkes and 1 Forme	00	10	00
Itm. one old bed as it standeth in ye Loft over ye chamber.....	00	06	08
Itm. one Ark	01	02	06
Itm 3 Spinning Wheelles	0	05	06
Itm. Eighteen sacks	1	07	0
Itm. one Stone of Line ( <i>flax</i> )	0	5	0
Itm. Linsey-Woolsey	00	17	00
Itm. 12 little board and Cheese press	00	3	00
Itm. Dishboard & wood Vessell	2	00	00



Itm. one bedd in the little Parlour	01	00	00
Itm. 2 Chests & 2 Boxes	00	4	6
Itm. Earthen Potts	00	2	00
Itm. 1 board in the firehouse	00	6	00
Itm. 1 Cupboard	00	5	00
Itm. 6 Chaires & 1 round board	00	4	6
Itm. brass potts and panns & morters	01	10	00
Itm. Pewter	01	13	4
Itm. Backstone & Briggs & reckoncrookes	00	10	00
Itm. husbandry geere	03	10	00
Itm. all huslem.	00	02	00
Itm. Debts oweing to the Dec'd	06	11	11
The Total sumes	158	10	01

Debts oweing by ye Dec'd 15    6    8  
Aprized names  
Thomas Tindall            Richard Boardley  
John Duckett              John Clarke his marke

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**ALICE EGLIN Admin 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Aug 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of all such goods chattels rights ..... debts & credits as came to our hands to bee aprized & which were belonging to Alice Eglin late of Settle Decd with theyr raites made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this fifteenth day of August 1690

	li	s	d
Inprimis her purse & apparell	1	0	0
8 yds of blankitting	0	6	8
6 yds ½ white cloth at	0	8	0
14 yds black harden#	0	8	0
1 joynd Chist	0	8	0
2 littell board cloths	0	1	6
2 napkins	0	0	6
3 Cushions	0	1	0
1 Deske with severall small cloths therein	0	4	0
1 payre of Course sheets	0	7	6
2 yds of Linsay wollsey#	0	1	0
1 Course sheete	0	3	0
1 pillow bear#	0	1	2
1 Lin shift	0	1	6
1 payre of Linn sheetes	0	6	6
1 other payre	0	6	0
1 white rug	0	5	0
2 feather bolsters & 2 pillow bears	0	2	0
1 spinning wheele	0	0	4
2 backboards 1 old bason	0	0	3

1 stoole & one old table leafe	0	0	8
1 payre of schales	0	0	3
3 forms 2shelves & severall od peices of wood	0	1	0
1 glasse casse	0	0	6
2 stands 2 (barrells?) & 1 tub	0	1	3
14 earthen potts	0	1	2
12 pewther dishes	0	9	0
18 spoones	0	1	6
4 poringers#	0	1	0
1 pewter flagon & cupp	0	1	8
1 Chamber pott	0	1	0
1 Candlestick 1 salt 2 littell porringers	0	0	6
1 brasse ladell & Candlesticke	0	0	10
1 brasse pott	0	2	0
4 brasse panns	0	4	6
2 large brasse panns	0	6	0
1 spade	0	0	4
1 Dishcrath# 10 piggons# 1 laddell & 2 dishes	0	0	6
1 bedstead with mat	0	2	0
1 Chafe bed# & two feather bedds	1	0	0
2 feather bolsters	0	3	0
1 payre of blankitts 1 payre of sheets & 1 Coverlit	0	4	0
1 feather bolster 1 Chafe bolster 1 payre of blankitts	0	5	0
1 white rugg	0	2	6
1 pcell of wooll	0	2	6
1 large Chist & meale therein	0	7	0
1 bible & 1 booke of Comon prayer	0	1	0
2 smoothing Irons	0	1	0
2 old Chists & malt therein	0	4	6
one earthen pott & od wood in ye parlour	0	0	6
1 tray	0	0	4
8 trenchers# one wood dubler# & one potlid	0	0	4
all ye wood vessell standing in ye house	0	5	0
1 shering hooke	0	0	2
1 Cupboard	0	5	0
7 Cushions	0	1	0
4 Chayrs	0	0	6
1 reckon# 1 payre ofTongs 1 toasting Iron 1 payre of briggs#	0	2	0
1 frying pann	0	0	6
1 littell Chist	0	1	0
1 hamer 1 strikeing knife 1 spittle 1 heater?	0	0	8
1 heckle#	0	0	6
1 other Chist with meal in it	0	3	0
Turfes & flaws#	0	5	0
two stears	2	0	0

If Adam Eglin will provide (?) these debts

One bond from Agnes Hidleston & Thomas Abot to Adam Eglin	2	14	0 1/2
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per paymt of			
One bond to (Adam) Eglin from William Hodgshon & Michael Lawson for paymt of	1	6	101/2
One bond from Reynold Dickson & Robert Holden to Adam Eglin per paymt of whereof 10s recd as appears by back of bond	4	10	8
Wm. (Hayrst?) bill to Alice Egling for paymt of	3	3	7
in lent money to Catharine Howson	2	10	0
ten sacks one poacke# & od huslemts	0	3	0
abate as per backe of bond 10s	20	5	4
then rests	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
Desperate Debts			
from Richard driver by bill besides Interest	1	10	0
Debts owing by ye Deceased			
to William Wildman	1	10	01/2
to Wm. Prockter	0	1	6
to Widdow Newhouse for rent	0	1	6
funerall expences	2	6	8

Henry Towler

**EGLIN Adam Settle Feb 1682 Borthwick Ref. Unregistered wills mf 1749**

February 9<sup>th</sup>. 1682

In the name of God Amen I Adam Eglin of Settle being Sicke of (sic) but of perfecte mind & memory praised be god for it doe make & ordaine this my Last Will & Testamt. in manner & forme following Imprimis I Give & Bequeath my Soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker & redeemer hoping through the merits of Christ my onely Saviour to receive free pardon & remission for all my Sinnes And my body to be buryed in the parish Church Yarde of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, And for my wordly Estate I dispose as followeth (videlicet) first I give to Steven Tempest my nephew the Summe of Two poundes; Item I Give to Agnes Clerke my neece wife to Steven Clerke of Swinden The Summe of Two poundes Item I Give to Katherine Harryson daughter to Widdow Harryson of Settle the Summe of one Shilling to be paide by my Executrix within one Yeaere after my decease) Item I Give to Richard Lupton of Settle halfe of All my market Arkes, Tubbes, peckes, measures & Stalles withall furniture thereunto belonging & the Moiety & other halfe of All my market Arkes Tubbes, Peckes, Measures & Stalles with other furniture thereunto belonging I Give to Richard Lupton of Settle Abovesaid after the decease of Alice my wife & the rest of All my Goodes moveable & unmoveable I Give to Alice \juvat/ my Wife & Lastly I doe appoint Alice \juvat/ my Wife to be Sole Executrix of this my Last Will & Testamt: In Witnesse Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Sealle the day & Yeaere first above written

Sealled Signed & delivered

in the presence of us      Henery Towler

Margaret \signum/Towler

Adam \signum/

Eglin

Richard Driver jurat

**HENRY ELLILL 1689 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.61 fol. 181**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred eighty nine I Henry Ellill of Gigleswick in the County of yorke yeoman being sick and infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following hereby revoakeing all former and other will and wills by me heretofore made; And First and principally I Commend and Commit my soule into the merciful hands of Almighty God my Maker assuredly trusting that in and through the merrits and mediation of Jesus Christ my saviour my sins shall be foregiven And that my soul shall be made partaker of everlasting happiness in the Kingdome of heaven; And my body to be buried in the parrish Church yard of Gigleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my freinds and Executrix hereafter named and as to the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me, I give and bequeath as Followeth; And First my will and minde is that my just debts and funerall Expences be paid out of my whole personall estate as well the money I owe unto John Lund of Wiglesworth for which he hath some of my Lands engaged as other my just debts; Item my will and mind is that my Loveing wife Ann shall have and receive the Rents Issues and profits of all my Lands and Lease grounds whatsoever until my two daughters Mary and Ellin shall attain their severall ages of twenty One years for and towards their maintenance and education and for and towards the maintenance and education of the child now in my wife's womb if she now be with child; Item my will and minde is And I doe hereby give and bequeath all my Lands and Lease grounds whatsoever unto my said two daughters Mary and Ellin and to the child in my wifes wombe if she now be with child equally amongst them to enter to their shares as they shall severally attain their severall ages of twenty one years; And if any of my said children happen to depart this life before they attain their said severall ages of twenty one years my will and minde is that her or his share soe dyeing shall give to such as shall be liveing and attain the said age of twenty One years, Item my will & mind is that my wife shall have a third out of all my Lands & Lease grounds during her life notwithstanding any gift thereof herein before made & the same to be in full of her dower or widdowright therein ..... Item? I doe nominate constitute & appoint my said wife Anne sole executrix of this my last will & testament Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written Henry Ellill his marke sealed signed & published in the presence of us Jo: Lister Josias Dawson Jo: Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ALEX FALSHAW 1622 Borthwick v38 f69**

In the name of God amen the three and twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord god 1622 I Alexander Falshaw of Giggleswick in the county of York carpenter sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised be god do make and ordain this my last will and testament irrevocable in manner and form following. First I commend my soul unto Almighty God and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. Item, my will is and I give and demise out of my goods movable and immovable to Henrie Falshawe my son ten pounds.

And to Ann Falshawe my daughter other ten pounds as they shall grow due to them by bill or specialty as it will more plainly appear to be equally divided between them. Item I give and bequeath to Franncis Chippindaile my brother in law to his four children forty shillings which is in his own hands. That is to say Richard, William, James and Margaret Chippingdale to every one of them ten shillings provided always that the said Franncis shall have the disposing of it till they and every of them come to the full age of one and twenty years. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Craven my kinsman just five pounds in consideration of my bedroom and freelidge # to his fire besides washing and wringing this sixteen years. And the rest of my goods I give to Henrie my son and Ann my daughter equally between them after my debts and funeral expenses being paid desiring Thomas Craven, Robert Cockett, Geo. Faltropp and Christopher Jackes to be supervisors of this my last will and testament and to help and assist my said children unto their portions as need shall require having their lawful charges borne them making my said son Henrie Falshawe and my said daughter Ann Falshawe joint executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Christopher Jackes, Thomas Clarke and Thomas Craven.

*#freelage - freedom/ a priviledge*

*Giggleswicke*

**THOMAS FALTHEROPP 1627 Ref. Borthwick. vol 41 fol 38a**

In the name of God Amen this last day of February in the year of our lord God one thousand six hundred twenty and seven I Thomas Faltheropp of Giggleswick within the county of York clothworker being sick in body yet of perfect remembrance praised be God do make this my last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following: First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting that through his bounteous and everlasting mercy and the merits and passion of Jesus Christ to be saved. And I commit my body to earthly burial in my parish church yard at the discretion of my loving wife and friends.

And as concerning my goods and chattels my will is that my debts, funeral expenses and other rights belonging to the church shall first be paid and discharged forth of the same. And if my goods and chattels will not extend to pay and discharge the same that the remainder thereof shall be paid forth of my lands. And as concerning the residue of my lands, leases and other goods whatsoever, my will is that the same shall wholly remain to the use of Ann my said wife and her assigns from the day of my death until my daughter Isabell Faltheropp do accomplish her full age of one and twenty years for the preferment of herself and for the education of my said daughter saving such estate thereof as doth belong to James Faltheropp my father and Isabell his wife for [the] term of their natural lives and the survivor of them always excepted. And further my will is that my estate in lands and other grounds holden by lease (except before excepted) shall be equally divided into two parts the one to be or moiety whereof shall remain to the use of Ann my said wife from the time that my said daughter Isabell shall come to the age of one and twenty years as aforesaid for and during the space and term of four score and one yeares then next ensuing if she so long live And my will is that the other half thereof shall remaine to the use of my said daughter Isabell for and during the lifeterm and that after the decease of my said wife

all my estate and rights in lands or leases shall wholly descend and come to the use of my said daughter Isabell and to her heirs executors and assigns for all such time or term of years whatsoever shall then be to come and unexpired in [*smudged*] except as before is excepted. And if it fortune that my said daughter Isabel shall die and depart this life before she come to the age of twenty and one years as abovesaid and be then unmarried and has not issue of her body lawfully begotten that then all my said estate and right in lands or leases whatsoever (except before excepted) shall wholly remain to the use of Ann my said wife and her assigns for and during the said term of four score and one years if she so long do live and that after the decease of the said Ann my wife or expiration of four score and one years whether as shall sooner happen all that my said estate in lands or leases whatsoever shall wholly descend and come to the use of Rowland Faltheropp my younger brother and to his heirs executors and assigns for all such time and term of years as shall then be to come and unexpired therein (except as before excepted).

And also my will is that if my said lands or leases shall and do descend and come to the use of my said brother Rowland Faltheropp his heirs executors or assigns as above said then he the said Rowland Faltheropp his heirs executors administrators or assigns or some of them shall well and honestly pay or cause to be paid unto Margaret Faltheropp my sister her heirs executors administrators assigns or to some of them the full sum of ten pounds in current English money at such days and terms after his entry thereunto as shall be agreed upon between them for payment of the same so as the same be paid within one year next after his entry unto those my said lands or leases whatsoever. And lastly I do appoint Ann my said wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses: James Faltheropp and William Foster.

*Giggleswick spelt Giggleswicke in will*

**RICHARD FALTHROP 1671 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol.53 fol. 27  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Richard Falthrop of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman being sicke in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God doe make this my last will and Testament in manner & forme Following this sixteenth day of February in the twenty fourth year of the Reigne of King Charles the second Anno domini one thousand six hundred seaventy one; First I Commend my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker trusting through the meritorious passion of Jesus Christ to receive forgiveness of my sinnes; And my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix & Executor hereafter mentioned; And for my worldly goods and temporall estate which it hath pleased God to blesse me with; I give and dispose thereof as Followeth; First I appointe my welbeloved freind John Fish of Cappenhawe in the County of yorke yeoman & Mathew Falthrop my sonne of Giggleswicke in the said County..... to be Feoffees in trust to sell Assigne convey and sett over all that mansion house and other the houses and one oxgang of land belonging to me Richard Falthrop and is situate lying and being in Hanleth on Maulham) and within the territories thereof and all those houses and lands which

Henry Clarke hath engaged; And the same lands and houses soe sold by the Feoffes abovesaid to be converted to the uses hereunder expressed, Item it is my will and minde in the first place that my debts and funerall expenses be paide out of my whole goods Lands and Leases; Alsoe I give to my eldest sonne George Falthrop twenty poundes to be paid him (*....sev words gone..*) can be procured for the Lands and leases abovesaid with this provisoe that he be willing to seale a generall release from all (his) claime and demand whatsoever to the lands & houses abovementioned or otherwise to have his parte and proportion after the decease of my Executrix; Alsoe I give to my second sonne Mathew Falthrop (one?) shilling; Item I give to my sonne Christopher five shillings; Item I give to my sonne John three ewes; Item I give to my daughter Agnes Falthrop tenn poundes to be paide her as soone as can be procured for the lands and houses as abovesaid; Item I give to my daughter Anne five poundes as soone as can be procured as abovesaid; Alsoe I give unto my wife Anne and to my sonne John all my household goods and all other the rest of my goods which I have not here above disposed of And doe hereby nominate and appointe my said wife Anne Falthrop and my sonne John Falthrop joint Executors of this my last will and Testament; And I doe also hereby revoke and make voyde all former wills heretofor made In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale to this my last will and Testament the day and yeare above mentioned Richard Falthrop sealed signed and delivered in the presence of James Towler Wm Paley Matt. Falthrop

*3 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Malham " "*

### **ROGER FALTHROP 1621 Borthwick v36 f363**

In the name of God Amen the five and twentieth day of August in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred twenty one I Roger Falthroppe of Giggleswick in the county of York tanner sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance god be praised therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting by the merits and precious blood shedding of my Saviour Christ to be made partaker of everlasting bliss in heaven and my body to earthly burial at the discretion of my wife and friends.

Item; my will is that my debts shall be paid out of my whole goods and as concerning the lease of my house in Giggleswick wherein I dwell and my other leases and other grounds I give them and all my estate right title interest terme and terms of years therein and likewise all my goods chattels and other rights to Elizabeth my wife and her assigns to use and dispose at her own will and pleasure. And as for my children because I have heretofore given them so much and such portions as my ability did afford and as I meant unto them therefore I pray them to hold themselves satisfied therewith and to stand to their mothers courtesy who will use them well if they so deserve

And I make and ordain Elizabeth my said wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses William Lawson, Richard Claphamson and Thomas Carr.

*Giggleswicke*

**ROBERT FALTHROP 1624 Borthwick v38 f455**

In the name of god amen the tenth day of August in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and four I Robert Falthropp of Roomhouses within the township of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be to god therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all former wills by me made. And first I bequeath my soul to God my heavenly father and to Jesus Christ my redeemer through whose death and passion I believe assuredly to obtain salvation of my soul. And my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my executor.

And as concerning my message and tenement with all grounds and other appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being in Room Houses within the lordship of Giggleswick aforesaid now in my possession and which I hold by lease for six thousand years of the right honourable the earl of Cumberland I give the same and all my estate right title interest and term of years therein yet to come and unspent and all my evidences concerning the same to Rowland Falthropp my eldest son and to his executors and assigns for and during all the residue and remnant of the term or terms of years therein yet to come and unspent thereof in as large and ample manner as the same premises are in anywise granted unto me by any lease or estate whatsoever, provided always and yet never the less it is my will that he the said Rowland his executors, administrators and assigns shall permit and suffer Elizabeth my wife and her assigns to have hold occupy use possess and enjoy one full third part of all the said message tenement and premises with the appurtenances to and for her own use and maintenance and relief for and during so many years and so long time of the said term of six thousand years as she the said Elizabeth shall hereafter live. And for my movable goods my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid and discharged out of the same. And for the residue my wife having her thirds first allowed out of the same according to law and custom of the country I give and dispose of the residue thereof as follows viz. I give and bequeath to Thomas Falthropp master of arts my second son ten pounds. Item I give and bequeath to Jane Margrett and Elizabeth Craven my grandchildren, every of them, thirty shillings. Item I give to Robert Falthropp my grandchild and godson thirty shillings and to Elizabeth and Marie his sisters either of them thirty shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my brother James Falthropp one little brown cow. Item I give to Rowland Falthropp son of my brother James six shillings. And for the rest of my goods my debts and funeral expenses being discharged I give them to the said Elizabeth my wife and Rowland my son provided yet always that my wife may have the use of them when she shall require during her life.

And I make and ordain Elizabeth my wife aforesaid and Rowland my said son joint executors of this my last will and testament. And I desire John Tailor and John Foster to be supervisors thereof and to aid and assist my said executors where need shall



require guiding, their reasonable charges allowed them. These being witnesses James Falthropp John Tailor John Foster and Thomas Craven

*Gigleswicke*  
*Giggleswicke*

**ROWLAND FALTHROPP 1656**  
**The National Archives PROB 11/253**  
Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen**

The eight day of June in the yeare of our Lord according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred Fifty fower I Rowland Falthropp of Roome in the parish of Gigleswicke and County of Yorke beinge sick in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be god) doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I doe comitt and willingly resigne my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty god my maker and Creator trustinge through his mercie and by the merritts of Jesus Christ my only redeemer to bee Saved and to have full pardon and remission of all my sinnes And my body to the earth whereof it was framed to be buried at my parish Church of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends And Concerninge my worldly and Temporall goods and estate I give devise and dispose of the same as followeth First it is my will and mind that my debts and funerall expences be paid out of my whole goods Alsoe whereas I have by Indenture dated the Twentieth day of January last past Conveyed assigned and Sett over unto Mary Falthropp my younger daughter and to her executors and assignes certaine Closes and grounds called and knowne by the Severall names of netherwathclose Farwath and Longinge lyeinge on the Farr moores of Gigleswicke Now I doe hereby confirme the same Indenture and all the estate thereby conveyed to my Sayd daughter Mary her executors and assignes accordingly Alsoe whereas I have allready Sold to Severall persons certaine lands at Burrow lawfully descendinge to Thomas Gudridd (*Goodrigg*) my grandchilde and have engaged Certaine my lands at Roome condiconally that my Sayd grandsonne shall Seale and Confirme the Same Sale of the Sayd lands at Burrow when hee comes to lawfull yeares I doe therefore give unto my sayd grandsonne Thomas Gudridd my auntient messuage and tenement at Roome of the auntient yearely rent of Seaventeen shillings condiconallie that when hee comes to lawfull yeares hee shall upon lawfull demand confirme and Seale unto the sales of the lands at Burrow aforesayd accordinge to my promise and engagement And alsoe that my Sayd grandchild shall pay out of my Sayd Messuage and tenement at Roome unto Margaret and Susan Gudridd my granddaughters to either of them Forty pounds a peece And the Same to be payd to them Severally as they come to one and twenty yeares of age And the Sayd Thomas Gudridd to enter to my Sayd messuage and tenement accordinge as is hereunder Sett downe and expressed Alsoe I will that my executrix hereundernamed shall have the occupacon and take all the proffitts of all my houses and grounds untill my grandsonne Thomas Gudridd shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares And that in consideration thereof my executrix shall keepe and maintaine my elder daughter and my abovenamed three grandchildren with meate drinke and apparrell untill my grandsonne Thomas come to one and twenty yeares of age Alsoe my will and minde is that Thomas Gudridd my

grandsonne when hee shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares shall enter to my message and tenement at Roome of the annccient rent of Seaventeene shillings and that hee shall maintaine and keepe Margaret and Susan Gudridd his naturall Sisters with meate drinke and apparrell untill they attaine their Severall ages of one and twenty yeares And alsoe that hee shall maintaine and keepe Elizabeth his mother with meate drinke and apparrell and all things necessary duringe such tyme and soe long as shee shalbe pleased and willinge Soe to be maintained and kept And if at anie tyme my Sayd daughter Elizabeth dislike of Such keepinge Then my will and minde is that shee shall enter to a full third part of my Sayd message and tennement at Roome at the Sight and Settinge downe of my Supervisors hereundernamed and shee to have the Sayd third part for and towards her maintainance duringe her life All the rest and remainder of my goods and grounds not already disposed of I doe give the Same to my daughter Mary Falthroppe whom I doe nominate and make Sole executrix of this my Last will and Testament Alsoe I doe nominate Mr Christopher Thornton Hugh Claphamson and John Coke Supervisors of this my last will and Testament whom I do intreate to see the Same truly performed and to be aideinge to my executrix as my trust is in them reposed In Witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hande and Seale the day and yeare first abovewritten Rowland Falthroppe his marke Witnesses hereof Brian Cookeson Hugh Claphamson John Coke

**This will** was proved at London the eleaventh day of February in the yeare of our Lord God accordinge to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred Fifty and five before the Judges for probate of wills and grantinge administracons lawfully authorized by the oath of Mary Falthroppe the naturall and lawfull daughter of the sayd deceased and Sole executrix named in this last will and Testament of the Sayd deceased To whom was committed Administracon of all and Singular the goods Chattles and debts of the sayd deceased Shee the Sayd Mary Falthroppe beinge first Sworne in doe forme of law by vertue of a Commission well and truly to Administer the Same

*Giggleswick* modern spelling  
*Rome* " "

**WILLIAM FALTHROPP 1605 Borthwick v 29 f 647**

In the name of god Amen the foure and twentieth day of May 1605 I Willm Falthroppe of Winscale within the countie of yorke labourer sicke in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance laud and prase be given to almightie god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following that is to say First and principallie I comend my soule unto almightie god by the death of whose sonne Jesus Christ I hope to be saved an (sic) heire of evrlasting life and my bodie to be buried within the pish churchyard of Gigleswicke at the discrecon of my beloved freinds Itm I give to my sister Allice Foster and to her sonne Christopher my tennement at Winscale aforesaid so they discharge and pay the rent yearlie issueing out of the same being the some of fortie shillings to John Armytstead and Willm Armytstead of Rathmell or to their assignes and doing and discharging all other duties and services therinto belonging Itm I give to my brother Roger Faythroppe of Gigleswicke aforesaid the pcell of ground wch I bought of Thomas Cockett and Richard Foster of Staynforth to thuse of Edmond his sonne or of they the said Thomas and Richard Redeme the same according to a bargaine and covenant made betwixt them the said Thomas and

Richard on thone ptie and me the said Willm one thother then I the said Richard (sic) do frelie give the money due to be paid received by me for the same to my said brother Roger to be received at such tymes as are lymitted for the same to the use and behoufe onlie of Edmond his sonne whereof five pounds shall be put forth as the first payment for his futur benefitt educacon and pferment Itm I give unto christopher the sonne of the said Roger Falthroppe one cow wch is now in thands and custodie of Thomas Carr of Giggleswicke aforesaid Itm I give and bequeath thre pounds to be paid daughters of Anthony kendall of Swinden Margerie and Elizabeth thre pounds to be paid by myne executors our of six pounds wch the said Anthony is indebted unto me And I give and bequeath the other thre pounds remayning in the hands of the said Anthony to his other two daughters after the recoverie of the same out of thands of ther said father further I give and bequeath unto my said brother Roger Falthroppe as a legacie out of my goods ppt Itm I give all the rest of my said goods and cattells after my debts paid and Funrall expences discharged unto my sister Allice eight children that is to say Christopher Marie Margaret Isabell Elizabeth Samuell and Anne and Willm equallie to be devided amongst them Itm I give to my said brother Roger my gray Jacket and my new lether dublet And for the rest of my appell I give them to my said sister Allice children at her dispose Itm I make and constitute my said brother Roger and Allice my sister Joynt executors of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof Barnabie Foster Thomas Payley Thomas Carre and Elizabeth Kirkbie

Latin text

*Giggleswick  
Winskill*

**JAMES FAWCETT Inv. 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York. Aug. 1696(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

July 20<sup>th</sup>. 1696

A true and perfect Praisement of All the Goods and Chattells of James Fawcett late of Giggleswick deceased by us whose names are subscribed James Lawson Thomas Brayshaw John Armistead William Bradley

	£	s	d
Inp his purse and Apparrell	02	10	0
Itm three Cowes one whey & 2 Calves	11	05	0
Itm for hay and for Grass mown and for corne	02	10	0
Itm for Carts and wheeles and for Cart furniture	00	10	0
Itm One paire of Loomes one paire of sheets with other necesaryes belonging his trade	01	00	0
Itm one Cubbard one chair two desks one Chest	01	05	0
Itm two Arkes	01	00	0
Itm for Brase and Pewter & one pott	01	05	0
Itm for two paire of bedstocks and bedding belonging them	01	10	0
Itm for wooden & Earthen Vessels	00	10	0
Itm for one table one long settle Chairs stooles & Cushions	00	10	0
Itm one iron Bakstone one Reckon one frying pan one paire of Briggs	00	12	0

one spit one paire of tongs one pair of Racks & one Chafeing dish			
Itm for Meale and Malt Butter and Cheese, wheate and other sort of Graine	01	00	0
Itm for shovel and spade two Bands and all other huslemts	00	03	0
Itm for sacks	00	06	0
	25	16	0

**ANTHONY FOSTER 1604 Borthwick v29 f646**

In the name of god Amen the eighth day of January 1604 I Anthony Foster of Rathmell in the county of York tailor do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to god the faithful creator of all gave it in assurance of eternal salvation by Jesus christ my only lord and saviour and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick in hope of a joyful resurrection. Item my will is and I do by these presents give grant release demise and bequeath unto Henrie Foster my eldest son to his heirs and assigns to his and their only use and uses all and singular my lands of what tenure soever the same be together with my full and whole estate and interest that I have or of right ought to have of in and unto my tenement in Rathmell of the yearly rent of fifteen shillings and four pence with all and singular edifices houses and buildings writings conveyances assurances scripts and muniments whatsoever to the same lands or the same tenements or either of them belonging or in any wise appertaining, to have and to hold to him the said Henrie Foster his heirs executors administrators and assigns for ever.

Item It is my will and I give and bequeath to him my said son Henrie that one parcel of ground called lynom being by estimation two acres be it more or less lying upon one ribble bancke which is of the annual or yearly rent of three yeares (*blank space*) and four pence together with all writings evidences and assurances concerning or appertaining to the same.

Item it is my will and I do give and bequeath unto my said son Henrie that one parcel of ground called the Threaples lying upon Ribble banke by estimation one acre be it more or less of the yearly rent of one penny and that these parts of one parcel of ground joining to the aforesaid parcel of ground called (Eynoine?) abutting on the said land thereof being belonging to the same Threaples and holden annually of the same rent together with all evidences writings and assurances for and concerning the same.

Item my will is and I give and bequeath unto my said son Henrie that close or parcel of ground called G..redding of the yearly rent of nine shillings together with all evidences and writings concerning the same.

Item my will is that the rest of my children shall have their equal portions of my goods and my wife her widowright and to my ..... my debts first discharged and funeral expenses paid and other dues ..... and the residue of the same unto my children equally to be divided amongst them. And I do ordain and appoint Thomas Foster and William Foster my sons joint executors of this my will.

And lastly pray my loving brethren John Payler vicar of Preston in Amounderness, Miles Fawcett of Pennygent, John Bucke of Darnbrough, John Foster of Appletreewick and Thomas Payler of Giggleswick to be aiding and assisting unto my said executors in the due execution of this my will. And in further assurance and testimony hereof I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year first above written in the presence of John Payler clerk and Thomas Payler.

*Rauthmell  
Gigleswicke*

*Amoundernes  
Appletreweke*

**ELIZABETH FOSTER 1701 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle July 1701  
Transcribed by S. Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Foster of Staineforth undr Bargh in the County of Yorke Widow being sick & weak in body but of sound & pfect memory thanks bee to god for the same but calling to mind the certainty of Death & the uncertainty of the time whereof And being mindful to settle my Estate wherewith it hath pleased allmighty God to bestow upon me doe make this my Last Will & testament in mannr. and forme following And first I Commend my soule into ye hands of Almighty God my maker hoping and assuredly trusting through the merritts & mediation of his Sonne Jesus Christ to have full pardon & free remission of all my past sinns And as for my reale & psonall Estate I dispose of as followeth first I Give & bequeath unto my Sonne Robert Foster his Heires & Assignes for ever All that one Close or piece of Inclosed meadow Ground Called or knowne by the name of Haber Close Lying & being within the precincts & territories of Ausewick or Lawkeland hee or they paying therewith unto Thomas Foster sonne of the abovesd. Robert Foster Richard Lawkeland Easter Wm. & Elizabeth Lawkeland the children of my doughtr Alice Lawkeland late decd twenty shillings a peece & to Alice Mettcalfe doughtr of Christopher Metcalfe five shillings which .... Legacyes my Will & mind is bee pd. within one yeare next after my Decease and for want of payment it shall & may bee Lawfull so & for all or any ye Legacatees abovesd. to Enter into & upon the above mencioned Close & premises & the same to have & enjoy till the whole Legacyes bee fully realised Item I Give & bequeath Margrett Foster Agnes Foster & Elizabeth Foster daughters of the above named Robert Foster all my Brass & pewther whatsoever. And lastly I Give & Bequeath unto my Sonne Robert Foster abovesd. & to his Heires Exectrs. & Admrs. or Assignes all the rest of my messuages Closes Lands premises Goods & Chattells whatsoever not heretofore disposed of whome I make nominate & Appoynt Sole Executr. of this my Last Will & testamt. In testimony Whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale (declareing this to bee my last Will & testamt.) this Eleaventh Day of Aprill Anno Dom. One thousand Seven Hundred & one

Sealed Signed published & declared to  
bee the Last Will & testamt. of the sd.

Elizabeth Foster in the psence of  
John Twisleton  
Jn: Paleye

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Elizabeth X Foster

A true & perfect Inventory of all ye singuler the goods & debts creditts & chattles late belonging to Eliz. Foster of Stainforth decd: taken & apprized by us whose names are hereunder subscribed 29<sup>th</sup>. day of April 1701

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Apprizors  
 Edmond Saunders  
 Gilbert (Tar)bridge  
 Richard Claipham  
 Jo: Paley

**FRANCIS FOSTER 1626 Borthwick v39 f232**

In the name of god amen. The fourteenth day of October anno dom 1626. I Franncis Foster of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following : First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits and precious blood shedding of my Saviour Christ to be an inheritor of eternal bliss in heaven and I commit my body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends.

Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged out of my whole goods and for the residue and remainder thereof my will is that the same shall be divided into three equal parts whereof my wife shall have one third part to her self. And for the other two parts my will is that the same shall be equally divided amongst my younger children and each of them shall have their equal share thereof. And as concerning my lands and hereditaments my will and mind is that my wife shall have a full third part thereof only to herself during her natural life for and in lieu of her widow right and dower.

And another third part of my said lands and tenements I limit, will, assign, appoint and bequeath the same unto my executors for and during the full term of twelve years to the use and intent hereafter expressed. That is to say that out of the profits and yearly benefits thereof my said executrix shall pay to my four younger children viz. Elizabeth Isabell Richard and Jane and the survivor of them the sum of forty marks that is to say to every one of them the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence a piece when and as soon as they shall accomplish the age of twenty-one years. Provided always that if my executrix shall refuse to pay the same to my said children then it shall be lawful for them successively to enter into the said third part and to enjoy it every one of them for three years. Provided also and it is my will and mind that the said two parcels of land viz. the towne Banke and Owkers shall not be within my wife's third part but I do limit assign and give the same to mine executor for and during the term of the natural life of my daughter Margaret towards the bringing up and maintenance of the said Margaret during her life and if she die

during the life of Jane my now wife I limit assign and give the same to the said Jane my now wife during her life. And if the third part bequeathed to the use of the said younger children will not within the term of the said twelve years yield the said sum of forty marks then they shall have it for such longer time as they may have the sum of forty marks out of the profits of the same as aforesaid

Item my will is that my wife shall have the tuition and bringing up of my eldest son John Foster until he accomplish the age of twenty one years. And the benefit and profit of a third part not bequeathed neither to my wife nor for the portions of my younger children as aforesaid, towards the maintenance and bringing up of my son John until he accomplish the said age of one and twenty years. And I do nominate and appoint Jane my now wife to be sole Executrix of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Thomas Carr Henrie Foster John Carr Robt Howsonn John Knight Michael Lawson

*Latin text*

### **ISABELL FOSTER 1630 Ref. Borthwick vol 41 fol 133**

In the name of god Amen the eighth day of May Anno dom one thousand six hundred and thirty Isabell Foster of Settle sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god did make this her nuncupative last will and testament in manner and form following vizt. First she commended her soul into the hands of almighty god her maker and redeemer trusting through the most precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ her saviour to be saved and her body to be buried in the church yard of the parish of Giggleswick at the sight of her friends.

Item she gave unto Elizabeth Lande part of her clothes, in regards of the pains she has taken with her.

Item she gave to her grandchild Rosimond Gaskell ten shillings out of her goods, if so be her goods will extend unto it, if not she gave her five shillings.

Item for all the rest of her goods when her funeral expenses were deducted and all her debts were paid she gave the remainder thereof to Henry Ashe whom she desired to see this will performed. All this she spoke before me Christopher Lawson. And unto this I have set my hand and .... Isabel Ashe.

*Giggleswick spelt Gilesweeke*

### **JOHN FOSTER 1626 Borthwick v 39 f 125**

In the name of god Amen. The Eight and twentieth day of August 1626 etc I John Foster of feeldyate within the Townshipp of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect memorie praised bee god doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in wryting as followeth First I committ my Soule into the mercifull handes of Almighty god trusting assuredlie throughe the

meritts and pretious blood shedding of my Saviour Christ to bee made partaker of eternal blisse in his heavenly kingdome and for my bodie to the Earth from whence it came to bee buried att the discrecon of my wife and friendes Item my will and mynd is that my debtes shall bee paid out of my moveable goodes And the remainder to bee distributed as hereafter in this my will shall bee sett down And as concerning my messuage and tenemt wth thappurtenances att Feeldyate aforesaid wch I hold by long lease of the right hoble Earl of Cumberland of the Ancient yearely rent of xv<sup>s</sup> (15 *shillings*) I give and bequeath the same and all my whole estate right tytyle interest and terme of years herein to John Foster my fourth sonne and to his heirs executors aditators and assignes for and during all the terme of yeares yett to come of the lease whereby I hold the same yett neverthesse under these Condictions hereafter following (that is to saie) first that hee shall permitt and suffer Elizabeth my wife and her assignes to have and enjoye all the said messuage tenmte and premises wth thappurtenances from the tyme of my decease untill my said sonne John shall accomplish the full age of one and twentie yeares for the better releefe and maintenance of herself and my Children unpreferred And alsoe upon Condicton that the said John his Executors and assignes shall well and honestly keep releefe and maintaine Richard Foster my eldest sone wth meat drink apparell and other necessarie during his life after the decease of me and my wife And that hee shall allowe my wife to enjoy the one halfe of the premises during her life if shee contynue widow soe long for and towards the better releefe and maintennce of my said sonne Richard But if shee either marrie againe or die Then my will is that my said sonne John his executors and assignes shall keepe and maintaine my said sonne Richard as aforesaid and shall enjoy and have the whole pfitts of the premises Item I give and bequeath all my pasture grounds and comon wch I hold according to the Custome of the mannor of Newbie (alsoe?) Stackhouse pte upon Giggleswicke moores to the said John Foster my sonne and to his heirs and assignes for ever according to the custome of tente right had and used wthin the mannor by and under such rents Suits and services as are usual and accustomed to be paid for the same yett my will is that hee shall permitt my said wife to enjoy the premises during his nonage for the purposes before menconed And I likewise give and bequeath to my said sonne John his Executors and assignes all my groundes att Mossie stones and the greene and all my estate title interest term and terms of yeares thereunto and for the uses and purposes before menconed and under the condicions before expressed And if my said sonne John die without lawfull issue Then I give all the whole Estate wch I intended to the said John unto Willm Foster my second sonne and to his lawfull issue male And if hee die without issue male then to (Thomas) my third sonne and to his heirs Executors and assignes Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my said wife and to Willm Foster Thomas Foster Margaret Foster and Alice Foster my Children all my groundes lying wthin the feeldes of Gigglesweeke and all other my closes and groundes hereafter menconed (that is to sayd) both Sandhawe closes Backlaw close two Landriggs Rough hurst and my comon on the Skarr and my Turbarie wch I had of Adam Carr And all my Estate, right tytyle & Interest therein vizt one third pte thereof to Elizabeth my wife & her assignes and the other two parts to my said foure children last named and to their assigns equallye amongst them Item I give unto Elizabeth my said wife and to her Executors and assignes all my Close or inclosure of ground called the broken Hurst and all my Estate title and interest therein that shee maye dispose the same att her owne will and pleasure And my will is That my groundes under Kidsticke yate shalbe accounted to belong to my tenement and to goe wth the house and tenement according to the demise before menconed And for my moveable goodes



my will is that my said wife shall have her thirdes according to Lawe And the other two parts to be distributed amongst my said foure children Willm Thomas Margaret and Alice, And I make & ordain Elizabeth my said wife and my said sonne Willm Foster to bee the Executors of this my last will and testament these being witnesses John Tailor Rowland Falthropp Willm Lawson Adam Carr and Michael Lawson if this bequest fall to John Foster my son my will is that hee shall give to his Sisters Margaret and Alice either of them x li (£10) and if it shall fall to William by the death of John without issue Then the said Willm to paie to Thomas Margaret and Alice his brother and Sisters everie of them x li (£10) viz. to Thomas att the end of one yeare next after his entrie & to Margaret at the end of one twelve monthe after that and to Alice at the end of another yeare after that Witnesses John Bankes Willam Lawson Rowland Falthropp Michael Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN FOSTER 1626 Borthwick v39 f130**

In the name of god amen the nineteenth day of December AD 1626 I John Foster of Ackworth Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First and principally I give and commit my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to honest burial trusting that by the death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ my sins shall be pardoned and forgiven and I may be partaker of the kingdom of heaven.

Also my will and mind is my debts funeral expenses and church dues be paid out of my whole goods.

Item: my will is my wife shall have her thirds of my goods in regard of her widow right. Also whereas Henrie Browne of Swainstead has married my daughter and that I am indebted to him for his marriage good In consideration whereof I give unto him the said Henrie Browne my son in law another third part of all my goods. Also I give unto William Browne, Judeth Brown and Marie Brown the three children of the said Henrie Brown my son in law two quie stirks equally amongst them and to be accounted as given out of the third part called the deads part I give the same to Agnes my wife and to my said son in law Henrie Browne equally to be divided betwixt them.

And I do make and appoint my said son in law Henrie Browne executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses of this my said last will & testament Henrie Bordley, John Burton, William Bankes Will Dickonson.

*Akew'th  
Rawthmell*

**JOHN FOSTER 1664**  
**Borthwick volume 47 Folio 161**

In the name of God Amen the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord God 1664 I John Foster of Settle in the county of York draper being infirm of body but sound in mind and of perfect memory (I thank God for the same) do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following vizt. first I commit my soul and body to God And I will my said body shall be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick in such place there as my wife and friends then present shall think convenient Item whereas I have by my deed Indented bearing date the eight and 20th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1664 and now last past made between me of the one party And Anthony Lister of Giggleswick aforesaid clerk Anthony Foster of Rathmell in the said county of York gent Henry Foster of Wakefield in the said county linen draper And Anthony Foster of Wakefield aforesaid Mercer of the other party being lawfully executed granted and conveyed unto the said Anthony Lister Anthony Foster of Rathmell Henry Foster and Anthony Foster of Wakefield and their heirs and the survivors of them and his heirs as feoffees in trust All those several parcels of lands situate in Settle aforesaid called the Crofts the holy acre the holy acre head and the Ealand so much of the stinted pastures moors commons and wastes of Settle aforesaid as ought to be had for and in respect of 3s (?) ancient rent within the Lordship of Settle aforesaid to the uses conditions and limitations in the said deed expressed And whereas I have by the same deed assigned in trust to the said trustees and the survivor and survivors of them and the executors administrators and assigns of the survivor and survivors of them My messuage house wherein I now dwell situate in Settle aforesaid with the buildings gardens backsides crofts & appurtenances thereunto belonging And my messuage and tenement with the appurtenances situate at Armitstead within the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid in the said county of York to such intents conditions and limitations as in and by the said deed are also mentioned as by the same reference thereunto being had may appear Now therefore I do by this my last will and testament confirm the said deed and every grant use condition and limitation therein contained desiring my said trustees faithfully to perform the trust in them reposed and empowering as much as in me lies by this my last will and testament to execute their said trust And it is my will and mind that my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged out of my movable goods which being done I will that they be divided into three equal parts One third part whereof I will that Agnes my wife shall have as of right to her belongs Another third part I will that my younger children shall have as of right to them belongs And the other third part and all the remainder of my goods and chattels movable and unmovable real and personal whatsoever I give and bequeath to the said Agnes my wife and I make the said Agnes my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament and the said Anthony Foster of Rathmell and William Paley of Staynforth his son in law supervisors of the same whom I entreat to advise my executrix in the performance of her office for the execution thereof In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

John Foster witnesses hereof Anthony Foster Robert Moorehouse William Foster

*Settle, Giggleswicke original spelling*

*Staynforth modern spelling*

**JOHN FOSTER 1680 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 59 fol. 36**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the twenty seventh day of February one thousand six hundred Eighty I John Foster of Rawthmell in the parrish of Giggleswicke and County of yorke yeoman being in good and perfect memory praised be God doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following; First and principally I give and bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker hoping through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my onely saviour and Redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sinnes; And my body to be buried in Christian buriall att the discretion of my Executor hereafter nominated; And First I doe revoke..... and make voyd all wills by me formerly made and declare and appointe this my last will and Testament; Item my will and minde is that all my debts my funeral expenses and.....legacies be paide out of my whole goodes quick and dead; And out of those two parcels of lease land comonly called Sproatwray and Bockholme by me lately purchased of George Atkinson Margaret his wife and John Browne as by their Indentures of Leases and or their handes and seales bearing date the fifteenth day of October and the (first?) day of November in the ....th year of our Lord God 1660 more fully and at large appeare; Item I give to Simon (.....ockley?) my sonne in law two shillings to be paide within one whole year after my decease upon condition he seale and deliver a generall acquittance unto my Executor for any cause matter or thing he cann claim challenge or demand of me from the beginning of the world until the day of the date hereof; Item I give unto James John and Issabell Prockter my Grandchildren every one of them five shillings to be paide to them when they shall severally accomplish their age of twenty three yeares if they happen soe long to live; And if any one of this aforementioned three children happen to dye before their age of twenty three yeares my will and minde is the other two shall have the full sume of fifteen shillings when they shall accomplish the age aforesaid if two of the aforementioned three children dye before their severall age of twenty three yeares my will and minde is that my Executor pay the sume of tenn shillings to that one child when he or she shall accomplish the aforesaid age of twenty three yeares; Item I give & bequeath to my second sone John Foster the sume of twenty poundes to be paide out of the Antient Tenement in Rawthmell within three yeares after my decease; Item I give all the rest and residue of my houses Landes Rents Tenements and goodes whatsoever unto Francis Foster my eldest sonne and to his heires and Assignes forever; And if Francis Foster my eldest sonne dye without issue of his body lawfully begotten, then I give all my aforementioned estate to John Foster my second sonne and to his heirs and Assignes forever; Item I give unto Alice Atkinson my madeservant twenty shillings to be paide to her within one year after my decease; And lastly I doe make Francis Foster my eldest sonne sole Executor of this my last will and Testament; In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare First above written John Foster sealed signed and delivered in the sight and presence of us James Houghton marke Thomas Brown marke Henry Clarke

*One line Latin*  
*Rathmell modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick " "*

**MARGARET FOSTER 1660 Ref. Borthwick.York v.44 f.100**

In the name of God Amen the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred and Sixty I Margarett Foster late of Airton and now of Giggleswicke in the Countie of York Widdow being in perfect health and Remembrance praise be the Allmightie do make and Ordaine this my last will & Testament in manner and forme followinge, First I do Committ and willingly resigne my Soul into the mercifull hands of Allmightie God my maker and Creator Trusting through his mercy and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my Only Redeemer to be Saved and to have Pdon and Remission of all my Sinns; And my bodie to the Earth whereof it was Fraimed To be buried in Christian maner at the discretion of my Friends, Revoking hereby all other Wills by me formerly made, And for my worldly and Temporall goods & Estate I do give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth, First I give and bequeath unto Debora the daughter of my late brother Giles Cookeson and to her Children Five pounds which I will shall be paid to them or any Such of them and at Such tymes as my Executor hereunder named shall think fitt and Convenient; Alsoe I give unto the Children of Thomas Cookeson of Millbrook my Nephew five pounds to be divided Equally amongst them: To be paid to my said Nephew whom I doe intreat to put forth the Same for his said Childrens most advantaige, Alsoe I give unto the children of Jennett Bride the sum of Five pounds to be paid to them or any of them at the discretion of my Executor; Also I give unto my nephew Robert Cookeson Five pounds which he owes mee, And to his Brother Thomas Cookeson Five pounds which he owes mee; Alsoe I give to the Children of Anne Moore five pounds and to the Children of Elizabeth Tennant of Litton Five pounds; and to the Children of Margaret Lawson of Langecliffe Five pounds; And to the Children of Robert Cookeson sonne of Brian Cookeson five pounds: And to the Children of Lawrence Lawson Five pounds: which last mentioned Five Severall legacies my will is shall be paid to the Severall fathers of the said Children: To be by them putt for the most benefitt of their said \severall/ Children; Alsoe I give to every one whom I am Godfather to twelve pence a piece Also I give my bedstead at Airton To Elizabeth and Jennett the daughters of Anthony Foster, Also I will that every one of the poore that shall come to my doole# Shall have three pence a piece, Also I will that my Funerall Expenses Shall be payd out of my whole goods, Also my will is that all the remainder of my goods Chattells whatsoever shall be equally divided betweene Thomas Lawson of Giggleswick and Bryan Cookeson of Settle And I doe make & nominate the said Thomas Lawson Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, And I will that the said Brian Cookeson Shall out of his said legacy pay and bear an equal and proporconable shaire and pt with my Executor of all the trouble and charges that he shall be anyway put unto concerning the execution of this my will; or if he refuse soe to do, then the said Brian to have noe benefitt by this my will; In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and Seale the day and year above said Margaret Foster her marke, Witness hereof Brian Cookeson.

*# Doole / dooalmeats – funeral provisions  
Giggleswick modern spelling  
Langcliffe " "*

**RICHARD FOSTER 1626 Borthwick v40 f510**

In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of February in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc 1626 I Richard Foster of Settle in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York husbandman being perfect both of health and memory( thanks be to god for the same) and being desirous to set all things in order and that I may thereby leave peace after my death do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul to god my maker being assured of mine eternal salvation through the merits of Christ Jesus my saviour and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard at Giggleswick aforesaid. Item whereas I have granted demised bargained assigned and set over all that my messuage farm and tenement in Settle with all appurtenances profits and commodities thereunto belonging and also my full and whole estate right title interest term of years use possession property claim and demand thereof which I now hold under the right honourable Francis Earl of Cumberland and William Inglebie knight of the yearly rent of twenty three shillings eleven pence half penny unto Gyles Foster of Barnarcastle in the county of durisme(?) clerke one of my natural sons and to Hugh Lawson of the Lodge in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York yeoman by deed indented bearing date the five and twenty day of May in the 22 year of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord king James of famous memory of England etc, and of Scotland the seven and fiftieth etc for divers ends reasons and uses therein mentioned, now my will and mind is that the said deed shall remain and continue and be in full power strength and virtue according to the true intent purport and meaning thereof and to none other ends or uses which said deed I hereby do ratify allow and confirm unto them the said Giles and Hugh but whereas I have thereby enjoined them to pay unto Maude Browne twenty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence if it shall please god that I pay the said money unto the said Maude before my death then my will is that the said twenty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence shall come again remain and go unto my said son Giles Foster and my son Robert Foster equally betwixt them.

Item whereas at the marriage of my son Thomas Foster I did pass an estate unto my said son Thomas by a deed of feoffment unto the feoffees in trust of all my grounds lands and tenements at Winskill by which deeds my said son is enjoined to pay thirty pounds after my death unto my executors and for non payment thereof my said executors or those whom it shall be due unto or to enter unto peaceably hold and possess the (premises?) or pykedhill Close with a house thereon standing and a close called intacke and the ground or pasture gates in the browne bancke as by the said deed more at large it may appear, now I give the said thirty pounds unto mine executors and I hereby ratify and confirm the said deed, and I will that it continue in full force and virtue.

Item whereas my son Thomas hath put me to divers charges since the making of the said deed my will is that the said estate and charge with him since shall be unto him for his full filial child's and portion.

Item my will is that my debts be paid and funeral expenses out of all my other goods & chatt(els) which being done I leave unto my wife if she be living the third part of the rest of my said goods due unto her by law but if it please god she die before me

then I give the said third part unto my four daughters Agnes Wilkinson, Hellinor Lakeland, Margaret Wilkinson and Bridgett Carr equally amongst them.

Item I give a second third part thereof unto Isabell Foster and Richard Foster children to my late son Adam Foster to be equally paid unto them when they shall come to the full age of one and twenty years.

Item out of the last third part of my said goods I give four silver spoons unto my four daughters Agnes, Hellinor, Margaret and Bridget.

Item I give unto every grandchild that I have a ewe and a lamb at mid-April next after my decease.

Item I give unto every one of my sons in law and daughters in law two shillings six pence.

Item I give unto my cousin Henry Clapham[son] three shillings four pence. Item I give unto Anthony Wilkinson my best suit of apparel. Item I give unto every one of my godchildren four pence. Item the rest of my goods not formerly given nor bequeathed I give equally betwixt my aforementioned son Gyles Foster and my son Robert Foster and last of all I hereby revoke and frustrate all other former wills and testaments and I make and ordain my said son Gyles Foster sole executor of this my last will and testament and I entreat my forenamed friends Henry Claphamson and Henry Wilkinson to be supervisors thereof. In witness whereof I the said Richard Foster have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Sealed signed and acknowledged in the presence of Henry Claphamson, & William Robinson etc.

Whereas I the above named Richard Foster being now sick but in perfect memory thanks be to god have made my last will and testament as above is specified I do hereby ratify allow and confirm the same (excepting some particulars thereof) whereof I hereby declare my true meaning and my will is as follows;

First that my said wife shall have the third part of my goods as formerly I have bequeathed them unto her. Item that everyone of my grandchildren instead of a ewe and a lamb shall have three shillings in money. Item I give unto Abraham Tailor my late servant my second suit of apparel.

Item I hereby revoke the legacy above given which was the second third part of my goods unto Isabell Foster and Richard Foster children of my late son Addam Foster and my mind and will is that all other legacies given and bequeathed by this my will shall be paid out of two parts of my goods and the remainder to be equally divided unto and amongst my sons Thomas Gyles and Robert Anthony Wilkinson my daughters Ellinor Margaret and Bridgitt and the above named Isabell Foster and Richard Foster the said children of my said late son Addam Foster and hereby I entreat my sons Gyles Foster and Robert Foster to give and pay thirty pounds unto my said late son Adam's children Isabell and Richard before named out of the prize or profits of my farm and tenement in Settle which I have passed unto them, and I do hereby so far as I have power give the said thirty pounds unto the said Isabel and

Richard to be paid and remain after other sums be paid out of the said farm unto my wife her sister Magdalyne and my daughters unto my said son Gyles Foster or his assigns for the use of the said Isabell and Richard and that my said son Giles or his assigns shall pay the said thirty pounds with the profitts that shall come thereof after the receipt of the same unto the said Richard and Isabell equally betwixt them as and when they shall come to the full age of twenty four years.

Item my will is that Anthony Wilkinson shall have what I above gave unto his late wife.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the ninth day of May in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles by the grace of god of England etc king defender of the faith etc Anno Domini 1629

Witnesses hereof Henry Claphamson, Thomas Newhouse, Margarett Wilkinson and Isabell Foster etc.

[Proved 1629]

*Gigleswicke*

**ROBERT FOSTER 1698**  
**Borthwick mf 1792 vol. 62 fol 298**

In the name of god Amen the sixth day of July 1698 in the Tenth yeare of his Maiesties Reigne & that now is over England etc. I Robert Foster of Stainforth in the County of yorke Clothier being sickely & weake in body butt of good & perfect memory praise be given to god for the same and knowing the uncertainty on this life on earth being desirous to settle things in order doe make this my last will & Testament in maner & Forme following that is to say First & principally I Commend my soule to Almighty god my Creator Assuredly believing that I shall receve Full pardon & free Remission of all my sines & bee saved by the precious death & merits of my blessed saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus & my body to the Earth From whence it was Taken & to be Buried in such decent & Christian maner as to my wife & Executers heereafter named shall think mete & Convenient & as Touching my worldly Estate my will & meaning is the same shall be given & bestowed as heereafter by this my will is Expressed. Item I give to my yonger sonn William Foster in Consideration For his portion Those parcells of Land if hee live to the Age of Twenty & \one/ yeares & if he happen to dye before hee come to the Age of Twenty & one yeares & hath no Essue Lawfully begotten of his body then I leafe all Those parcells After mentioned to my Elder sonn James Foster one parcell Lying & being in & Through outt one pastor Close Called the great Tounge I having the one halfe parte or Moiety thereof all the said Close which parte Lyes by Estemation For Tenn Ackers bee itt more or less & I give to my sonn William Foster Five Ackers of the *Tal...*(?) or the one halfe parte of what I have in that said Close be itt more or lesse being the Forett partt in & Through outt all the said pastor Close & one other Close lying & being att the End of Shirwood Lane knowne by the name of houbecke one other Close

knowne by the name of Sandyhoulme & one parte of one Close joyneing to the said Sandyhoulme knowne by the name of Thacwood now marked & sett outt by me & my Executor & to be Fenced outt of the meane profits & one way & Raine now Fenced outt & Lyeing in the Townefeld For a way to said parcell called by the name of Thakewood & one other parcill of Land knowne by the name of Brearbuske Tow Catell gates in & Throughe outt one pastor Close Called the Morehear Furthe my miend is that if my sonn William Foster when he comes att the age of Twenty & \one/ yeare & have a desire or that his nede bee to sell Those parcells off Land that then my Elder son James Foster by the advice of my Executors Thinke fite & Conveniant to pay or cause to be paid to my sonn William the sum of one hundred pounds then he shall Enter to all those parcells of Land Further I give to my Elder sonn James Foster all the Rest off my houses & Lands & my whole Estate now in my possession with in the liberty of Stainforth under Barke & hee .... enter tow tow partes when hee comes att the Age of \Twenty/ & one yeares if he Live so longe & the other third parte after the death off my wife Elizabeth Foster Foster (sic) my will & mind is that if my elder sonn James Foster should happen to dye before he come att the Age of Twenty & one yeares Leaving noe Essue lawfully Begotten that then my yonger sonn William Foster shall enter to all the whole Right Title or Estate houses & Lands that doth or shall belong to my Elder sonne James my will and mind is that if both my sonnes should happen to dye before my wife Elizabeth Foster & Leave no Essue Lawfully begotten nor charge as wife or widow that then my wife shall Enter to all the Rights Estate houses or Lands belonging to my sonn or sonnes paying or causing to be paid to my sister Isabell Craven wife off Roger Craven iff shee be then Liveing the some off Fifty poundes & If shee bee dead hee Liveing to pay to him the sum of Twenty pounds & to pay or cause to be paid unto Ann Medcalfe wife of Christopher Medcalfe iff shee be then living the sume of Thirty pounds or to the Essue off her Body if shee Leafe any ssuche I Leafe to my wife always providett that shee keep her selfe my wife & widow not mary a gaine After my Executor have Taken Care & paid all my just debts Leagacies & Funerall Expences as shall be Affter mentioned all the income & meane proffits of my Estate Till my sonn James come to the Age of Twenty & one years Takeing ... as shee & my Executors thinkes Fitting in maintaining & bringing up of my sonn or sonnes with meatt drinke waging & Loging & After my sonn James come to the Age of Twenty one years shee shall have a Third parte of all my houses & Lands Excepting those parcills given to my yonger sonn William Foster if shee keepe her selfe un marryed & if shee happen to marry att the day of marige be it before or After my sonn James come to the Age of Twenty one yeares then my son or sones with my Executors shall Enter to all my whole Estate both of house & Lands only Excepting For my wife the parler & the Chambers over itt & one Litle garthing before the winddow For liberty to make a dower For my wife to Live in For Threscore yeares if she so Long live or deureing her Naturall Life & my sonn James is to pay or cause to be paid to my wife the sum of Three pounds Tenn shillings in the yeare so Longe as shee shall live Further I give to my sonn William Foster the sume of Twenty pounds if he Live to the Age of Twenty one years to be paid by my wife or my Executor out of my stocke or meane profits of my estate Further I doe Except as hearloumes For my sonn James one Litle Table & Frame one Dresser in the house 2 Arkes one Cobert in the parler one peare of Bedstockes in the Chamber over the parler and I do nominate & a point Roger Craven my Brother in Law to be Joynde Executor with my sonn James Foster as



Trustee For both my sonnes till the can Take care For them selves and I Leafe him in Full & sole power to sell & raise mony outt of my whole stocke off goods on my land Toyles Concerning my Trade husbandry geare all housall goods in wardly and out wardly For to pay my just debts & Funerall Expences

Further providit that if my Executors & my wife Find that my goods will Rease more mony then will pay all my Just deyts shee & my Elder sonn James may Reserve Ecquall betwixt them as Brass peweder or whatt the thinke Fitt over & a bove paying all my Just deyts In witness wheareof I have heare unto putt my hand & seale the day & yeare a bove written Sealed and delivered in the sight and presence of us

Anthony Paley  
Christopher Metcalfe jurat

Robert Foster of ...

A true and perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods & Chattells of Robert Foster of Stainforth under Bargh late decd, apprizd by us whose names are here under writt this 6th day of March Ano Domi 1698

	£	s	d
Imps his purse & Apparell	05	00	00
One Mare bridle & Sadle	04	00	00
Five Kine	12	00	00
three heifers	05	00	00
four Stirks & three calves	05	10	00
Nineteen Ewes & one Ramme	06	00	00
Hay	01	00	00
3 Carts 1 Coup 2 pair of wheels with other Husbandry gear	00	10	00
2 pair of Looms & healds wth reeds	01	00	00
One Lead	01	00	00
3 pair of sheers	01	10	00
Raveing Fatt 2 pair of Combs, warping pins 1 spinning wheel	00	05	00
In the parlour 2 Chairs, one Chest 1 feather bed 2 bolsters, 1 Chaffe bed 1 bolster 2 blanketts one sheet one Coverlet, one Rug & hangings	02	00	00
In the Chamber over the parlour 2 Chests one pair of bed-stocks 3 Ruggs 6 bolsters 4 blanketts 1 sheet 2 beds, one Coverlet	01	10	00
In the little Chamber one Chest one rug, one Coverlet, one Chaffe bed, one sheet 2 bolsters	00	10	00
2 pair of Linnen sheets, one pair of pillow-bears, one Table-cloth 6 Napkins with other Linnen	01	00	00
Meal & Malt	00	10	00
In one other Chamber, one Chest, one Stone of Wooll, 4 Sacks	00	10	00
Nine dishes 1 flaggon 1 Tankard Candlestick			

I dozen of Spoons, one warming pan, ladle & skimmer one brasse pott one pair of Racks Spitt frying pan & Chafing dish	01 - 10 - 00
One Gimlin one Knopp & Gilsfatt	
2 barrells one Stand & other wood vessel	00 - 10 - 00
One Long Table in the body stead 4 Chairs & beef & bacon	00 - 10 - 00
6 pans	00 - 10 - 00
Totall Sum	51 - 15 - 00

Apprizers  
John Prockter  
Thos. Foster  
Chr. Metcalf  
Anthony Paleye

**THOMAS FOSTER of Langcliffe [undated] Borthwick v42 f328**  
**Will proved 1634**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Foster of Winskall sick in body; in good and perfect memory, the Lord's name be praised for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament Imprimis I bequeath my soul to god by whose merits I hope to be saved and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends. Item my will is that my son William Foster enter and possess the ground that now am (*sic*) possessed of; at the end and expiration of six years to come paying out unto my other children Christopher, Elizabeth and Agnes; viz. to my son Christopher ten pounds within one year after the entry unto it and six pounds the year following, viz three pounds to my daughter Elizabeth and three pounds to my daughter Agnes; and concerning my grounds in the meantime my will is that my son William be apparelled out of the profit that is raised thereof, my will is that my sister Agnes dwell in my house and have the benefit of my garden till May day next. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth one cow now in the hands of John Oversby, the use of my grounds for those six years to come my son William being apparelled with the rest of my goods my debts paid, my funeral expenses discharged I give equally to be divided between my daughters Elizabeth and Agnes; I ordain my son William executor and entreat my friends Roger Lawson and Thomas Chaphill supervisors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Thomas Foster Christopher Foster.

*Winskall modern spelling*

**THOMAS FOSTER 1667**  
**Borthwick v 49 f 159**

In the name of God Amen the 19th day of June in the year of our Lord God 1667 I Thomas Foster of field yeate in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God do make this my last will and Testament in manner following revoking hereby all other wills by me

formerly made First I do commit and willingly resign my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through his mercy and by the merits of Jesus Christ my only Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and remission of all my sins and my body to the earth whereof it was framed to be buried at my parish church of Giggleswick at the sight and discretion of my friends And for my worldly and temporal goods and estate I do give devise and bequeath of the same as follows First it is my will and mind that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods and personal estate Also I will that Alice my wife shall have a full third part of my personal estate after my debts be paid and the other two parts of my personal estate I do give unto my two sons John Foster and Thomas Foster equally between them Also I give unto my said two sons John Foster and Thomas Foster equally between them for themselves their administrators and assigns All my messuage and tenement and all other my lands and leases grounds and real estate whatsoever with their appurtenances and all my writings and evidences which concern the same provided that Alice my wife shall have the possession and occupation and receive the profits of the full third part of all my said messuage tenement grounds and real estate during the tenure of her natural life Also whereas I do give unto my son in law Richard Frankland the sum of £20 payable at my death I will that the same shall be paid out of my whole goods and personal estate according to my promise to him at the time of his marriage Also I give unto my said son in law Richard Frankland five pounds And unto his wife my daughter Elizabeth five pounds Also I give unto my grandson William Frankland five pounds and to Mary Frankland my grandchild five pounds to be paid to my said grandchildren when they attain their several age of one and 20 years Also all the remainder of my goods not disposed of I give and bequeath unto my said sons John Foster and Thomas Foster equally between them and I do make nominate and appoint my said sons John Foster and Thomas Foster joint executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written  
Thomas Foster his mark  
Witnesses hereof Thomas Carr Brian Cookeson

*Feildyeate - Fieldgate, Giggleswick, modern spelling*

**THOMAS FOSTER 1697**  
**Borthwick Ref. W62/74**

In the name of God Amen the fourth day of November in the ninth year of ye Reigne our Sovereigne Lord William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King etc Anno Dom 1697 I Thomas Foster of field yeate in the pish of Giggleswick & County of yorke yeom being infirme in body but of sound & pfect memory (thanks be to God) do make & ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme followinge, that is to say believing my salvacon through the death of my Saviour Jesus Christ & through his merritts hoping for a joyfull resurrection I comit my body to the Earth to be buried in the pish Church yard of the sd Giggleswick at the discrecon of my friends & Extors hereafter in these psons named & concerning the distribucon of the Estate wherewith it hath pleased God of his mercy to bless me, thereof I do hereby dispose as followeth Imps after the paymt & dis(charge) of my

funerall expenses I give & bequeath unto my loving Brother John Foster the moiety or half part of that meadow ground called Well close for & during the Terme of thirty years if he so long shall live & after his decease I do will & devise the sd moiety of Well close aforesd unto William Frankland & Thomas Frankland their several Extors Adms & Assignes fore & during the then rest & residue & remainder of eight hundred yeares thene next following Item I give unto the sd John Foster two Chests now being in the parlour lofte & the sume of nine pounds to be pd him within six months next after my decease Item I give unto Richard Frankland one heffer & one Calfe Item I give unto my loving Sister Elizabeth Frankland the sume of tenn pounds, one Cow one Chest one tester bed & bedding thereunto appertaining, Item I give unto William Frankland the sume of twenty pounds & one Chest being in the bodystead loft. Item I give unto Thomas Frankland the like sume of twenty pounds & one chest being in the said bodystead loft Item I give unto Thomas Brayshaw four pounds. Item I give unto Mary Brayshaw my neece the sume of fourteen pounds Item I give unto Richard Brayshaw the sume of seven pounds Item I give unto Anne Brayshaw the sume of eight pounds Item I give unto Elizabeth Brayshaw seaven pounds & it is my will & pleasure that these Richard Brayshaw Anne Brayshaw & Elizabeth Brayshaw shall have their several Legacies above sd as they shall respectively attain their severall ages of twenty one years & hereby revoking all other & former Wills, I do hereby appoint & Constitute the sd William Frankland & Thomas Frankland sole & co executors of this my last Will & Testament as witness my hand & seal the day & yeare first above written Thomas Foster Sealed Signed declared & published to be the last Will & Testament of the above named Thomas Foster in the sight of John Battersby John Foster his marke Richard Atkinson

**WILLIAM FOSTER 1618    Borthwick v35 f461**

In the name of god amen the third day of December in the year of our lord god 1618 I William Foster of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and sound memory praised be to god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul unto almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends.

Item: I give to Francis Foster my alliance# or kinsman fifty shillings

Item: to John Carre and Robert Carr sons of Thomas Carr of Millyate either of them fifty shillings

Item: to the poor of the parish 20s.

Item to William Carr son of Francis Carr of Graystongill six shillings and 8d.

Item to Jenett Carr daughter of the said Francis 6s.8d.

Item to Aveline Houghton Jane Armestead William Bradley my godchildren everie of them 12d all which legacies to be paid within a year after my death

Item the rest of all my goods and chattels I give and bequeath to James Balderstone so that he shall bring my body to honest burial and I make and ordain the said James Balderstone to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament these being witnesses John Kay and William Lawson

*# alliance – kinsman*

*Rawthmell*  
*Gigleswicke*

**WILLIAM FOSTER of Winskill and Langcliffe 1677/8**  
**Borthwick vol 58 fol 568**

In the name of god Amen the seaventh day of February Anno dni 1677 & in the thirtyth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne lord Charles the second I william Foster of Langcliff in the County of yorke yeoman beinge in good and pfect remembrance make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in ye manner & forme followinge And first of all I commit & Commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my Creator & by & through Jesus Xt my mercifull redeemer through whose merritts onely I hope to be saved & my body I leave to the earth to be buried att ye discretion of my exor Concerninge ye disposition & orderinge of those Temporall things which god of his meere mercy hath bestowed upon me Impr. I doe forgive to my son in law Josias Dawson the summe of one hundred pownds which he owes me upon bond It. I give to my Grandson willm Dawson the summe of one Hundred pownds. It. I give unto Josias & william sons of my Grandson Chr Dawson the summe of fifty pownds. It. I give to Chr & Mary son and dawghter of my Grandson William Dawson the summe of fifty pownds It. I give & bequeath all my messuages howses barnes buildings lands tenments & heriditants with thappurtencs in Settle as also the summe of one Hundred pownds to my Grandson Josias Dawson and my mind & will is that he receive & take the moneys & pfitts of those lands within one yeare after my decease It. I give to my Grandson Jonathan Dawson the summe of foure hundred pownds when he shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares as alsoe the summe of one hundred pownds more if my executor observeinge his good carryage shall thinke fitt, otherwise my mind & will yt ye sayd one hundred pownds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grandchildren as my executor in his discretion shall thinke meet pvided yt the sd one hundred pownds be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grandchildren or some of them but if it happen yt the sd Jonathan Dawson shall dye or depart this life before he shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares then my mind & will is yt the sd foure hundred pownds & ye one hundred pownds shall be devided amongst the rest of my Grandchildren or such of them as my executor shall thinke foitt pvided that the sd sumes be really disposed of to them my sd Grandchildren or some of them It. I give & bequeath the sume of six hundred pownds to my two Grandaughters Alice & Anne Dawson when they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares which sd sume shall be pportiond and shared betwixt them accordinge to the discretion of my executor (vizt) yt each of them shall have such share or pte of ye sd six hundred pownds as my exor (observeinge their good Carryage) shal thinke fitt pvided that the sd sume be really disposed of to them my sd Grandaughters but if it happen yt either the sd Anne or Alice Dawson shall dye before they shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares my mind & will is that the one halfe or Moyety of the six hundered pownds shall be devided amongst the rest of my Grandchildren accordinge to the discretion of my exor pvided that the sd Moyety of ye sd summe be really disposed of to them my sd Grandchildren It. I give to my late wifes Grandaughter Margaret Butterfeild the sume of twenty pownds And as for the rest of my psonall estate I give to my exor & I doe hereby Constitute & appoynt my son in law Josias Dawson the sole exor of this my last will & testamt In wisse whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale the day & yeare abovesd

Witnesses hereof  
Chr Dawson  
William Foster of Stainforth  
William Braddley

William Foster

**WILLIAM FOSTER 1687**  
**Ref.Borthwick.York. Vacancy Reg.July1687(Admin)**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of the goods and chattels of William Foster late of Gigleswicke deced

Imprimis a lease for a terme of yeares yet to come	li	s	d
of a Cottage and five rood of land in Gigleswick			
par(th) held of the honble. the Earle of Burlington	27	00	0
worth about 30s. per annum valued at			

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM FOSTER 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Aug. 1692**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God Amen the Twenty fist day of Aprill in the fourth yeare of ye Reaigne of our most Sovraigne Lord & Lady William & Mary Kinge & Queene over England etc. defender of ye faith Anno Dni One Thousand Six hundred Nynety & Two I William Foster of feizor in ye pish of Giglessweeke and diocesse of yorke beinge somewhat Creaisey of body but of sound & pfect memory praised be God for ye same but by reason of the certainty of death & uncertaynety of Tyme doe here make this my Last Will & Testament in manner and forme followinge, First & principally I Comitt my Soule into ye hands of ye Almighty God my heavenly father hopeinge that through ye meritorious death & passion of our blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ that I shall have a Free Absolution from all my Sinns & be made an Inheritor in his everlasting Kingdome And as for my body to be buried in ye pish Church or yard att ye discretion of my freinds, And as for my Reall Estate the which it hath pleased \god/ to enrich me withall I give as followeth viz. I give unto Issabell Banckes my Eldest daughter wife of William Banckes All my Customary Tenant right Lands and Lease grounds which I have within ye precints & Teritories of Feizor & Stainforth or else where within the Lordshipp of Austwicke And I doe give unto my said daughter Issabell all my right & title which I have on Giglesweeke Sheepe Scarr Itm I give Ann Banckes my younger daughter late wife of Thomas Banckes late of Austwicke Deceased All my Customary Estate the which now I have in Clapham of ye Antient yearly rent of nyne \shillgh/ Tenpence And as for my personall Estate I give & bequeath as followeth Itm I will & my mynde is that all those housald goods which Thomas Rimmington my Grandfather deceased by his Last Will & Testament did leave unto me to remayne as AyreLoomes in my Mansion house That ye same goods abide & remayne still in my Mansion house as Ayrloomes to William Banckes my sonne in Law & Issabell his wife, And ..... rest of my housaldgoods ye which is not dayly used I give equally betwixt my Two daughters Issabell & Ann: and as for those houseald goods which are dayly in use I give unto Issabell Banckes my elder daughter Itm I give unto John Banckes William Banckes Christopher Elizabeth Margaret & Ann Banckes my Grandchildren borne of ye body of my daughter Issabell Banckes my pte & share of All the Ewes & Lambs, Itm I give unto ye Children of my younger daughter Ann Banckes widd my Grandchildren each of them Six hog sheepe Item I give unto Ann Banckes widd my younger daughter ye sume of Twenty pounds

to payd by my Executor Itm I give ye Two younger Sonns of William Banckes William & Chr five pounds a peece to either of them, Itm I give unto Thomas Banckes my Grandchilde Sonn of Thomas Banckes of Austwicke deceased ye some of Tenn pounds & to be putt forth for his use & to goe foreward with him till he accomplish ye age of Twenty one yeares towards ye Augmenting of his porcon And Lastly I make Issabell \jurat/ Banckes my Eldest daughter sole \jurat/ Executrix of this my last Will & Testamt. revokeinge all other wills & Testamts. Whatsoever shee payinge all my Just debts Legacies & funerall expences In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto this my Last Will & Testamt Sett my hand & Seale the day & yeare first above written

Witnessed by us

James Armitstead jurat

William Foster

Will. Banks jurat

Tho. Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Austwick " "*

An apprisement made the <sup>ii</sup>.day of July 1692 of all ye goods and Chattells moveable and Immoveable of William Fosters of Feizor late deceased veiwed and aprized by us whose names are hereunder written viz.

	l	s	d
Imps His apparell and money in his purse	15	00	00
It Two horses	03	00	00
It Goods in the bodystead	02	00	00
It Goods in the Nar parler ( <i>near?</i> )	02	00	00
It Goods in the Low parler	02	10	00
It Goods in the Buttery loft	02	00	00
It Goods in the low parler loft	05	00	00
It Goods in the Nar parler loft	06	00	00
It Goods in the bodystead loft	02	10	00
It Goods in the Kitching loft	01	00	00
It In Table Linning	01	10	00
Itm in brass and pewter	06	00	00
Itm in beef and bacon Meale & Malt	06	00	00
It in wood vessell and other hustlement	02	00	00
Itm One Clock	01	00	00
Itm In Lease land	130	00	00
Itm in Bills and Bonds	53	10	00
Totall	241	00	00

Thomas Foster

James Armitstead

Richard Clapham

Tho: Dawson

**WILLIAM FOSTER 1699****Borthwick mf 1792 p466 vol. 62 fol. 297**

In the name of God Amen I William Foster of Stainforth under Bargh in the County of York yeoman being sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God & calling to mind the Incertainty of this life and being mindfull to dispose of and settle the temporall Estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me withal do make and ordaine this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following revoking and disannulling all other & former Wills or Testaments whatsoever made by me, Imp & I give & bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting by his mercy & through the merritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour & Redeemer my sins will be forgiven me & my body to be buried at the discretion of my Extrix hereafter named, & as for my temporall & psonall I give & bequeath and dispose of in manner & form following Impr I give & bequeath unto Thomas Foster of Stainforth aforesd my younger son all that one Close called coate Close containing by estimacon four acres be the same more or less & also three beastgates or cattlegates in one stinted pasture called Sannett Close, & likewise three beastgates or Cattlegates in upon and throughout all that one close called Cattrigg as the same is now stinted & to his Extors admin or Assignes. Item my Will & mind is that Isabell my now wife shall have & enjoy all that my Messuage & Tenemt houses barnes buildings Stables & Cowhouse garth and Gardens thereto belonging with their aptences & all the Closes and pcells of land called the Goate yeates with one Close on the northside of it called Goate side & one close called Goat Heslay & Intack Close with one Close called Stangs four acres of ground in Moorehead two beastgates or Cattlegates in Sannett one Close called Tentelands alias Backsmire one parcell of Land called Croft Land two parcells of Land called Howbeck Land & Ridding Land also several pasture Closes called Goascars & all other my Lands whatsoever in Stainforth aforesd & not herein before disposed of for & during the nrall life of the sd Isabell my now wife aforesd & after the decease of the sd Isabell my now wife then my will & mind is that Henry Foster my eldest son & Mary his wife shall have & enjoy the sd Messuage Closes Lands and premises during their naturall lives & the longer liver of them & from & after the decease of the longer liver of them then I give & bequeath the sd Messuage or dwelling house with one workhouse thereto belonging & all other houses edifices Laithes or barnes stables Cowhouses and turfhouses the sd Garths or Gardens & Grass garth thereto belonging with their and every of their aptences unto William Foster his Extors Admins or Assignes eldest son of the sd Henry Foster, & in case he shall fortune to dye before the decease of them the sd Henry Foster & Mary his wife or the longer liver of them or before he shall attain the age of one and twenty years that then the sd Messuage houses Garths Gardens barns and other the premises shall be and remain unto Richard Foster second son of the said Henry his Exrs Adms & Ass & so likewise if the sd Richard shall happen to dye before he attain to the age of one and twenty years or before the decease of the longer liver of the sd Hen: Foster & Mary his wife, then I give & bequeath the same after the decease of the said Henry & Mary unto Thomas Foster youngest son of the sd Henry Foster his Extors Adms or Assignes & so likewise if the sd Thomas Foster shall happen to dye in like manner then the same to go to Isabell Foster & her Assignes daughter of the sd Henry Foster But in case she happen to dye as aforesd then the same to go to Elizabeth Foster one other daughter of the sd Henry Foster and her Assignes, & so to Mary Foster youngest daughter of of (sic) the sd Henry in case the said Elizabeth dye before she attain the age of twenty one years or



the decease of the said Henry Foster & Mary his wife. Item I give and bequeath unto them the sd William Foster Richard Foster Thomas Isabell Elizabeth & Mary after the death & decease of the longer liver of them the sd Henry Foster & Mary his wife all those the sd severall Closes pieces or parcells of ground beastgates or Cattlegates called Goate Yate, goate Side over Goate Close Hesley Intack Stangs 4 acres of ground in Moorehead the sd two beastgates or Cattlegates in Sannett the sd Close called Tatelands als Backesmire Croft Lands Howbeck land & ridding Land with Goscar Closes & all other my Lands whatsoever; equally to be divided amongst them the sd William Richard Thos. Isabell Elizabeth & Mary, but in case any of them shall happen to dye before they attaine the age of one & twenty years, that then his her or their parts so dying shall be equally divided amongst the survivors of them, lastly I give & bequeath unto my sd wife all the rest of my goods Debts & Credits whatsoever, she the sd wife paying & discharging my Debts & funerall expenses thereout & I likewise appoint & nominate Isabell my said wife Extrix of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale this tenth day of December in the eight year of this present Maties Reigne over England etc. Anno Dm 1696 William Foster Sealed signed published & declared in the psence of us the same being first stamped according to Law Thomas Preston Jn Paley

Memorandum that I the within named William Foster being at this psent sick sick (sic) and weak in body but of pfect memory thanks be to God for the same and being very desirous this my Will should be duly & truly pformed do desire nominate and appoint my loving sons Thomas Foster of Stainforth & John Atkinson of Malham my son in Law to bee feofees or friends in trust to see this my last Will & Testamt duly pformed hoping they will take that trouble upon them as bee aiding and assisting to my Extrix & the severall Legatees within menconed and I do hereby declare this to be part of my last Will & Testamt Witness my hand this 20th day of November Anno Dm 1698 William Foster of Stainforth Testo? Christop: Metcalfe Jn Paley

A true Inventory of all the Goods, Creditts & Cattells of William Foster of Stainforth under Bargh in the County of york late deceased prized by us whose names are under written, the 20th of February 1698

	£	s	d
Imps. His purse & Apparell	05	00	00
Itm One Mare	02	10	00
Itm four Cows	10	00	00
Itm One heifer	02	10	00
Itm One Steer	02	00	00
Itm two Stirks	03	00	00
Itm two Calves	00	16	00
Itm a pcell of Hay	00	15	00
Itm Carts wheels & husbandry gear	01	00	00
Itm Hamers Hack & Gavelack	00	06	08 (hack=pickaxe)
Itm a Fanne	00	00	04
Itm three pair of bed-stocks in the parlour	01	06	08
Itm Hangings & bedding		00	10 - 00
Itm a Cup-board		00	13 - 04
Itm a Table & two fourms	00	15	00
Itm two thrown stools	00	03	04
Itm in little loft over Milk-house a Table	00	06	00
Itm a bed & bedding	01	00	00
Itm a plank & little books	00	01	00

Itm one Ark	01 - 00 - 00
Itm in Work-house loft one pair of bedstocks	00 - 06 - 08
Itm One Chest	00 - 06 - 08
Itm in loft over body-stead three chests	01 - 00 - 00
Itm two Arks	00 - 13 - 04
Itm a Spinning wheel	00 - 01 - 06
Itm five pitch forks & rakes	00 - 02 - 00
Itm Weyes & load-stone	00 - 01 - 06 (balance or scales)
Itm in Wash-house barrells & knopp & all other wood vessell	01 - 00 - 00
Itm in body stead one Cupboard	00 - 15 - 00
two Tables	00 - 15 - 00
A bed a Chest & Long Settle	00 - 15 - 00
Itm pewter	00 - 12 - 00
Itm 8 pans & a brass pott two Candle-sticks	02 - 00 - 00
Itm for beef	00 - 06 - 00
Itm for racks, two Spitts, a dripping-pan	00 - 10 - 00
Itm 5 sheets 2 pillow-bears, a dozen Napkins	00 - 15 - 00 (bere = pillow case)
Itm one Caddow one feather bed three bed coverings, a pair of blanketts, two Chaffe beds, 2 feather bolsters (caddow= rough woollen cover)	02 - 00 - 00
Itm briggs & tongs & all other Huslement with Teams	(irons over fire) 00 - 05 - 00 (iron chains)
Itm for bills, bonds & other Creditts	80 - 00 - 00
Itm for Lease lands	50 - 00 - 00
Total sum	175 - 18 - 00

#### Apprizers

Chr. Browne John Atkinson Robt. Foster Chr. Metcalfe

### **RICHARD FRANKLAND 1625 Borthwick v38 f454**

In the name of god Amen the first day of April AD 1625 I Richard Frankland in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect memory God be praised therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following; First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of his son Jesus Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and my body I comitt to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my loving wife children and friends.

And as concerning my estate wherewith God has blessed me I will and dispose of the same as follows: First I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods. Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth twenty pounds which I covenanted and promised her before our intermarriage in lieu of her part of my goods and chattels. Item I give to Richard Frankeland my son ten pounds. And it is my will and mind that the same shall be paid to Henrie Armitstead my son in law and that he shall have the same for seven years next after my decease paying interest yearly for the same (according to the Statute) to my son Richard and putting in Henrie Foster of Rathmell or some sufficient security to become Surety for the same. And that at the said seven years end pay the same to my said son Richard Frankeland.

I give to my said son [*in law*] Henrie Armittsteade three pounds ten shillings. Item I give to the now four children of the said Henrie Armittstead each of them forty shillings. And my will and mind is that if any of the said children die before they come to lawful age that the same shall remain to child or children surviving. Item I give to my son-in-law William Foster three pounds ten shillings. Item I give to the now three children of the said William Foster each of them each of them (*sic*) forty shillings a piece. And to the child forty shillings wherewith his wife is now great. And my will and mind is that if the said child or any other of the said children die that the legacy or legacies of such child or children dying shall remain to the survivor or survivors of them. Item I give I give (*sic*) to my son John Frankland forty shillings and to his daughter Margarett forty shillings. Item I give to my son Thomas Frankland forty shillings and to his three children each of them forty shillings a piece. Item I give and bequeath to Hughe Bawdewen\* my son-in-law twenty shillings and for the rest of my goods and chattels whatsoever I give and bequeath to William Frankland my son and I ordaine and appoint my said son William Frankland sole executor of this my last will and testament. And I desire my loving neighbours and friends William Bankes of Huggon House and Richard Houghton of Rathmell to be supervisors of this my last will and testament and of the due performance thereof according to my will and mind. These being witnesses Mathew Watkinson Thomas Renardson and Henrie Lawsonne.

\* *Possibly Baldwin. Hugh B. married Ellena Burton (widow) 6/9/1623. Richard Frankland had a daughter Ellena 6/1/1596/7.*

*Giggleswicke  
Rawthmell*

**RICHARD FRANKLAND of Rathmell 1698 Ref. B vol. 62 fol 127**

In the name of God Amen the 27th day of September in the year of our Lord God 1698 I Richard Frankland of Rathmell in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York Master of Arts being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following renouncing and making void all other wills and testaments at any time by me made in word or writing and this only to be taken for my last will and testament. And first comitting my whole self spirit soul and body to the gracious acceptance of the great and blessed God through the merits of my Redeemer. And my body in special to decent internment according to the judgment of my friends and executors hereafter named. And as to my temporal estate in this world whether in lands or goods I give and bequeath the same in manner following. And first my will is that out of my whole estate all my just debts and funeral expenses be truly paid in convenient time after my decease. Item I do discharge and acquit my brother in law Mr Robert Bankes and Margaret his wife from all claims and demands which I might require as custom for tabling the said Margaret my sister for about seven or eight years or so many years as are last past. And I do likewise acquit and discharge my nephew Mr Joseph Banks of Sheffield in reference to my said sister's tabling though he freely offered to satisfy me for it provided he freely grant release and confirm to me all my executors all such

goods as lately belonged to my said brother Banks and which were sold and granted by my said brother to him the said Joseph towards the maintenance and livelihood of my said sister Margaret Banks and for which I have already given full payment and satisfaction to my said sister as she very well knows save only for two joined beds one cupboard and a joined form with some few other small things. And my will is that such grant release and confirmation of the said goods being first made by my said nephew Mr Joseph Banks to my executors within six months next after my decease and then and after such grant as aforesaid the sum of 20 shillings be well and truly paid by my executors to my said brother Mr Robert Banks as a legacy and the sum of four pounds more to my said sister Mrs Margaret Banks his wife and to my said nephew Mr Joseph Banks his wife and two children to each of them the sum of two shillings. But if the said Mr Joseph Banks shall refuse to give such grant or releases to my executors as aforesaid according to the true meaning of this my last will and testament that then the said several bequests to him his wife and children and also to the said Mr Robert Banks and his wife shall clearly cease and void as if the same had never been given or made. Item I give and bequeath unto my nephew Mr Robert Banks of Hull and his children to each of them ten shillings. Item my will and mind is and I do hereby give unto Anne Jacks wife of Richard Jacks of Langcliffe and daughter of William Browne of Rathmell deceased the sum of 20 shillings and to each of her sons viz. Richard and Mathew the sums of six shillings and 8d. Item I give to Mary Browne of Rathmell daughter of the said William Browne the sum of three pounds. And to Jane her daughter the sum of six shillings and eightpence. Item my will is that such debts as shall be due to any of my servants with all other just debts be fully satisfied and paid in convenient time after my death except £20 which I am owing to one Richard Shaw of Blackhouse which is not due till Martinmass next as will appear by and given him under my hand for payment thereof and which said sum I then will to be justly paid him according to the tenor thereof. Item I give and bequeath amongst my servants as follows. Imprimis to John Waddilove the sum of three pounds. To William Singlehurst three pounds. To John Singlehurst 20 shillings. To Richard Anderson 30 shillings. To Jane Currer 30 shillings. To Francis Beckett 40 shillings. To Easter Laden(?) 10 shillings. To William Simpson Jane Ogden and Ellin Richardson each of them two shillings and sixpence. Item I give the sum of £10 to the overseers of the poor then being for Rathmell and Giggleswick to be put forth secured and managed by them as a stock and that the interest thereof be yearly paid by them and their successors overseers for the said two towns to and for the use of the poor of the said towns for ever. Item my will and mind is that there be made after my decease on the first Lord's day in May yearly and every year for ever two sermons of wise sober and virtuous learned men such as my friends and executors hereafter named or the major part of them and their heirs shall think fit to nominate for that purpose that is to say one at Stainton Kendall or Crooke and the other at Attercliffe or Rathmell if that meeting aile(?) the same to be preached at pasture house or to that congregation now under Mr Kirshaw or whereas my friends and executors or the major part of them and their heirs shall think most convenient and the preacher to have given him at every sermon the sum of six shillings and 8d to be paid him by my executors and their heirs. Item I give to my dear and loving wife Elizabeth my watch a gold ring now on my hand one good bedstead with bedding suitable thereto and convenient furniture for one room and five such books as shall choose out of my whole library. Item I give unto my said wife in full recompense and satisfaction of all her dower right title interest and demand whatsoever which she may have or claim of in or out of any my goods and chattels lands tenements rents or hereditaments or any

part thereof the annual or yearly rent of £30 to be paid her for and during the term of her natural life by my three daughters Elizabeth Mary and Margaret their heirs and assigns and part like at two days of payment in each year viz. At Pentecost day and Martinmass by equal portions and if the said annuity or yearly rent of £30 or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of eight and 20 days next after either of the said feasts or days of payment on which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid being first lawfully demanded at my messuage house in Rathmell where I now dwell that then and from thenceforth so long as my said daughters shall continue to have a joint estate in my said messuages lands and premises in Rathmell and Giggleswick aforesaid and that the same shall remain undivided amongst them it shall and may be lawful to and for my said wife and her assigns to enter and distrain upon all or any part of the said premises and the distresses there found to take drive lead and carry away impound and sell according to the late act of Parliament made for that purpose until she or they be of the annuity or yearly payment of £30 and the arrears thereof if any be fully satisfied contented and paid but if my said daughters after my decease shall happen to make partition and division amongst them of my estate that then and from thenceforth so often as any default shall happen in payment of the said annuity to my wife as aforesaid it shall and may be lawful to and for her and her assigns to enter and distrain only upon such part of the said premises as after such division shall then belong to such of my said daughters as shall neglect or refuse to pay her or their part any proportion of the said annuity as aforesaid according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament and not otherwise. Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth in respect that she is my eldest daughter the sum of £10 over and above what I give unto my other two daughters to be paid in one year after my decease. And after all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses be well and truly paid and discharged out of my whole estate as aforesaid and this my last will and testament in every thing performed I give and bequeath the whole residue and remainder thereof whether freehold or leasehold real or personal with all my goods cattles and chattels and all my estate right title and interest therein and thereto unto my three daughters Elizabeth Mary and Margaret their heirs executors and administrators equally amongst them part and part like in as full and ample manner as I have power to give and grant the same yet nevertheless but upon condition that my said daughters or such of them as shall fortune to marry after my decease do it with the consent and good liking and approbation of my friends hereafter named supervisors of this my last will and testament that is to say of John Hay of pasture house in the county of York yeoman Henry Strickland of Stainton in the county of Westmorland yeoman William Thornton of Birks in the county of Lancaster yeoman and Richard Walmsley of Rathmell in the said county of York yeoman or the major part of them then living but if any of my said daughters do fortune to marry and that contrary to the consent and approbation of my said friends or the major part of them as aforesaid and then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said John Hay Henry Strickland William Thornton and Richard Walmsley to deduct out of her or their part and proportion of my said estate so marrying contrary to their good liking and approbation as aforesaid any sum or sums of money not exceeding the sum of 40 marks and to give and dispose the same to such daughter or daughters as shall marry with their good liking and approbation any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And lastly I do make and ordain my three daughters Elizabeth Mary and Margaret joint and whole executors of this my last will and testament hoping they will in every thing well and truly perform the same according as my trust is in them. And I do make and ordain the said John Hay Henry

Strickland William Thornton and Richard Wellesley being all my special friends to overseers or supervisors thereof and to whom I give 10 shillings apiece for their pains and care to be taken herein hoping they will see the same performed accordingly. And in testimony that this is my last will I have hereunto subscribed my name with my own hand and thereunto put my seal the day and year first above written.

Richard Frankland

Sealed subscribed published and declared after the interlineation of these words 'ten pounds to be paid in one year after my decease' in the presence of John Owen Peter ....  
Mr Weatherherd

**THOMAS FRANKLAND 1674 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.56 fol.129**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Memorandum the 18<sup>th</sup>. day of Aprill or thereabouts in the yeare of our Lord God 1674 Thomas Franckland of Knighte Staynforth in the parish of Giggleswicke and Dyoces of yorke Sicke in body but of good and perfect memory intending to make his last will and Testament Nuncupative uttered these words to the same effect as followeth Imprimis it is my mynde and I doe give all my estate to my wife and two Children Mary and Isabell Franckland and my will (is) and I doe hereby give to my said Two Children the sum of Twenty Pounds a piece to be paid them when they shall accomplish the age of Twenty and one years And all the rest and residue of my goods I give to my said wife Jennett Franckland whome I appointe Executrix of this my will these worde or words to the same effect he uttered in the presence of Credible Witnesses John Payley John M.....

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS GELDARD of Langcliffe 1687**  
**Borthwick Vacancy wills June 1687 mf 902 A-K**

In the name of god Amen the 17th day of March and according to the computation of the church of England 1687 I Thomas Geldard of Langcliffe in the county of York cloth maker being at present sound in mind but not healthful of body and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time and considering likewise that it is the duty of every good Christian to set his house in order before he die That posterity may enjoy the lands and goods of the deceased in peace and quietness do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form as following. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of eternal bliss and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be buried in honest and Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and friends in hope of resurrection to eternal life and for my temporal estate I give and dispose thereof as follows  
Imprimis I give unto my second son James all my bought lands namely one croft joining to the east end of the town with two cattle gates in the over close.  
Item I give unto my said son the sum of £16 £10 whereof to be paid within one month after he be loose from his apprenticeship and the other six within three years after.

Item I give unto my daughter Agnes four pounds to be paid within two years after my decease.

Item I give unto my grandchild William Procter four pounds to be paid when he attains to the age of one and 20 years if he so long live but if he being not at the time living my will is that it be paid to her other issue male or female lawfully begotten of her body if she have any then living but for want of such issue my will and mind is that it returns to Agnes my daughter.

Item I give to my eldest son Thomas all the rest of my lands houses household stuff and utensils of trade after my funeral charges and other debts be defrayed and I likewise make my said son Thomas sole executor of this my last will and testament  
Witness my hand  
Thomas Geldard

in the presence of  
John Paley  
Richard Lawson

Bond

Noverint universi per presentes nos Thomam Geldard de Langcliffe in Com Ebor  
pannarum et Richardum Lawson de Langcliffe predicti yeoman teneri et firmiter  
obligari ventibi vivo John Kirkam SJ per Decano eccliae Cathij .....

Anglie; Solvend eidem Decani ...

Ric.Carr Thomas Geldard Richard Lawson

*(pannus is cloth)*

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the within bounden Thomas Geldard do well and truly execute perform and keep the last will and testament of Thomas geldard of Langcliffe in the parish of Giggleswick and Diocese of York his late father deceased

And do pay his debts and legacies so far as his goods will extend and law shall bind him if also he do exhibit into the Registers Office at York a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods rights Credits Cattells and Chattells of the said deceased and do make a true and just accompt of the same when he shall be thereunto lawfully called. And moreover (if need require) enter into such further Bond with more sufficient sureties for performance of the premises which the Judge of the said Court for the time being shall think reasonable and needful And lastly do save defend and harmless keep the within named Dean and Chapter ..... and all other their Officers and ministers..... all persons by reason of the premises Then .....

void and of none effect or else to remain in full force....

An inventory of the goods credits and debts of Thomas Geldard clothier of Langcliff late deceased appraised by Richard Lawson Junior Anthony Armitstead John Paley

Richard Lawson Junior all of Langcliffe the third and twentieth day of June Anno  
1687

	£	s	d
Impris his apparel with money in his purse	05	-04	-06
Item in cloth	07	-07	-00
It in woole	00	-18	-00
It 2 pair bedstockes	00	-10	-00
It two ruggs	00	-18	-00
It one fether bedd	01	-00	-00
It 3 chaffe bedds	00	-05	-00
It 4 blankets 2 coverlets	00	-16	-00
It 4 pillows	00	-08	-00
It 3 sheets two pillow .....	00	-15	-00
It 3 sheets more	00	-05	-00
It seven cushons	00	-04	-00
It 2 chairs	00	-04	-00 ?
Itm one close press	01	-05	-00
It 3 chists	01	-04	-00
It one litle table	00	-04	-00
It one ...ang(?) of wheel timber	00	-03	-00 ?
It in other peeces of wood	00	-03	-00
It one stone trough	00	-04	-00
It six sakes	00	-06	-00
It 3 pannes	00	-10	-00
Itm Brass and pewter	00	-12	-00
Itm other od things about the hous	00	-15	-00
It one pair of Loomes 3 pair of sheares with other things belonging to his trade	02	-05	-00
Suma	£26	-12	-00
Debts oweing to the deceased from all men	£3	-07	-00 ?
Debts which the deceased did owe			
To John Paley	£12	-00	-00 ?
It to the towne in Comon stocke	02	-04	-04
It in other debts to all persons	03	-02	-00
It in funerall expenses and given to the poor	06	-00	-00
Summa	23	-06	-06

Richard Lawson sen  
Anthony Armitstead  
John Paley  
Richard Lawson jun



**THOMAS GELDARD 1697**

**Borthwick mf 1788 p962 vol.62 fol 30 Probate 1698**

In the name of god Amen I Thomas Geldard of Langcliffe in the County of York Clothier being weakly of Body but of sound and perfect memory praised be god for the same do make this my last will and testament In manner and form following viz. first I bequeath my soul to god who gave it hoping through the merits and mediation of my saviour to obtain remission of sins and consequently everlasting life. And my body to the ground to be buried in decent and christian manner at the discretion of my friends and executrix. And for my temporal estate I give and dispose of As follows, first I give to Jane my wife (my debts and funeral expenses first paid) All my personal estate in what kind or nature soever it be. Item I give to Thomas my son and only child All my houses and lands whatsoever to enter to 2 parts of the same when he shall Attain the Age of one and twenty years And the other third part after Jane my said wife her decease. And my will and mind is that Jane my said wife shall receive and take all the profits of the said lands for and towards the education of my said son till he Attain the Age of one and twenty years. But if it happen that Jane my wife shall marry to another man then my will and mind is that my two Trustees whom I shall hereafter Appoint from and Immediately after my said son shall Attain the age of fourteen years shall enter unto and receive and take the rents Issues and profits of two parts of my said lands for and towards his better preferment in trade at his and their best discretion. And likewise my will and mind is that if my said son shall die before he Attain the age of one and twenty years that then my said wife shall receive and take all the rents Issues and profits of my said lands during the term of her natural life. And then After the death of my said son As Aforesaid then from and Immediately after the death of Jane my said wife I give unto James Geldard my brother All my houses and Lands Aforesaid paying unto the children of Agnes Pearte my sister or so many as shall be at that time living the sum of £20 within one year After he enter to the same. And if she be at the time living then to pay unto the said Agnes my sister the sum of 20 shillings ..... during her life. And I do appoint Jane my said wife Executrix of this my last will and testament. And I do likewise Appoint Richard Lawson and James Geldard trustees to take care that this my will be rightly executed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of June Anno Domini 1697.

Acknowledge and signed in the presence of us  
Richard Lawson jurat James Geldard jurat

Thomas Geldard

Bond and Obligation attached

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods chattels and debts and credits of Thomas Geldard late of Langcliffe deceased as they are Apprized this 27th (?) day of February by us whose names are underwritten

	l	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparel	03	00	00
It 2 Cowes	05	00	00
It 26 yards of Cloth	03	00	00
It 40 yards of plain cloth and 1/2 thick	02	00	00
It 1 Cart 2 paire of wheeles	00	15	00
It in wood and 2 Ladders	00	08	00
It 1 paire of Looms with other utensills belonging Trade	02	10	00
It 1 Dresser pewter and other goods in the body of the House	01	19	00
It in wood vessel brass and other goods in the Kitching	01	15	00
It one Bed with furniture with other goods in the Parlour	03	15	00
It one Bedstead one Chist in the little chamber	00	07	00
It in Goods in the house chamber	00	18	00
It in goods in Parlour chamber	04	09	00
It in Linnen	00	12	00
It in meale Beefe and Bacon	02	00	00
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	32	08	00
It debts owing to the Deceased	92	00	00 ( <i>not clear</i> )
Sum Tota	124	00	00
Debts which the Deceased did owe	70	00	00
John Paley			
Richard Armitsted			
Richard Lawson			
James Geldard			

**WILLIAM GELDARD Admin 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Apl 1700  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & perfect Inventory of all the goods & Chattells of Willim Geldard of  
Hollinghall within ye pish of Gigesweeke late deseazed Sbr. ye 2d. 1699 Apprised by  
us whose names are Hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Imps his Horse purse & Apparell sadle & bridle	10	00	00
Itm: Six Oxen	20	00	00
Itm: 8 Kine & Four Heffers	37?	10	00
Itm: 6 Sterks	07	10	00
Itm: 6 calves	04	00	00
Itm: one bull	03	13	04
Itm: 9 ould Sheepe	03	11	00
Itm: 25 hoggs	05	00	00

Itm: one Maire	02	00	00
Itm: 2 yong Cowes?	03	00	00
Itm: Corne Hay and outlaws	45	00	00
Itm: Carts and Wheeles	02	10	00
Itm: one Coupe	00	04	00
Itm: ploughs; harrows yocks, teames horse geare Iron, trases cartropes sadles pilshes coulter share & all other husbandry yeare	03	10	00
Itm: 2 Arks	01	06	08
Itm: sacks & Windowcloth	01	04	00
Itm: 1 paire of bedstocks & beding	01	00	00
Itm: 2 paire of bedstocks & beding	02	00	00
Itm: 3 chists	01	00	00
Itm: 2 Cupboards & one dishboard & wooden vessell	03	15	00
Itm: Butter Brass & Pewter	03	11	08
Itm: 2 dresers shelves glascase & forms	00	07	00
Itm: 1 Long Settle chairs stooles & quishins	01	00	00
Itm: wood brocken up at Tower more	03	10	00
Itm: 1 backstone, range reckon all other huslemnt	01	05	00
Itm: Debts oweing to ye Testator	57	11	00
Debts oweing by the Deceased	10?		
Total	224	18	08

Thomas Butterfield  
William Foster  
William Lund  
Geo; Bolland

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN GREENWOOD – 1692 Inv. (Admin.)Ref.Borthwick.York. June 1692  
bundle  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and pfect Apprisement of all the goods Cattells & Chattells of John Greenwood  
late of Settle deceased Apprized & vallued this 7<sup>th</sup>. day of June Anno Dm. 1692 by us  
whose names is hereunder written

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Imprimis Beddstocks & bedding	0	10	0
Item in other small goods & Implemnts of household stuffe	0	10	0
Item in Lease Lands or the Rendcon thereof	20	00	0
sum	21	0	0

Richard Driver  
Hugh Lawson \his marke/  
John Rolfe  
Willi Hall

**ROLAND GREENWOOD Admin 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Nov 1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods Cattells and Chattells of Rowland Greenwood of Setle in the County of yorke Joyner Late deceased both moveable and imoveable Apprised and Valued by us whose names \is hereunder/ written

	li	s	d
Imp. Purse & Apparrell	01	10	00
Brasse and pewter	01	10	00
Bedstocks & Beding & one Cupboard	01	10	00
Two tables Foure Chists	00	15	00
Six Chairs Two Longsetles	00	09	00
One Forme & eight Cushions	00	04	06
Foure stooles & wooden Vessell	00	11	04
One Arke	00	05	00
Seaven Markett (Tubbs?) and stallgeare thereunto belonging	00	10	00
Three pecks	00	03	00
Loose Wood & other Huslements	00	05	00
In Debts oweing	02	06	00
In Debts desperate	05	00	00
In Chattells reale	01	00	00
Funerall Expences	05	00	00
Totall	10	18	10
Funerall Expences deducted	05	00	00
Reste	05	18	10

Roger Waddilove Bryan Deane  
Henry Hewton William Tennant

*Incorrect addition by appraisers – should be Total £20.18.10*  
*Settle modern spelling*

**JOHN GREGSON 1688 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.61 fol.14**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**  
Nuncupative

January the sixth 1688

Then John Gregson of Gigleswick in the County of yorke yeoman being sick and infirme in body but of sound and perfect memory did make and declare his last will and Testament in words (in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed) as Followeth or words to the same effect (that is to say) I doe give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Walkden wife to Richard Walkden of Gigleswick all my estate reall and personal she paying these Legacies hereafter mentioned (that is to say) To Thomas Settle twenty shillings, To Judeth Banck five shillings, And to John Banck her sonn five shillings And to Robert Bancks of Hornby tenn shillings, she the said Elizabeth

Walkden being at the Charge of burying me decently and paying my just debts,  
Wittness our hands this ninth day of January 1688 Wittness our hands Francis Read  
Will: Wilkinson Robert Newby his marke Elizabeth Newby her marke Mary Walkden  
her marke

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**RICHARD HALL of Giggleswick 1636 Borthwick v42 f521**

In the name of God Amen the six and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred thirty six I Richard Hall of Giggleswicke in the county of yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect memory (praised be God) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all other wills by me made. And first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer trusting through the merits of my alone saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of everlasting bliss in heaven and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in honest and Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and friends. And whereas I have by my deed in writing under my hand and seal bearing date the thirtieth day of May in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign lord king Charles by the grace of god of England Scotland and France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. granted, assigned and set over unto my son John Hall his executors, administrators and assigns all my house at the Thorne Tree in Giggleswicke aforesaid, one stable and lath and three parts of my garden thereto belonging (excepting so much of them as are granted to Anthony Kellett to hold the same to the said John Hall his excutors, administrators and assigns for all the residue yet unspent of the term of six thousand years for which I hold the same by lease from the right honourable Earl of Cumberland with a limitation of the said premises to me the said Richard Hall during my life and with a proviso therein contained that if my executors, administrators or assigns pay unto the said John Hall, his executors, administrators or assigns the sum of thirty pounds within the term of three months next after my decease that then the said estate to be void or else to be and remain in full power force and virtue as by the said deed or writings may more plainly and at large appear. Now I the said Richard Hall do by this my present last will and testament ratify, confirm and allow the said deed and the estate thereby conveyed to be good and effectual in law to him the said John Hall his executors and assigns for and under the conditions and limitations therein contained. And I do hereby bequeath, assign and set over unto Francis Hall my son and Jane Brasheley my daughter their executors and assigns all my estate interest title of redemption claim and demand whatsoever of in and to the said premises and of in and to every part and parcel thereof together with all my writings scripts evidences and assurances whatsoever concerning the same And my will and mind is that my debts and funeral expences be paid out of my whole goods chattels and rights: And for the remainder or residue thereof when my debts and funeral expences are discharged I give and bequeath the same unto my said son Francis Hall and my daughter Jane. And I ordain and appoint him the said Francis Hall executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Thomas Cockett, Thomas Newhouse and Henry Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ELIZABETH HALL 1665 Ref.Borthwick.York vol.59 fol 137**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Hall of Settle widdow being weake of body but of good and perfect memory doe make this my last will and testament First I bequeath my soule to God Almighty to whome it belongeth through Christ my Redeemer and Saviour; And my body to be buried in the Church or Church yeard of Giggleswicke; Item after my funerall expenses be discharged by my executor; Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the whole sume of three score and tenn poundes to be paide at or before the eleaventh day of November next ensueing commonly called Martinmas day; Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ellin the whole sume of one hundred poundes to be paide to her within six monthes after my death; Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ellen the sume of three poundes which is oweing and due unto me by Thomas Cockman of Settle; Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Hugh Hall his three children to every one of them twenty shillings to be paide to them when they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares; Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth being with child if God is pleased that it shall live the sume of twenty shillings when it shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares, Item I give unto my brother Allon Carr the sume of thirty shillings to be paide within a yeare after my decease Item I give unto my sister Jaine Browne the sume of thirty shillings to be paide within a yeare after my decease; Item my will and mind is that after my debts and funeral expenses be discharged and (paid?) that all the rest of my goods shall be equally divided amongst my three children Hugh Elizabeth and Ellen that they may have every one their equall proportion within a yeare after my decease; Item my will and minde is that my sonne Hugh Hall shall be my sole Executor of this my last will and testament; In Witsesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand the thirteenth day of July 1665 Elizabeth Hall her marke Witnesses John Hall John Lawson

*One line Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN HALL of SETTLE 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. Feb.1692 bundle**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god amen I John Hall of Settle in the County of yorke Cordwainer being sick in body, but of good and pfect memory, thanks be Almighty God, and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, Do make, ordaine, constitute and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following, Hereby utterly revoking all and every Testament or Testaments heretofore by me made or declared by word or writing: And that my Temporall Estate and such Goods, Chattels, and debts as belong to me may be the better settled I do order give and dispose the same in manner and forme following, That is to say, First I will that all those debts I owe in right to any manner of person or persons whatsoever be well and truly paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease and after the discharging funeral expences by mine Executors hereafter named, Item I do give and bequeath unto mine eldest son John Hall for an (*sic*) in Consideracon of the payment of such

Legacies as be hereafter herein mentioned All mine houses lands and Tenements being and lying in Settle aforesaid and the precincts thereof with all the deeds and writings concerning the same, namely that the said John do pay to his Brother Thomas Hall the sume of Twenty Pounds of lawfull English money When ye sd Thomas doth attaine the age of Twenty one years. Item my will is that the said John do pay to his three sisters Elizabeth Isabel and Mary Hall fifteen Pounds apeice as they do severally and Respectively accomplish and attaine the full Age of Twenty one years. Item I will that my wife Elizabeth Hall have occupy possesse and enjoy all the sd. mine houses lands and Tenemts. in Settle as abovesd and Receive and take ye profits thereof untill my said son John do attaine ye Age of Twenty one years That hereby she may be better enabled to bring up and educate my sd. children. And in case any of my children do dy \before ye age of Twenty one years be attained/ Then my will and pleasure is that ye legacy be given do Robert to my son Jn: Item my will and pleasure is yt ye Closes called Lings And ye Barns thereon standing be by mine Executors sold to and for ye payment of my Debts and be it Remembered yt ye six shillings and four pence Rent on the Pasture called High Scarr and Scalebarr And one pcell of ground called (Edlestone) Banks formerly granted by me to my daughter Ann Hall be out of this Will alwayes Excepted. Lastly I do ordaine appoint and nominate Elizabeth my wife and John Hall my son joynt Executors of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the Thirty fi(rst) day of January in ye year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred ninety two

Witnesses

Leonard L \his mark/ K Kidd

Anthony Procter

R Atkinson

John Hall

February the 10<sup>th</sup>. in the yeare 1692

An Inventory of all the Goods and Chattells belonging to John Hall of Upper Settle lately deceased prized & valued by these men whose names are hereunto subscribed

	Li	s	d
Imp His Apparell & money in his purse	01	00	00
Two Tables and two formes	00	07	00
One Cupboard five Chaires one table	00	19	02
One Table and formes	00	05	00
Two Chiests and two Arks	01	03	00
In Meal and Beans	02	16	00
One ombery & foure Chaires	00	10	00
Two paire of Bedstocks	00	02	00
Five Coverlets	00	05	00
Foure paire of Blanketts, one Red Rug	00	17	00
One paire of Curtains	00	02	00
Five paire of Sheets, three Boulsters	00	19	08
Foure Chaffe beds one brass pott 4 panns	01	04	00
In pewther, Brass & one Backstone	01	15	00
In wood vessel, & three shelf boards	00	07	08
One Cart, wheels and Coope	01	00	00
One plough, plowgeare & one Harrow	00	06	08

In Oates, Hay and Beefe	01	18	00
In Leather, Shoes and Boots	09	11	09
One Horse and one Mare	04	00	00
Three cows	09	00	00
Three Heifers	03	00	00
Twenty Sheep	07	00	00
In Huslement	00	15	00
Three Sacks	00	04	00
	49	07	11

George Atkinson  
John Kidd  
Hugh Hall  
Leonard Kidd

**THOMAS HALL 1625 Borthwick v39 f265**

In the name of god amen the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred twenty and five I Thomas Hall of Settle within the county of York yeoman being sick in body yet of good and perfect memory praised be god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First and principally I commend my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting that through his bounteous and everlasting mercy and for the merits and passion of Jesus Christ to be saved and to be an inheritor of eternal life, and I commit my body to the ground from whence it came and the same to be buried in the church or churchyard of Giggleswick the same being my parish church at the discretion of my wife and children.

Also whereas my late deceased brother William Hall yeoman sometime of Settle aforesaid by his last will and testament bearing date the seventh day of October AD 1608 did amongst other things therein mentioned give devise and bequeath unto me, my heirs and assigns one messuage or tenement of eleven shillings rent in Settle aforesaid with all and singular Commons and appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold the same to me my heirs and assigns for all such times and terms of years as he the said William had then to come therein. And whereas also the said William Hall my said late brother by his said last will did leave to remain as heirlooms in his said dwelling house at Settle as aforesaid now in my possession one feather bed, two blankets, two sheets, one bolster, one pillowbeare, two coverlet of the best of all his bedding and one long table, one new chest in the loft, one great ark in the newhouse and all his bedstocks then in that his said house as by the said will and testament relation thereupon had appeareth. Now therefore my will and mind is and I do by this my last will and testament set down and appoint and bequeath that all the said messuage tenement and premises of eleven shillings rent and also all such heirlooms as were left in his said house at the time of his decease shall wholly remain and come unto the only use and behoof of the said William Hall my eldest son and to his heirs and assigns for and during all such time and terms of years as I have yet to come therein by virtue of the said will with all my full and whole estate, title and interest



therein and thereunto. And whereas my said brother William Hall deceased by his said will did give unto my said eldest son William amongst divers other things one grey horse of the price of £3 which horse I had to my use, now therefore, it is my will and I do hereby set down and appoint that my said son William shall have in lieu and consideration of the said horse one close of meadow ground lying on the south side of my dwelling house and adjoining upon my gardens containing by estimation half an acre of ground be it more or less which I have by bargain and grant from Richard Armittstead of Settle aforesaid for which I paid £9 10s.

Item I give and bequeath to the said William Hall my said son one parcel of arable and meadow ground in Fericar containing by estimation one rood and a half of ground be it more or less which I had by lease from the Earl of Cumberland.

Item I give to my said son William three parts of one close of common at the Parkes head containing by estimation three acres of ground be it more or less the same into four parts equally to be divided and the fourth part thereof I give to my son John Hall and his assigns excepting my wife's right in all the aforesaid premises.

Also whereas I am now lawfully seized, possessed and intitled unto divers and sundry other houses, grounds and other things hereafter mentioned wherein I have estate of inheritance or by lease for divers years yet enduring which I had by bargain and grant from divers persons hereafter mentioned as namely one dwelling house and one garden in Settle aforesaid which I had by bargain and grant from Henry Watkinson of Leedes lying next the house of William Bankes and also one lathe or barn, one close in the Inges called Howbecke close half an acre at Green Gate which I had by bargain and grant from Adam Browne late of Settle aforesaid and also one half acre and half a rood of ground on Thornebarr which I had by bargain and grant from Thomas Sailebanke of Settle aforesaid and 5s 8d rent upon and through the commons and moors of Settle aforesaid with a proportionable part of soil and ground for and according to the said rent. And one parcel of arable ground lying on Elstone Bank containing by estimation fourteen falls or perches of ground be it more or less which I had by bargain and grant together with the said common of the coheirs of Thomas Carr deceased late of Hunthwaite in Giggleswick within the said county of York. All which grounds, houses and premises I do give, devise and bequeath unto John Hall my second son and to his executors and administrators and assigns to have and to hold the same to him his executors administrators and assigns my wife's widow right therein excepted from and immediately after the time that he shall accomplish his full age of four and twenty years for and during and unto the full end and term of five thousand years from thence next following and the same to be fully complete and ended. Provided always and yet never-the-less upon this condition that if my said second son John Hall shall die before he shall accomplish his full age of twenty four years and be then unmarried or without issue of his body lawfully begotten that then all the said houses, grounds and premises, my wife's right therein excepted, shall then come to the use of Thomas Hall my third son and to the issue of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for lack and default of such issue then to and for the use and behoof of Anthonie Hall my youngest son and to the issue of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for lack or in default of such issue then to and for the use of Agnes Hall my eldest daughter and to the issue of her body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for lack or in default of such issue then to and for the use of Isabell Hall my youngest daughter and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten

or to be begotten and for the lack and in default of such issue then to and for the use of the right heirs of me the said Thomas Hall for all the time that shall be then to come of the aforesaid leases or other estates.

And whereas I am now lawfully seized and possessed of in and upon one foot or fourth part of Settle tithe corn which I had by good conveyance in writing from Sir Gervasse Helwise and Sir Richard Willmson knights as by one deed in writing to me thereof made reference being had thereunto appeareth Now it is my will and mind that Elizabeth my wife shall [have] the use and benefit thereof from the day of my decease for & during and unto the full end of the term of twelve years then next ensuing and the same to be fully complete and ended for the better education and bringing up of my younger children. And after the said term of twelve years be fully determined and ended then my will and mind is that all that said foot or fourth part of the said tithe corn shall then be divided into two equal parts or halves and one half thereof I will that William Hall my eldest son shall have clearly to the use of himself his heirs and assigns for ever as well in lieu recompense and satisfaction of a lease for certain years of the said tithe corn formerly granted to the said William Hall my said brother which were then to come and unspent which said lease given to my said son William I had the benefit thereof, as also of such other filial or child's portion of goods as he might claim out of my personal estate. And as for the other half of the said tithe corn my will is that it shall be sold and that all such money as can be gotten for the same my wife's widow (*right*) therein for the term of her life excepted, shall be equally divided among my four younger children viz. Thomas Anthonie Agnes and Isabell and if my wife be now with child that that child shall be as forth and shall have a full share of such money received for the said tithe corn and of all other my goods as any of the said four youngest children whose names are heretofore rehearsed provided always and yet never-the-less if in case my said eldest son William Hall will not accept of the moiety of the said tithe corn in manner and form before mentioned in full satisfaction as well of the said lease to him thereof given by the said will of the said William Hall my said late brother as also in full recompense of such filial portion as he might claim of my goods but shall molest or trouble my executors or administrators for the same. That then this my gift or legacy of the moiety of the said tithe corn shall then be utterly void and of no effect in law to all intents and purposes and that the benefit thereof shall then remain to my younger children (my wife's right therein excepted) And further if any of my younger children shall die before they shall come to lawful age to receive their portions that the portion of them so dying shall remain to the use of them that shall survive.

And as concerning my debts it is my will and mind that the same and my funeral expenses and other charges church rights shall be paid forth of such movable and immovable goods as I now am owner of and if any remain I give them to my wife and younger children. And I do appoint Elizabeth my wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I do appoint for supervisors William Foster of Giggleswick and William Bankes of Settle. These being witnesses Anthonie Procter, Thomas Brinsley, Henrie Lupton, William Bankes and William Foster.

*Giggleswicke*

*NB fall =rod, pole or perch*

**WILLIAM HALL 1608 Borthwick v31 f33**

In the name of god amen upon the seventh day of October 1608 I William Hall of Settle in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York sick in my body but of perfect remembrance I praise god for it do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ my only saviour I believe to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard in Giggleswick. Also I will that my debts be paid.

Also I give and bequeath to Thomas Hall my brother to his heirs executors administrators and assigns all my messuage lands tenements houses and grounds with their appurtenances lying and being within the town of Settle townfields and territories of the same of eleven shillings rent with all deeds assurances and leases which I have of them and every of them to have and to hold so much thereof as is inheritance unto the said Thomas Hall my brother his heirs and assigns forever with all deeds and assurances touching the same. And to have and to hold so much thereof as should by lease or leases unto the said Thomas Hall my brother his heirs executors administrators or assigns for and during all such terms of years as I have in them and every of them provided always that for lack of heirs of the body of the said Thomas Hall my brother lawfully begotten or to be begotten then I give and bequeath my said messuage lands tenements houses and grounds lying and being in Settle and within the territories of the same of 11s rent unto Richard Newhouse my sister's son to his heirs executors and assigns and all writings concerning the same from and immediately after the death and decease of the said Thomas Hall my brother and his wife for ever. And for lack of the said Richard Newhouse then it is my will and mind that my messuage lands tenements and houses and grounds in Settle of 11s rent shall descend, remain and come to Thomas Newhouse his brother to his heirs executors and assigns in manner and form as aforesaid for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to William Hall my brother Thomas's son to his executors, administrators and assigns one acre of ground more or less lying and being in the North Feild near unto Settle Bridge and common of pasture land, pasturing ground in neighbourhood lying in the commons and pastures in the lordship of Settle which was lately occupied of William Lund and all my tithe corn and straw in Settle with all leases, assurances and writings which I have concerning them and every of them to have and to hold the same and all scripts and writings which I have of them and every of them unto the said William Hall my brother Thomas his son to his executors administrators and assigns for and during all such terms and times as I have in them and every of them. And if it fortune that the said William Hall my brother Thomas his son do die out of this mortal life before he accomplish the age of twenty and one years then it is my mind and will that the same shall remain and come to Thomas Newhouse my sister's son his executors, administrators and assigns with all writings which I have of the same for and during all such terms and times as I have in them and every of them then unexpired.

Item I give to William Hall my brother Thomas his son my gray horse. Item I give and bequeath to Ellen my sister the one half of all my sheep, the third part of my

pewter, two chests the one standing at my bedfeet and the other at the window in the parlour. Item I give to Thomas Newhouse my sister's son five marks and whereas the said Thomas owes me 8s for one stone of wool which I sold him, if I die before it be due I give it him. Item I give to Richard Newhouse my sister's son the sum of five pounds. Item I give to my cousin Henry Watkinson his wife one other third part of my pewter. Item I give to my brother Thomas Hall one other third part of my pewter. Item I give to my cousin Henry Watkinson one piece of gold of the value of 40s. Item I give to Gregory Paulden the sum of 20s. Item I give to Thomas Carr wife of Stackhouse 20s and to Ellen her daughter 20s. Item I give to my cousin William Lund 20s which I lent him. Item I give to remain as heirlooms at my house one featherbed, two blankets, two sheets, one codd\* one pillow beare\*\* two coverlets to be taken forth of the best of my bedding. Item one long table, a new chest in the loft, a great ark in the new house and all the bedstocks in my house to remain as heirlooms in my house. Item whereas Christopher Hall owes me 40s I give him 20s thereof. Item I give to Ellen my sister the one half of all my debts not bequeathed, the one half of all the [hole in document] rest of my bedding not bequeathed, the one half of all my linen and the one half of all my brass. And for all such rents as was (sic) due to me at [hole] London at Michael-mass last I give the same equally to be divided between my brother Thomas Hall and my sister Ellen. Item I give to William Lund wife two bushels of barley. Item I give to Thomas Carr wife of Settle two bushels of barley. Item I give the two ox steers to Thomas Hall my brother and Ellen my sister equally between them. Item I give to Fletcher wife 20d besides that which she owes me. Item I give to the poor of Settle 6s 8d to be divided at the discretion of my brother Thomas Hall and John Kidd. Item I give to the poor of Giggleswick and of that township 5s to be divided at the discretion of Mr Shutt and my brother William Newhouse. Item to the poor of Langcliffe 20d to be divided at the discretion of John Brayshaye. Item to the poor of both Stainforths 20d to be divided at the discretion of Brian Bainbridge and James Armitstead. Item I give to the poor of Rathmell and the lame(?) there 2s 6d to be divided at the discretion of Mr Nowell. Item I give to my brother William Newhouse my best jacket. Item I give to William Hall son of Richard Hall 5s. Item to every of my godchildren 12d a piece. The rest of all my goods and cattels not bequeathed, my debts, legacies and other dues discharged I give them wholly to my brother Thomas Hall. And I make, ordain and appoint the said Thomas Hall my brother my sole executor of this my last will and testament. And all former wills by me made I utterly revoke and forsake. These being witnesses Thomas Carr, John Kidd and Brian Bainbridge.

\* *codd = pillow, cushion*

\*\* *pillow beare = pillow case*

*Settle*

*Settell*

*Giggleswicke*

*both Stainfordes*

**WILLIAM HALL 1647 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Aug 1647/8**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen: to all Cristian people to whom this p(re)sent wryteing shall come greeting Know yee that I Willim Hall of Settle yeoman being sicke & weak of bodie but in p(er)fect & sound memorie, God be prayسد, doth make this my last will & testament; First I bequeath my soule to god Almightye to whom it belongeth through Christ my redeemer & saviour; & my bodie to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Giggleswicke; Item after my funeral expences be discharged by my Exector. Item I give & bequeath unto Hugh Hall my onelie sonn all my Messuadge & dwelling house with the barne and all other houses thereunto belonging if he be living when he shall accomplish the Age of Twentie one yeares & if in Case he die before he accomplish the said Adge of xxj yeares then my will & mind is that it shalbe equallie devided amongst my 3 doughters, viz Margerett, Elizabeth & Ellin & if in Case anie one of these my doughters shall die it is my will that it shall remayne to the survivor of them onelie my wife right therein excepted; Item my will & mynd is that I give & bequeath to Margerett my eldest daughter Fortie Five pounds to be paid by my executor when she shall accomplish the Adge of xxj yeares if she then be living, if she die before she shall accomplish that Adge of xxj yeares; my will & mynd is after her funeral expences be discharged that it shall be equallie devided Amongst my Children Hugh, Elizabeth, & Ellin; Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my second doughter Fortie pounds when she shall accomplish the Age of twentie one yeares & if in Case she die before she shall accomplish that adge my will is that it shabe equallie devided amongst the survivoures of Children then living & my wife shall have her full share of this Fortie pounds if she remayne my wife her funeral expences discharged; Item I give & bequeath to my youngest doughter Fortie pounds when she shall accomplish the Age of twentie one yeares to be pd by my Executor & if she die before she shall accomplish the full age of xxi yeares my will & mynd is to be equallie devided as before; Item(*page torn*) to my son Hugh as Heireloumes one Standing Bed, one Long Table; & (*page torn*)as also I give & bequeath unto my sonn Hugh the Eight pte of the tyeth (*probably 'tithe corn' but page is torn*) belonging to the township of Settle when he shall accomplish the full age of T(wentie) Five yeares; Item it is my mynd that my wife shall have the Benefitt of the said ty.... Corne for the Education of the yonger Children till my sonn Hugh accomplish the full Age of xxv yeares; Item I give & bequeath to my Brother Tho: Hall Tenn shillings within two months after my discease; Item I give to Robt Carr my god Child sonn to Allan Carr Tenn shillills; Item I give to Willm Browne my sister sonn Five shillins to Ellin her doughter two shillings; & to Bridgett two shillings; & to John Hall my Neafew two shillings six pence; Item it is my will & mynd that my wife Elizabeth \jurat/ Hall shalbe my sole Executor of this my Last will & testament: & I doe appoint as Friends in trust Allan Carr & Anthonie Hall to see this my will fulfild according to the true intent & that the said Allan & Anthonie when such occation require them goo about anie oration for there or anie of their good shall have there Charges paid out of my goods by my Executor; Item I give to Robt Stackhouse two shillings Item I give to my Brother Antho: Hall Five Shills for writeinge; Item I give & bequeath to my son Hugh all my pte in the New Kilne being the Fift pte thereof one to me to him & his heirs for ever

In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto my hand this Eight day of May 1647

Wittnesse

William Hall

Allan Carr \jurat/

Antho: Hall

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ANTHONY HANDCOCKE 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Sep1690 (Admin)**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true Inventory of all ye goods & Chattells late Anthony Handcocke of Gigleswicke Deceased taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this twelfth day of September Ano Dom 1690

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse & apparrell	0	7	6
Item One Cottage in Gigleswicke & other his rights debts & credits	2	10	0

R.Preston  
 Jo:Lister  
 Jo:Waidson  
 Jo:Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN HARGRAVES 1691 Admin. Ref. Borthwick.York. Oct.1693**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

MARCH 27.1695

An Inventory of the goods & chattells of John Hargraves of Settle deceased not administred to by Margaret his widow & relict, addiconall to that preferr'd Sber 14. 1691

	£	s	d
One Cottage in Settle apprizd at	100	00	00

By us  
 Wm. Sailsbury  
 John Wildman  
 Leo Bolland  
 Robt. Bond

O.... 93  
 Ext. 25 Janui. 95

**ANTHONY HARRISON 1676 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol.58 fol.588**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Anthony Harrison of Gigleswicke in the county of yorke Chapman being sicke in body but of perfect memory blessed be God doe make this my last will and testament in all manner and forme following that is to say First I bequeath my soule into the hands of god allmightie hoping that at the hands of god almighty hoping that in the merritts of Christ to sustaine..... of my ..... And

for my Temporall Estate I Comitt my body to the earth from whence it Came to be buried at the discretion of my wife Mary Harrison and for my goods my Funerall expenses and debts being paid I give unto my Children (twenty pounds?) a peece and I make my wife Mary Harrison sole executrix of this my last will and Testament and hereunto I have sett my hand the seaventeenth day of February in the year of Our Lord god 1676 Anthony Harrison his marke witnesses hereof ..( *names obliterated*)

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**GEORGE HARRISON 1690 Admin. Ref.BorthwickYork. Bundle April 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Aprizmt. made of ye Goods & Chattells late George Harrison of Settle Decd by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this seaventh day of Aprill Ano Dom 1690

One Cottage or dwelling house pte of A garden with their Appurtnts  
The sume is li 8: 0 : 0

John Kidd  
Thomas Carr  
John Skirrow  
Jno. Richardson

**JENNETT HARRISON of Langcliffe 1626 v42 f167**

In the name of god Amen The twentyth of March One Thousand six hundreth twenty five I Jennett Harrison of Langcliffe beinge in good and perfect memory, god be prayسد therefore, yet sicke and weake of body doe make this my last will and testament in manner following: First I Commend my soule to god and my body to be buried within the Churchyard of Giggleswicke. Item I give and bequeath unto Alice my daughter all my leases of my grounds and Especially one lease of ground called Tentall also all my houses and gardens thereunto belonging and also one Croft lyinge uppon the East side of the house and one Close in the Lyes called Browe These severall parcells I had demised from my brother James Iveson for good Consideration which lease beareth date the Fowerth of April One thousand six hundreth twenty two sealed and delivered in the presence of Thomas Carr, John Carr and William Carr. Item I give unto Alice my daughter all my debtes and all my goods moveable and unmoveable of what kind or nature soever and all rights which is due to mee or may growe unto me when all my debtes and funerall Expenses bee discharged. And I had one lease which my brother James hath gotten from me that I had of him and I wish my Executor to Call for it againe by all lawfull meanes and I doe thinke when my brother commes uppon his oath hee will confesse both the sealinge and Conveyinge of it from me, Also it is my mind that my Executor shall pay and discharge out of my land unto my daughter Alice all such portion of goods as shall and may growe dew by my husbands will which I myselfe stand Charged with as Executor of the same. And then all the remainder of my sayd goods I give to my sayd daughter. And I appoint and make William Carr<sup>jur</sup> my Executor and I give the Tuition

of my Child unto my Executor William Carr. Witnesses of this Will Richard \jur/  
Lawson Margarett Iveson Thomas \jur/ Payley

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

Baptised Jan 1590 dau of William Iveson  
Married Robert Harrison June 1620 (incorrectly recorded as Elizabeth)  
Buried 1<sup>st</sup> April 1626

Alice dau of Robert Harrison bapt 29.7.1621

Robert her husband buried 1622

Brother James bapt 28.8.1576  
Sister Margaret (witness) bapt 20.5.1580

**JOHN HARRISON 1616 Borthwick v34 f485**

In the name of god amen the two and twentieth day of December 1616 I John Harrison of Settle sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish church of Giggleswick at the sight of my wife and other my friends. Item my will and mind is and I give unto Elizabeth my wife all my goods movable and immovable when my debts and funeral expenses is discharged and I appoint Elizabeth my wife whole executor of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Anthony Prockter James Armetsteade Roger Armetstead and Henry Lupton.

*Settell*  
*Guygleswicke*

**JOHN HARRISON 1682 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 59 fol. 350**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the fift day of August Anno Dni 1682 I John Harrison of Lower Paley Greene in meweth in the parrish of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman being infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be God doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following hereby revoakeing and makeing voyd all other wills by me formerly made; And First I doe Commit and resigne my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker and Creator hopeing assuredly by the merrits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have free pardon and full remission of all my sinnes; And my body to the earth to



be buried in the parrish Church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my wife and freinds; Next I will that my debt and funerall expenses be paide out of my whole goodes; And for my worldly goodes and temporall estate I dispose hereof as Followeth; First my will and minde is that my wife shall have a third parte of all my goodes and a third parte of all my grounds and houses thereto belonging during her naturall life And if my wife have a child by me and it be a sonne my will and minde is that he shall have the other two partes of all my houses and grounds at Paley Greene And the other third parte at the decease of my wife if he live till he come to the age of twenty one yeares but if he dye before he come to the age of one and twenty yeares then my will and minde is that Robert Harrison sonne of Edward Harrison of Lythe..... shall have all my houses and ground at Payley Greene and enter to two partes att my decease and the other third parte at the decease of my wife he paying and discharging such sume or sumes of money as shall be charged thereupon (viz) if my wife shall have a daughter then my will and mind is that he shall pay or cause to be paide towards the mainetaineing of her the sume of three poundes in the yeare; And if she come to the age of twenty one yeares then my will and minde is that he shall pay to her the sume of one hundred poundes or for want of payment of one hundreth poundes to enter to the one halfe of all my houses and grounds at Paley Greene; And if my wife have neither sonne nor daughter by me then I will that the said Robert Harrison shall pay (five) poundes a peece to the rest of his broder and sisters as they shall come to the age of twenty one yeares And as for my houses and ground at (Craineridge) I give them to Robert Watkinson sonne of Thomas Watkinson of Giggleswicke to enter to two partes at my decease; And the other third parte at the decease of my wife he paying to his sister Anne Watkinson the sume of tenn poundes when she shall come to the age of twenty one yeares; Item I give unto my sister Isabell Scott forty shillings and to her sonne and daughter tenn poundes apiece to be paide by my Executors when they shall come to the age of twenty one yeares; Item I give unto Margaret Stackhouse my servant made seven poundes; Item I give unto Matthew Watkinson one pound; Item I give unto Robert Harrison sonne of Edward Harrison one pound; Item I give unto John Banks and William Wilson my Godsonne five shillings a peece Lastly my will and minde is that if my wife have a sonne by me she shall have the occupation of the other two partes of my houses and grounds att Paley Greene paying unto my brother Edwards children or to their father five poundes in the yeare to my sonne come to the age of fifteene yeares; And then my will is that he shall enter to the two partes and take the profit thereof; And the other two partes of all my money and goods which I have oweing I give unto Thomas Watkinson; And I doe make nominate and appointe him the said Thomas Watkinson sole Executor of this my last will and testament; In Witness hereof I have set my hand and seale the day and yeare First above written John Harrison his marke sealed and published in the presence of us wich I give enterlined Thomas Wilson Margaret Stackhouse her marke Thomas Carr

*One line Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**RICHARD HARRISON Nov.17. 1658 Ref.Borthwick. Vol.43 fol.390**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God amen I Richard Harrison of Settell being weak and sick of body yet in good and perfect memory praised be to God for the same, I do now bequeath my soul to God that now is and my body to be buried at the discretion of my wife and the rest of my children and friends And secondly I do give unto my children as followeth hereafter First I do give unto my two eldest daughters Isabell Harrison and Margaret Harrison either of them fifteen pounds a piece to be paid unto them two years after my decease Item I give likewise unto there..... (granddaughters) Ann Elizabeth and Francis Harrison every one of them fifteen pounds a piece to be paid unto them as they come to the age of twenty one years Item I give also to my two sons John Harrison and Stephen Harrison either of them twenty pounds a piece to be paid unto them at the age of twenty one years And if it happen that any of my children die before they come to the age of twenty one years that then their portion to be equally divided amongst the rest And my funeral expenses and the clothes belonging to be paid out of the whole And I do put my wife Elizabeth Harrison and my son John Harrison to be my executors of this my last will and testament And to this my last will I have set my hands .....of us whose names are hereunto (witness) Richard Harrison his mark John Carr. Tho.Carr his mark. Arthur Iveson

*Settle* modern spelling

**ROBERT HARRISON 1621 / 2 Borthwick vol 36 fol 705**

**Memorandum** that upon the fower and twentieth day of ffebruary in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundreth twenty one Robert Harrison late of Langcliffe in the parish of gigleswicke within the dioces of yorke did make and declare his last will and testament nuncupative as followeth first haveing comended his Soule to god and his body to christian buriall in hope of ioyfull resurection to eternall life then for his goods especiallie his tenement he did give so much of it to Jennet his wife during her widowhoad as by lawe should be due unto her and after-wards wholly to Redound and Come to Allice his daughter And for the rest of his goods he willed should be devided betwene Jennet his wife and Alice his daughter and he made the said Jennett his wife sole Executor of this his last will and testament These be my witnesses John Stackhowse and John Claphamson

Latin text

**THOMAS HARRISON of Lower Paley Green 1675**  
**Borthwick vol 57 fol 560**

In the Name of God Amen The Twenty nint day of May Anno Dom 1675 I Thomas Harrison of Lower paley Greene in Mewith with in the parish of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman being informe (*sic*) in body yet never the Lesse of Goode and perfect memory prayسد be god for the same doe make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and forme following hearby Revokeinge and makeinge voyde all other wills by me made and principly I doe Comitt and Resigne my soule in

to the handes of allmighty god my maker and Creator hoping assuredly by the merrits and medicon of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have full and free Remission and pardon of all my sinnes and I Commit my body to the Earth to be buried with in the parish Church of Gigleswick att the discretion of my frends next I will that my debts and funerall Expences be first paid and discharged out of all my whole goods and for the Residue and Remainder of my worldly goods and temporall Estate I dispose there of as Followeth First I give and bequeath unto John Harrison sonne of Robert Harrison Late of pythornes and to her (*sic*) heires administrators and assignes all my cottage Lands Tenements Leases and all other houses barns and buildings therunto belonging with all and Every their appurtenances situate Lying and beinge att Lower paley greene aforesaid and all my houses and grounds att Tipperthwaite in the Townshippe of Gigleswicke aforesaid and all woods and under woods thereunto belonginge with all their appurtenances beinge formerly parte of Roger Wilson Tenement which I purchased of John Aireton and also I give and bequeath unto the said John Harrison all those Closes or inclosures Comonly Called Stackhouse Close and holme and Kilne Close all which weare parte of Mr Shutts Tenement formerly with all woods and underwoods standinge and growing thereon Item I give and bequeath unto the said John Harrison all those two Closes Called Brayshay Closes which I purchased of Richard Brayshay the Elder of Gigleswecke Item I give and bequeath unto the said John Harrison one other close called Crommerrigge or Cromorrigge one parte improved parte not improved which Close I purchased of William Brayshay also I give unto the aforesaid John Harrison one parcell of Common & turbary Lyinge on LawkeLand more and the same to be hadd and taken there amongst the rest of the Tenements after the Rate of three shillings Rent he the said John Harrison payinge therefore unto the Cheife Lord their of the Annuall rent of two pence and further I give unto the aforesaid John Harrison and to his Executors Administrators and assignes all my goods Cattells Chattells debts and personall Estate whatsoever hee the aforesaid John Harrison payinge and dischargeinge ... of the same the severall gifts and Legacies hereafter in these presents Mentioned viz. To Edward Harrison sonne of William Harrison the sume of four pounds which he oweth me by bond and the same bond to be delivered unto him. Item I give unto Stephen Harrison the sume of Eight pounds. Item I give unto Thomas Watkinson Six pounds. Item I give unto Edward Harrison sonne of Robert Harrison the sume of one pound Item I give unto Isabel Harrison his sister the sume of one pound. Item I give unto John Harrison sonne of William Harrison the sume six shillings and the foure pounds thirteene shillings fouer pence he oweth unto me Item I give unto John Harrison sonne of John Harrison the sume of Tenne shillings Item I give unto Hugh Stackhouse of the harte head the sume of Two pounds Item I give unto Susanna Renoldson my servant if shee be my servant at my death the sume of Eight pounds if she be not my servant the sume of seven pounds. Item I give unto Margaret Stackhouse my servant if she be my servant att my death or Else not the sume of one pound fouer shillings Item I give unto Thomas Carr of Roomehouse the sume of six pounds Item I give unto Jane the wife of Richard Carr of Longrigge the sume of one pound. Item I give unto Ann Bentham of horton the sume of sixteene shillings Item I give unto Augustine Wray of Long Preston the sume of five shillings Item I give unto Margaret Wray daughter of the said Augustine one new Coverlet which was Last made one blankett on (*sic*) payre of sheets the one of them Linen and ye other camnes (?) one boulster of the midle sort Item I give unto Isabel Wray her sister one Redd petticoate Item I give unto Ann Wray there sister the Cloake which war (*sic*) my wives Item I give unto Margret Meadslay of Long Preston the sume of Twenty shillings and Lastly my will and

minde is that all these legacies ..... to be payed by my Executor hereafter named within Twelve Months after my decease and I will yt if any of the afforenamed Legatoryes do Refuse to give unto my said Executor a lawfull discharge upon the Receipt of his or her Legacy that then his or her parte so Refusinge to be utterly voyd and remaine to my Executor and the Residue and remainder of all my goods and Estate both Reall and personall I give unto my well beloved Nephew John Harrison sonne of Robert Harrison and I doe nominate and apointe the said John Harrison to be the Executor of this my Last will and Testament In wittnes whereof I have here unto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Thomas Harrison his Marke Wittnesses hereof Hugh Stackhouse William Bankes Tho. Carr Thomas Watkinson his Marke

*Lower Paley Green, Giggleswick modern spelling*

**MARGREAT HARTLAYE (née Brayshaw) of Langcliffe 1638 Borthwick ref. May 1639 Craven**

In the name of god Amen 15th. day of June 1638 I margreat hartlaye of Langclife widow sick in body but of perfect remembrance god be praised for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god my heavenly father and to Jesus Christ his only son by whose merits and precious blood-shedding I trust to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of giglesweeke at the discretion of my friends. And for my worldly goods first my mind is my debts to be paid of my whole goods Item my funeral expenses and church dues discharged my will and mind is that my brothers children that is to say my brother John and my brother Thomas Brayshay children shall have every one of them equal share of all my goods and likewise my \sister/ in law Syble brayshay to have an equal share amongst them. And Richard Brayshay<sup>jur</sup> whom I ordain and appoint to be my executor of this my last will and testament to him I give £3 6s 8d for his pains taking about the execution hereof over and besides his share amongst the rest of the said children.

Witnesse hereof

Thomas Sowden,	marke
Thomas Carr,	& sign
Thomas Paley,	of margreat hartlaye
Thomas Kydd <sup>jur</sup>	

*Langcliffe modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick “ “*

**ROBERT HEATON of Settle 1635 Borthwick ref: July 1635 Craven**

In the name of god Amen the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1635 I Robt Heaton of Settle within the parish of Giggleswicke and within the province of yorke singleman seeking the visitation of Almighty god yet never the less of good and perfect memory praised be him for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: first I commend my soul to Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer and

through his death and passion I hope in him to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Gigglesweeke shortly after my departure \out/ of this world wherein I now live.

Item I give unto my mother Issabell Luptonn £6 Item I give unto my sister Margret Lupton £10 Item I give unto Catherain Procter and Alice Procter either of them 20s to go forward to their use at the discretion of Leond Procter and Thomas Heatonn Item I give to my sister Ann £10 and one little chest Item I give to Thomas Walker 30s Item I \give/ unto my brother Thomas Heaton's children to Richard and Margret either of them 20s and all the rest of my goods movable and immovable I give them and part of them unto my brother Thomas Heaton he paying and discharging all my debts [*and*] legacies hereof made together with all other dues duties with funeral expenses and to bring honestly to the church according to my ability, hoping and faithfully desiring him to perform this my last will and testament whereof I make my said brother Thomas Heaton my whole executor according to the law.

Witnesses hereof

John Carr clerk  
and Richard Harrisonn mke

*Settle modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

#### **WILLIAM HELLES 1607 Borthwick v30 f456**

In the name of god Amen the twentieth day of May AD 1607 I William Helles of the lordship and parish of Giggleswick in the diocese of York sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god almighty do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First of all I commend and bequeath my soul unto the merciful hands of god almighty my maker, trusting and assuredly believing that my soul shall be saved not only by my merits and worldly passion but only through the death and blood shedding of my sweet saviour Christ Jesus and my sinful and corrupt body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid.

Item I do make hereby Agnes my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament unto whom I do by this my will give and bequeath fully and freely all and singular my titles of lands or tenements whether I now hold them by lease or customary estate wheresoever they lie she paying and faithfully discharging all my debts and legacies as hereafter shall be mentioned, that is to say first unto Isabell Armitstead my sister in law the sum of three score and six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence at such time as she shall accomplish her age of 21 years. And also give unto her the said Isabell one great brown cow which I lately purchased of Henry Becrofte to be delivered unto her at the end of three years or fifty shillings of money at the discretion of my executrix.

Item I give and bequeath unto John Hellis my brother my worst cloak and all my workday clothes, my workday hats and candlestick and one charger doubler at my fathers.

Item I give unto my youngest brother Robert Hells my wedding apparel my sword and dagger my boots bridle saddle and all riding furniture. I give to my sister Suzo..?) two children either of them ..... I give to my brother John's daughter ten shillings.

Item I give to every child which I (helped?) to give Christendom 6d. And also I give unto my father and mother as a token of my dutiful obedience either of them two shillings six pence. And I do make my brothers George Hells and John Hells, Richard Armetstead and John Lynsay supervisors of this my will and as assistants with my harty prayers unto them for their aid towards my executrix in performing of this my last will.

Item my further will is that if it so fall out that neither my executrix nor her assigns do discharge my legacies Richard Armetstead and his sureties against the said Isabell Armitstead for .....ing the child's portion and legacies before mentioned amounting in the whole ..... sum of one hundred pounds nor that the said Isabell will be contented to accept the tenement aforesaid in lieu thereof that then my cousin Richard Armitstead shall ..... have and hold the said tenement to the intent following viz to sell the same ..... for as much as he can and to pay therewith the said sum of one hundred pounds .... ..said Isabell. And the residue (if any be) unto my executrix or her assigns.

These being witness of my last will and testament Thomas Payley, John Lynsey the elder, Richard Armitstead, Roger Armetstead, Oliver Stackhouse, John Lawson & Thomas Eveson (?)

*Giggleswicke Gigglesweeke*

#### **WILLIAM HIND 1625 Borthwick v40 f316**

In the name of God Amen the ninth day of July in the year of our lord 1625 I William Hynd of Giggleswick in the county of York yeoman being of perfect health and memory god be praised yet knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour of death do nevertheless make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following revoking all former wills by me made.

First I commend my soul to the merciful hands of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer trusting through his merits and precious blood shedding to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven. And my body I commit to the earth from whence it came, to be buried within the parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my loving wife, kinsfolks and friends.

And as concerning my worldly estate wherewith god has blessed me I will and dispose thereof as follows: first I will and devise that my debts funeral expenses mortuary and other dues and duties belonging and due to the church be first paid and satisfied out of my whole goods and chattels, and the residue and remainder thereof I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife, she the said Elizabeth paying such legacies as hereafter is mentioned bequeathed and set forth out of the same. Item I give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth my wife and her assigns my dwelling house wherein I now dwell, and my garth or garden and all other my houses, closes and grounds whatsoever in Giggleswick aforesaid with their appurtenances To have and to hold the said dwelling house garth or garden and all other the said closes and grounds with their appurtenances to the said Elizabeth and her assigns for and during the term of 3 score and one years if she so long live and after her decease or expiration of the said term whether as shall sooner happen then to and for the use of and behoof of such

issue male or female as shall be by me begotten upon her body and believing at the time of her death for and during all such estate and estates as I have herein. And for want and default of such issue then to have and to hold all the said premises to the said Elizabeth my wife and to her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns that is to say so much and such part and parts her..... as are of my own freehold and inheritance to the only use and behoof of her the said Elizabeth and of her heirs and assigns for ever and all the residue and other parts thereof to and for the only use and behoof of her the said Elizabeth her executors, administrators and assigns for and during all such term and terms of years as I have therein by any lease or leases of six thousand years or otherwise from and under the right honourable Earl of Cumberland provided always and it is my will and mind that my said wife shall not sell ale or beer at any time or times hereafter during her life within my said dwelling house.

Item my will and mind is and I give and bequeath to Mr Shute for a sermon at my burial ten shillings.

Item my will and mind is that my wife shall bestow four pounds in charges of my funeral dinner. Item I give forty shillings to the poor to be distributed amongst them at my burial. Item I give to the ringers which shall ring at my burial six shillings eight pence. Item I give to Mr Henry Claphamson ten shillings. Item I give to Thomas Craven ten shillings. Item I give to Richard Hynd of Hanlith forty shillings. Item I give to Elizabeth Robinson my sister in law three pound, six shillings and eight pence. Item I give to William Lawson of Giggleswick ten shillings. Item I give to Thomas Pailey son of William Pailey of Giggleswick ten shillings. Item to my godson Hugh Stackhouse ten shillings. Item I give to Roger Falthropp my godson twelve pence. Item I give to Thomas Howson my godson twelve pence. Item I give to William Chippingdale my godson twelve pence. Item I give to my goddaughter Joan Lyndsey the daughter of William Lyndsey twelve pence. Item (to?) Thomas Foster son of John Foster of Feildyeate my godson twelve pence.

Item my will and mind is that if Robert Cooksonn of Settle do pay or satisfy all such debts as he owes me at my death unto my executrix hereafter named at such days and times as the sums are due to be paid that he the said Robert shall have one years interest money forgiven him but not otherwise.

And I do constitute and appoint my said wife Elizabeth to be executrix of this my last will and testament and I do desire the said William Lawson to be my supervisor thereof and to aid and assist my said wife in the execution of the Executorship according to my will and mind. These being witnesses Robert Cookson, William Lawson, John Windsor, Henry Lawson and Thomas Walker

*Giggleswicke*  
*Hanleth*  
*Settle*

**FRANCIS HIRDSON 1605 Borthwick v29 f690**

In the name of god Amen the thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and five I Francis Hirdson of Giggleswick in the county of York mercer sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (god be praised) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god hoping assuredly through the only merits of christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting and I commend my body to the earth whereof it is made. Item I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right or in conscience to any person or persons be well and truly contented and paid out of such leases and goods as I have and out of such debts as are owing to me which are the greatest part of my substance and will be a long time gathering up. therefore I hope and desire that my creditors will be contented to give some time for payment and I will that they be fully satisfied their due debts. Item whereas my brother Bryan Hirdson has long time been my servant and I hope will be aiding and assisting to my wife in selling of my wares in my shop at Settle and in collecting my debts justly and truly which without him will hardly be gotten. I do in consideration thereof and for the natural love I bear him give unto him the sum of forty pounds.

Item I give unto my brother Leonard Gibson his three children every of them ten shillings. I give to Hugh Preston forty shillings. Item I give to Bridget Preston and Kathryn Preston either of them ten shillings. Item I give and bequeath to Jane my daughter my lease and all my estate of and in my house in Giggleswick with all its appurtenances and all such lands, grounds, commons and appurtenances thereto belonging as I have in Giggleswick either taken in my own name or which I have bought and paid for and my assurances thereof not yet made or executed, to have and to hold to her and her assigns for and during such terms of years and estate or estates as I have or should have in them or any of them willing and desiring that the assurance hereafter to be had be taken at the discretion of my supervisors for the good of my children according to the true meaning of this my will.

Item I will that my said daughter Jane have and enter to my said house and grounds when she shall accomplish the age of twenty and one years or shall be married. In consideration whereof I will that she pay to her younger sister Margaret the sum of thirty pounds when she shall be married or shall accomplish the age of 21 years. And if my said daughter Jane do not pay the said sum of thirty pounds accordingly then my will is and I do give one full moiety of my said house and of all my other grounds and appurtenances in Giggleswick to Margaret my younger daughter and her assigns to have and enter thereto when she shall come to the age of twenty and one years or be married. And I will that my wife shall have the use, benefit and occupation of my said house and grounds in Giggleswick until my said daughters or the one of them shall enter thereunto at the time or times aforesaid (if she my said wife shall so long live). And for my other goods and chattels whatsoever my will is that my debts and funeral expenses being paid and performed and my wife having one third according to law and custom of the country and my children another third that then my legacies above limited be paid out of my part commonly called the deads part and the residue of the same my part I give to my said wife and children equally to be divided amongst them. And I will that my said wife shall have the custody and bringing up of my said daughters and to have allowance out of the increase of their portions for keeping of them at sight of my supervisors. And I will that she shall have one of their portions so that she first find security sufficient to be bound in the double value of the



said portion such as my supervisors shall take of for the payment of the said portion and the yearly interest or consideration thereof after the rate of fifteen pence for every pound. And I will that my brother Bryan shall have the moiety of the other portion upon like considerations.

And further my will and mind is that my said wife and my said brother Bryan or whosoever else as shall have the use and custody of my children's portions during their minorities according to this my will shall from time to time make and put in such security for the same and the increase thereof as my said supervisors shall think sufficient and if the(y) or any of them refuse or cannot put in such security then my will is that the said portions shall be letten out and disposed of for and during the minorities of my said children for and upon such security as my said supervisors and the survivors of them shall appraise and think sufficient from time to time.

Item my will is that my executors shall from time to time make account unto my supervisors for and touching the collection of my debts such as are due to me and for payment of such debts as I owe and for the settling of my children's portions when and as often as shall be required thereunto by them my said supervisors and the survivors of them.

And also my will is that my said daughters shall have their several portions when they shall accomplish their several ages of one and twenty years or within six months next after they be married. And if either of them die before she accomplish her full age of 21 years or be married then I will that the portion of her so dying shall be divided into four parts whereof my daughter surviving is to have two parts and my wife one part and that the fourth part be equally divided between my brother Bryan and my sister Mary.

Item I make and ordain Elizabeth my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament and lastly I do appoint and ordain my trusty friends George Heles of Burnsall, Gyles Parker of Newby, Robert Bankes of Giggleswick, Leonarde Gibson above named and Robert Carre of Stackhouse supervisors of this my will desiring them and every of them and giving them authority to see the same truly executed and performed according to my trust reposed in them. And I will that they and every of them taking pains in and about the same shall have their costs and charges born out of my whole goods. In witness whereof I have unto this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Witnesses: Robert Bankes, Thomas Craven, William Stackhouse and William Lupton(?)

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Gigleswicke  
Setle*

### **RALPH HODGSON 1616 Borthwick v34 f22**

In the name of god Amen the twelfth day of January AD 1615 I Ralph Hodgson of Settle in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god trusting assuredly through the merits and precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer to be made partaker of eternal joys in heaven and for my body I commit the same to the earth from whence it came, to be buried at the discretion of my wife children and friends.

Item my will is that my debts, I mean both that I did upon my own security as also what my son Anthoni stands bound for me shall be paid out of my whole goods. Also whereas I have conveyed my lands and tenements in Settle to feoffees in trust to certain uses contained and specified in those writings which were made upon the marriage of my son, my will is that my executors shall have all such interest for years or otherwise towards the bettering of my younger children's portions as in the same writings is limited unto me and mine assigns, out of my said lands and tenements and that my said executors shall perform such covenants with my said son as in the same writings is specified touching the crop to be made and delivered to him. Also whereas I have two parcels of ground and six shillings eight pence common which I had and purchased of John Heaton I will that my said son Anthony shall have them for that thirty pounds which he has at this time given me security by his bill. And for the grounds which I bought of Stephen Dockerry called Sandholmes with the writing thereof I give them and all my estate of them to John Carr of Tosside and Thomas Mitchell of Settle their executors and assigns in trust to be sold by them. And that the money to be had for the same shall be accounted amongst my other goods .

Item I give to my brother John and my sister Isabell either of them twenty shillings. And for my other goods and chattels my will is that my wife shall have her third part according to the custom of the county and my younger children unpreferred another third part and for my part called the deads part my will is it shall be equally divided among my said wife and younger children unpreferred. And I appoint Alice my said wife and the said John Carr my brother-in-law to be the executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses: Thomas Mitchell, John Carr, William Wiglesworth and William Lawson.

*Settle*

**JOHN HOLMES 1697 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle March 1697/8  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the Twenteey Third day of february In the year of our Lord According to the Computacon of the Church of England one Thousand six hundred ninety seven, I John Holms of Settle in the County of york husbandman being sick in body but of sound and pfect memory (Thankes be to God therefore) do make This my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to say Commending my soul to God almighty and by the merits of Christ beleaving my salvation in hopes of A joyfull Resurrection, I Commit my body to the Earth to bee buried at the discrecon of my Executrix heare after named; And of the worldly Estate where with God hath blessed me, Thereof I dispose As followeth, Impr. I do hereby devise and bequeath unto My beloved wife Mary Holmes all that my now dwelling house with the Garding thereunto belonging for and during ye Terme of sixty \years/ if she so long shall live, and After the time of her death It is my will that my Grandchild John Kennan his Execurs. Admirs and Assignees shall have and hould the sd my now dwellinghouse with the garding theareunto belonging and the Appurtenances for and during ye rest Residue and Remender of four hundred and fifty years, provided that he the sd John Kennan do pay or cause to be paid unto Jane Brooksbank my Grandchild the sum of Three pounds of good and lawfull money of England, and for non payment

of the Above sd som, it is my will yt(*that*) my Grandchild Jane Brooksbanke shall enter and have one third part of my house and garding Above mentioned whilst ye Above sd som be paid to her Item I give unto my two sons in Law John Kennan and Arthur Brooksbank either of them twelve pence, Item I give unto my grand Child John Kennan all my Apparrell, hearby revoking all other and former wills I do hearby Constitute and nominate my sd wife Mary Holmes sole Executrix heare of, In witness where of I have heare unto sett my hand and seal the day and year first Above sd Seald signed and published in the sight of us

Adam Lawson jurat

William Lupton

John Wildman

his marke

John **H** Houlmes

Febye 28 – 1697

Then An Appraismt: made of the Goods & Chattells of John Holmes Late of Settle decd by us whose names are underwritt

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In the Buttery A pcell of .....thers 2 potts one Barrell & 2 pans	00	06	00
In the house One Galley 1 Cupboard a pcell of pewter 2 Chaires 3 Stooles 1 Planke? One Spade	01	01	00
The house and Garden	09	00	00
Tot.	12	00	00

Appraisers

Adam Lawson

Jo. Wildman

Rogr. Preston

Tho. Ridgaw his marke

**THOMAS HOLMES 1658 The National Archives PROB 11/283**

Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen**

The fifth day of May in the yeare of our Lord (according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred fiftie eight I Thomas Holmes of Settle in the Countie of Yorke being sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance Praised be God doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner following Revoking all other wills and testaments by me formerly made at any time And first I doe commit and willingly resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through the mercie and by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and remission of all my sinnes And my bodie to the earth whereof it was made to be buried at my parish Church of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends And for my worldly and temporall goods and estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as followeth First it is my will and mind that my debts legacies and funerall expences be paid out of my whole goods And if my said goods will not extend to pay satisfie and discharge all my debts, funerall Expences and legacies yet in arreare, which by the last will of

Thomas Mitchell deceased may be charged upon me, then I will and doe hereby authorize my executor hereunder named to demise letten sell so much and such part of my cottage or dwelling house wherein I now live, my lath or barne stable turfe house garden and their appurtenances or so many of them as at the discretion of my Executor shalbe necessarie and sufficient for paying and satisfying of all the remainder of my said debts funerall expences and legacies together with such reasonable charges as my executor shalbe any way put unto concerning the said executorship And after the same be satisfied I doe give unto Margaret my now wife, and to her heires and Assignes for ever my said Cottage or dwelling house with all its appurtenances And also I doe give my lathe or barne, turfhouse, garden and stable with all thappurtenances unto my said wife Margaret and to her executors and Assignes for all the revercon of a lease of three thousand ~~pounds~~ yeares for which I am interested in the same And if any thing remaine of my goods and personall estate from the payment of my debts, funerall expences and legacies Then I doe give all that remainder wholly unto my said wife Margaret her executors and Assignes Also I doe make nominate and appoint Francis Lund late of Airton sole executor of this my last will and testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first abovewritten Thomas Holmes marke Witnesses hereof John Tennant Nicholas Hauckshead Alice Knight John Sackhouse(*sic*)

**This** two and twentieth day of November Letters of Administration issued forth unto Margaret Holmes the Relict and principall Legatarie named in the abovewritten will of the said Thomas Holmes deceased to administer the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased according to the tenor and effect of the said will She being first sworne by virtue of a Commission issued forth in that behalfe well and truly to administer For that Francis Lund the executor named in this said will departed this life before he made probate thereof/

**WILLIAM HOLMES 1693 Ref. Borthwick.York. Nov. 1693 (Admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & perfect Invent: of one smale Cottage & little Garden hereunto belonging, of William Holmes late of Settle, within ye parish of Giggleswicke in Craven & the County of yorke late deceased-apprized this Twenty third day of October-1693- by us whose names are hereunder written

Impr. one smale Cottage & little Garden  
in a great measure ruinous

03. 10. 00

Apprized names

Roger R (his marke) Cambe - Thomas (R?)alfe  
Robert Hodgson Wm. Tennant

**AGNES HOUGHTON 1662 Ref.Borthwick.York.v45 f409**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord God accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred sixty two I Agnes Houghton late of Birkelands and now of Hugganhouse in the pish of Gigeswicke County of yorke widdow the Relict of Henry Houghton deceased beinge sicke in body but of good and pfect remembrance prayed be God doe make this my Last will and Testament in manner and Forme followinge hereby Revokinge all wills by me Formerly made, First I doe Comitt and willingly Resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through his mercy and by the merritts of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have pdon and Remission of all my sinnes and my body to the Earth whereof it was made to be buryed at my pish Church of Gigeswicke att the discretion of my Friends, And for my worldly and temporal goods and estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth, First I will that my debts and Funerall expenses be payd out of my whole goods, Item I will that my Executor here under named shall pay unto Robert Ardington my brother in Law that Five pounds which I am oweinge unto him and for which he hath a bill or writeinge under my hand, Item I give unto Leonard watkinson tenn shillings and to his brother Thomas watkinson tenn shillings Item I give unto Richard Husband als Lakeland twenty pounds in Moneys and the Reversion of my Lease and my Rainge Brandreth Cupbord dishbord table Arke two Chests loose boards wood and shelves and the one half of my household goods and beddinge Excepting one pair of (sheets) which I give unto Katherine Carr and Anne Carr daughters of Richard Carr of Grainhouse Equally between them, Item I give unto Margaret Carr daughter of the said Richard Carr half of my household goods and bedding Except as aforesayd, to be delivered unto her when she attains one and twenty yeares of age or at her Marriage if she shall Marry before she attain that age. Item I give to the sayd Margaret Carr my best Chest And if she dye before she attain one and twenty years of age, Then I give it to her sister Katherine, And if she dye before that age, then I give it to her sister Anne, Item I give unto the sayd Anne Another Chest to be delivered to her when she attain fourteen yeares of age, Item I give to Stephen Holgates wife tenn shillings, Item I will that my Executor shall pay unto Richard Carr of Grainhouse Twenty nobles which I promised him heretofore Item I give to the Five Children of the sayd Richard Carr Thirty three pounds to be divided and payd \in manner/ here under Expressed That is to say to Margaret, Nyne pounds to Katherine Five pounds to Anne Seven pounds to John six and to Thomas Carr six pounds And I will that my Executor shall pay unto every one of the sayd five Children their abovesaid severall Legacies with use for the same after twelve pence apound If they shall attain their several age of Twenty six yeares or at the tyme of their marriage if any of them doe marry before that age, And if any of them dye unmarried before they attain that age Then the legacies of them or any of them so dyinge to be equally divided amongst the survivors Item I give to Henry walmsley Twenty shillings, And if he dye before me I give the same to his Daughter Margaret Item I give to Henry Wilkinson six shillings eight pence Item I give to Elizabeth Bancks of Hugganhouse tenn shillings and to her son william tenn shillings Item I give to John Carr of Israel and his Four Children Five pounds equally amongst them Item I will that my Executors shall pay to John Lund of hillyfield Three pounds which I promised him Item I give to Richard Fosters wife of Clapham Forty shillings, Item I give to maystor or dame of that house when I shall dye Four pounds Item I give to

Anne the daughter of James Foster five shillings to buy two lambs Item I give to Jane the wife of Robert Ardington my best Red petticoat but one, Item I give to the above named three daughters of the above sayd Richard Carr All my Cloth(es) wollin and lining which I have not hereby before given or shall give before my Death, And I will that the same clothes shall be put and kept for there uses in that Chist which I have hereby before given them I do entreat Thomas Foster of Fieldgate and Alice his wife to suffer the said Chist and Clothes to remain in the house and to deliver and give the same Clothes to the said Children or any of them when and at such tymes as the said Thomas Foster and Alice his wife and Richard husband alis Lakeland shall think fit and the Children shall have need, And that the sayd Richard Husband alis Lakeland shall keep the key of the Chist until it be to be delivered as I have before set down. Also I will that the poore people that Comes to my doole# shall have two pence a piece, Item I give tenn shillings for A sermon to be preached att my Funerall which I desire may be preached by Mr. Cromlome, I will that the Ringers \shall/ have five shillings \Item I give to John Armitsteads wife of holling hall five shillings And to Alice Bancks at Greene five shillings/ and to Robert Wetherall five shillings, And to Addam Willson A table and one shilling I give to John and Thomas Carr sons of Richard my best greene safegard Item I will that my Executors shall pay Thirty Four shillings to such pson or psons as I shall order or promise or will the same to be paid or given at any tyme before my Death, I will that my Funeral Diner shall be at M<sup>r</sup> Willkens And I do make and appoint Anthony Foster of Rawthmell sole Executor of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereto putt my hands and seale the day and year first above written, Agnes Houghton her marke witnesses hereof Richard Husband alis Lakeland Bryan Cookeson

# Doole / doolmeats – funeral provisions.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Rathmell* “ “

## **HENRY HOUGHTON 1657 The National Archives PROB 11/261**

Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen** The seaven and twentieth day of December in the yeare of our Lord accordinge to the computation of the Church of England One thousand Six hundred fiftie Six I Henerie Houghton of Birklands in the mannor of Rawtwell within the parish of Giggleswicke and Countie of Yorke husbandman, beinge sicke and infirme in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followeing. First I committ and willingly resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator trustinge through his mercy and by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely redeemer to bee saved and to have full pardon and remission of all my sinnes, and my bodie to the earth whereof it was made to bee buried in my parish Churchyard of Giggleswicke att the discretion of my freinds, revokeinge hereby all wills by mee formerly made. And for my worldly and Temporall goods and estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as followeth. First I will that my debts and funerall expences bee payd out of my whole goods. Allsoe I doe give and bequeath unto Robert Ardington of Hengill and to Jane his wife the summe of Tenne pounds with the Consideration due for the same which is upon specialtie due and owinge unto mee by the severall persons hereunder named. That is to say five pounds due upon bonds by Thomas Swainson of Rawthwell and William Johnson. Allsoe three pounds due upon bond by Henerie Wilkinson and Thomas Wilkinson. Allsoe twentie shillings due upon bill by John Armitsteade of Capleside and

twentie shillings due upon bill by Elizabeth Wilson of Brackinber and Thomas Wilson. And I will that my Executrix hereunder named shall upon reasonable demand after my decease deliver the above sayd bonds and bills with a letter of attorney to my sayd brother in lawe Robert Ardington and Jane his wife if upon receipte of the sayd bonds and bills they will give and seale unto my Executrix a generall and absolute acquittance or otherwise my Executrix to keepe the sayd specialties and to receive the sayd moneys to and for her owne use. And that my sayd brother in lawe shall not sue any of my sayd debtors before six months next after my decease. Allsoe I give unto Roger Knowles and to Thomas Knowles his sonne equally betweene them one bond or obligacion Conditioned for the payment of six pounds seaven shillings by Alice Clarke and William Hammerton if upon receipte of the same Bond they will give to my Executrix a generall Release. Allsoe I doe give unto Isabell Houghton Twentie shillings and to Leonard Watkinson Fortie shillings, both which sayd summes beinge three pounds are owinge unto mee by the sayd Leonard by bond. Allsoe I give unto John Carr of Israell twelve shillings. Allsoe I give unto Jane Browne wife of William Browne of Austwicke five shillings. Allsoe I give unto Richard Husband of Setle my shapen clothes. Allsoe I doe give all the remainder of my goods chattells and Creditts whatsoever unto Agnes my wife whome I doe nominate and appointe sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament. And I will that shee shall give a pennie to everie poore person that shall come to my doale. In wittnes whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written, Henerie Houghton his marke witnesses hereof Richard Carr his marke Brian Cookson Januarie the fourteenth One Thousand Six hundred fiftie six Henerie Houghton desired mee to reade this will and sett my hand to wittnes it Anthony Fauster

**This will was proved att London** The Twentieth day of the month of March accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England One Thousand Six hundred fiftie six before the Judges for probate of Wills and grantinge administrations lawfully authorised by the oathe of Agnes Houghton the relict of the sayd deceased and sole Executrix named in the sayd will. To whome was committed administration of all and singular the goods chattells and debts of the said deceased shee beinge first sworne in due forme of lawe by vertue of a Commission well and truly to adminster the same.

Rathmell modern spelling  
 Giggleswick " "  
 Settle " "

**JAMES HOUGHTON 1681 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol 61 fol 182  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I James Houghton of Rawthmell in the County of yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God for the same doe make and declare this my last will and testament in manner & forme Following revokeing all other wills by me heretofore made; And First I doe recommend my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker hopinge through the merrits and satisfaction of my Redeemer Christ Jesus to obtain pardon of sin and everlasting life; And for all my temporall goods Cattells and Chattells wholly reall or personall of what kinde or nature soever the same be I doe wholly give and bequeath the same unto Issabell my now wife to the sole use and behoofe of her the said Issabell her Executors Administrators and Assignes my debts and funerall expences beinge in the First place satisfied and discharged out of the same; And more particularly I doe give unto my said wife Issabell all that my Med(ow) Close called by the name of Hudholme lying within the Territories and Townfeilds of Rawthmell and formerly belonging the Manor of Long Preston being of the Antient yearly rent of

Eighteen pence and containeing one acre and halfe be it more or less; To have and to hold the same to the said Issabell her Executors Administrators and Assignes for all the residue of that terme of three thousand years for which I hold the same by grant from the late Honorable Francis Earle of Cumberland and Henry Lord Clifford his son, Provided alwaies that if my son Lawrence Houghton doe pay unto my said wife Issabel the sume of twenty Nobles of currant English money before or upon the second day of february next ensueing the date hereof; And likewise if at the time of the said payment my said son Lawrence enter into three severall bonds to my now wife Issabell for the payment of twenty pounds in three years that is to say the sum of twenty Nobles yearly for three years thence next ensueing to her the said Issabell her Executors Administrators or Assignes then my will is that my said son Lawrence shall have the said Hudholme Close and the same shall remain to him his Executors Administrators and Assignes for all the residue of the abovesaid terme and my said wife Issabell shall thereupon surrender up and Release the same to my said sonn But if the said sum be not paid and the said bonds given to my said wife in manner above proposed at the said first day of payment above limited, Then my will is that th(is) proviso be wholly voyd And I desire my said wife Issabell to sell the said Close for payment of my debts and funerall Expences Item I give unto Richard Houghton my son the sum of twenty shillings, to be paid to him within one year after my decease; And I doe nominate and appoint my said wife Issabell sole Executrix of this my last will and testament; In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal (this twenty fifth day of february in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England One thousand six hundred, Eighty One James Houghton his marke Wittnesses hereof Thomas Knowles John Knowles Henry Clarke

*Rathmell modern spelling*

### **ROBERT HOWSON of Settle 1636 Borthwick ref: 1636/37 March**

In the name of God Amen the eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord 1636 I Robert Howson of Settle in the county of yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect memory (praised be to God) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer, trusting and constantly believing through the merits and precious blood shedding of my sweet Saviour Christ to be made partaker of eternal felicity in heaven, and I bequeath my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends. Item it is my will and mind that my debts \and funeral expenses shall be/ deducted and paid out of my whole goods and for the remainder of the said goods my will is that the same shall be divided equally into three parts and that Mary my wife shall have one third part thereof according to law and custom of the country. And for the other two parts I give \out of my part called the deads part ten pounds to John Howson my eldest son and for the rest and residue thereof/ my will is that the same shall be divided amongst my \younger children/. Item I give unto \the said/ John Howson my eldest son my mansion or dwelling house wherein I dwell together with the barn and all other the houses garths crofts liberties and easements thereunto belonging \and also one close called Miredales and two parcels the one lying on Thornebarr and the other on Grayterlands containing about one acre/ which I hold by estate of inheritance in fee. To have and to hold the same to the said John Howson his heirs and assigns forever. And \as concerning/ the two closes called Aynelays, and the other \little/ parcells with the 6s 8d common thereto belonging which I had from my father and also the five shilling three pence common which I had from William Windser and John Poole and all other my grounds and commons in Settle \and elsewhere/ which I had by lease or leases my will is that the same



shall be employed and set forth by my executors hereafter named for and towards the better maintenance and bringing up of my younger [sons erased] children for and during such time and term and until the said John Howson my eldest son shall, or should, accomplish the full age of twenty and four years and after such time as he shall accomplish \or ...../ his said age of twenty and four years then I give the residue and remainder of all the said grounds commons and other things which I hold by lease and leases to him the said John Howson his executors and assigns to his and their only use and uses for and during all the rest and residue of the several and respective terms which then shall be to come and be unspent \of the lease or leases or other assignments whereby I hold/ always allowing unto Mary my wife his natural mother the use and occupation of \third part/ of the same premises for and during so many years of the several terms thereof as she shall be, and so that he the said John \his executors or assigns/ shall at the time of such his entry give and pay unto every of my said younger children which then shall be living fifty shillings a piece.

And I do nominate and appoint Isabel \jur/Howson \my natural mother/ and my uncle John Carr to be the joint executors of this my last will and testament.

These being Witnesses: William \jur/ Bankes,

Thomas \jur/ Carr

Robart Howson

Willim \jur/ Foster

Wm Carr

Will \jur/ Lawson

John Howsonn

*Settle modern spelling*

*On separate sheet*

Testament Robt.

Howson 11 November

1636 .....

## **JOHN HOWSON 1612 Borthwick v32 f232**

In the name of god Amen the eleventh day of September in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and twelve I John Howsonne of Settle in the county of York blacksmith being somewhat visited with sickness but of good and perfect memory god be praised therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend and commit my soul into the hands of my only redeemer and sweet saviour Jesus Christ by whose only merits and mercy I trust to be made partaker of everlasting joy in heaven, desiring him to pardon and forgive all my offences and to give me strength against all temptations and to [*smudge*] grant that I may willingly leave the world and make a godly end. And for my body I will that the same be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends.

Item my will is and I give devise and bequeath unto Issabell my loving wife and her assigns the use and occupation of all my now dwelling house in Settle and the moiety or half of all my other houses, edifices and buildings in Settle aforesaid (excepting one house standing on the backside of my dwelling house commonly called the turfhouse) and also the full moiety of all my garths, gardens, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances in Settle aforesaid for and during the term of her natural life if she continue so long unmarried again after my decease, and if she marry again then she to have her third during her life. Also, I give and bequeath unto the said Issabell my wife and to her assigns my lease of the new fields which I have of

the demise and grant of Giles Tennant and all my estate right title interest and term of years therein whereof about fourteen years are yet unspent and unexpired, .

Item I give unto the said Issabell my wife and to her assigns the use and occupation of the full moiety or half of all those my two closes called Ayneley closes and of all my other grounds and of the attermierdall commons and other appurtenances of the yearly rent of six shillings eight pence which I lately bought of Thomas Procter of Lancaster and Elizabeth his wife and which were sometime parcel of and belonging to the tenement late in the occupation of Thomas Howsonne my late brother deceased in Settle aforesaid and are holden by long lease, to have and to hold the said moiety to my said wife and her assigns from and immediately after the time of my natural decease for and during the term of fifty one years then next following if she so long live and continue in her widowhood unmarried again after my decease. And if she marry again then I give and bequeath unto her and her assigns the use and occupation of one full third part thereof from the time of her marriage again unto the end of the said term of fifty one years if she so long live.

And whereas I have by my deed in writing lawfully executed bearing the date of this my present last will and testament given and granted unto Thomas Howsonne my second son and to his heirs forever all that my house in Settle aforesaid called the smithie and one acre of arable ground lying on Nadbreakes in Settle aforesaid and also one house now in the occupation of Margaret Tompsonne widow and of Elizabeth Howsonne one croft called Ivesons grass garth and one little garth thereto adjoining and one attermiredale and two shillings common thereto belonging and also all those parcels of ground being of the yearly rent of three shillings four pence and sixteen pence rent of the commons which I lately bought and purchased of John Heaton as appears by a deed dated the fourteenth day of May in the fourth year of his majesty's reign that now is (excepting one half rood lying on reedlands which I sold to Robert Carr and his heirs) I do hereby satisfy ratify and confirm the said deed and estate thereby made to my said son Thomas Howson and his heirs forever to and for the uses and under the conditions therein specified.

And for the said Ayneley closes other grounds and commons with their appurtenances sometimes parcels of my said brother Howson's tenement being of the rent of six shillings eight pence before mentioned which I hold by long lease I do hereby give devise and bequeath the same and all my estate right title interest term claim and demand therein and all my writings scripts and evidences concerning the same unto Robert Howson my youngest son and to his lawful issue and the assigns of such issue and in default thereof then to the said Thomas Howson my second son and to his lawful issue and the assigns of such issue and in default thereof then to the lawful issue of Henry Howson my eldest son and the assigns of such issue (my wife's said right in and to the moiety or third of the said premises as may befall her according to the limitations and for the term before herein expressed accepted and always forprised)

And as touching the said house called the turfhouse and all my other lands tenements and hereditaments in Settle aforesaid which I hold in fee farm of the right honourable the Earl of Cumberland and likewise for the reversion of my mansion or dwelling house and of that moiety or half of my said lands before limited to my said wife after her decease or marriage again I do hereby give, devise and bequeath the same to the

heirs of the body of Henry Howson my said eldest son by him lawfully begotten or to be begotten forever. And in default thereof then to Thomas Howson my second son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten for ever. And in default thereof then to the said Robert Howson my third son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten for ever. And in default thereof then to the right heirs of me the said John Howson for ever.

And as concerning my other goods wherewith god has blessed me my will is that my due debts mortuary and funeral expenses shall first be deducted and paid out of the whole and that the rest be divided into three parts whereof I will that my wife have one third part according to the custom of the country and my said three children another part equally among them. And out of the other third commonly called the deads part I give these legacies that is to say first to the poor people of this parish of Giggleswick twenty shillings to be distributed at the discretion of master Shute and my executors. Item I give unto my father-in-law William Carr twenty shillings. I give to my sister Margaret Howson the wife of Adam Howson a cow or thirty shillings in money. Item to Alice Armetstead widow six shillings eight pence. Item to Arthur Middopp a gimmer lamb and to my goddaughter Jennet Thomson daughter of George Thomson another gimmer lamb and to every other of my god children twelve pence apiece. And for the residue of the same third called the deads part I give the one half thereof unto my said wife desiring her therefore to keep and bring up Issabell Howson the daughter of my said son Henrie during her nonage if she the said Issabell will accept it and be contented to abide with my said wife and the other half I give to my said sons Thomas and Robert equally between them. And I do hereby nominate and appoint Issabell my said wife and Thomas Carr her brother to be the executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Adam Somerscales, Robert Swainson, Richard Somerscales, William Carr, Ralph Hodgeson, William Remington, John Carr William Lawson.

*Settle*  
*Giggleswicke*

**JOHN HOWSON 1664 Ref. Borthwick, York vol.47 fol.49**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I John Howson of Settle beinge sick of body and of pfect Memory God be prayes doe make and ordaine this Twenty seaventh Day of January 1664 this my last will and testament in manner and Form followinge That is to say First I Comend myselfe both soule and body into the hands of God my Maker hopeinge Assuredly through the onely Merritts and mercies of Jesus Christ my Lord and onely Saviour to be made ptaker of life everlastinge And by the virtue and power of his death to rise Againe att the last day And I Comend my body to the earth to be buried att the discretion of my Friends, It is my will that such debts and duties as I owe of right or of Conscience to any pson or psons and my Funerall Expenses shall be deducted and payd out of my whole goods: And the remainder of my goods beinge devided into three Equal parts My wife Katherine to have her third part Accordinge to the Lawdable Custome of the Country: And the other two parts the Remainder of my goods to be Equally devided Amongst my Foure Daughters and my younger sonne

John Howson: And I give and bequeath unto Robert Howson my Eldest sonne my Mansion house in Settle and all my Lands and Comons both Free Lands and Lease to enter to them when he shall Accomplish the Full age of one and twenty yeares, Provided that my sayd sonne Robert shall pay unto my said Foure Daughters and my younger sonne John to Each of them Twenty Five pounds a peece and Mary my Eldest Daughter be payd when he Comes (to witt) my sonne Robert, to Accomplish the age of Twenty two yeares and A halfe: And to Isabell my second Daughter when he shall be twenty & three years of age And the other three younger Children Elizabeth, John and Katherine Howson there portions of Twenty Five pounds as they shall Accomplish the age of Twenty one yeares. And For want of payment of any of the sayd portions I appoint and my will is that they shall Enter to Aynleyes and Sawworth and Stirskill Close occupy and possess them until such tyme as they shall be satisfied For the vallue of there sayd portions, hereby in this my last will appointed: And if any of my sayd Four Daughters and John my sonne shall dye before there portions shall be growe due, My will is that it shall be Equally devided Amongst the Survivors and my Eldest sonne Robert, And I further \appoint/ to this my last will and testament Katherine my wife and Thomas Howson my brother joint executors and supervisors In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the Day and yeare Above written: John Howson: Sealed and signed in the presence of John Wildeman Adam Egling AE marke

May 1665

*Settle modern spelling*

**THOMAS HOWSON 1604 Borthwick v29 f312**

In the name of god Amen the fourteenth day of May in the second year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God king of England France and Ireland etc and of his reign of Scotland the thirty seventh 1604 I Thomas Howson of Settle in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz

First and principally I bequeath and commit my soul to almighty god through the merits of the death and passion of whose son I hope to be partaker of everlasting life and my body to be buried within the parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my well beloved friends.

Item my will and mind is that William Ambrose and Robert Howson my three youngest children shall have after my decease the title interest claim and tenant right of my tenement situate lying and being in Settle aforesaid with all profits thereunto belonging if in case it be not redeemed by the right honourable George Earl of Cumberland Lord of the same or his assigns at or before the third day of February and the five and twentieth day of January next immediately following the date hereof for ever the third part thereof reserved according to the custom of the country to Marye Howson now my wife with the Licence of the Lord during her widowhood.

Item my will and testament is that if the same be redeemed by the said eEarl or his assigns as is supposed and if the law then do not permit the same to my said children as aforesaid then I wholly refer it to the wise consideration and dispose of my lord himself to be given and bequeathed to whom of the children it shall please his Honour beseeching his Honour then it may be given to my youngest child Robert and that the other children may be educated and brought up thereon till they accomplish and shall come to the age of fifteen years each severally.

Item for all my goods and credits after my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged my will and testament is that they be divided into three equal parts whereof my said wife Mary shall have the first, my children the second part equally to be divided amongst them and the third and last part appertaining to myself my will and mind is that Jane my daughter shall have one third part and the residue to be given and distributed to my youngest children that is to say Christopher Ambrose Willm and Robert equally to be divided amongst them.

Item I make and ordain my brother John Howson of Settle aforesaid to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses hereof Thomas Brayshaye Anthonye Browne Robet (*sic*) Atkinson and Gyles Kirkby

*Settle*

*Gigleswicke*

**ISABELL HOWSONNE (widow) of Langcliffe 1639 Borthwick ref. July 1640 Craven**

In the name of God Amen upon the nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord god according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred thirty and nine I, Isabell Howsonne of Langcliff in the county of york widow, sick in my body yet of perfect mind and memory, I praise god for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my Creator trusting assuredly through the precious blood-shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Gigleswick, at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, and of other my friends. And whereas I am named executrix and have taken upon me the executorship to Robert Howson my late son deceased my will and mind is that my executors hereafter named shall have all the charge of all my said son Robt his children, and of their portions, until such time as they the said children shall respectively accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years. And forth of my personal estate I give and bequeath the same as follows, First whereas I have been at great costs and charges about the procuring and buying of the wardship and marriage of John Howson my grandchild to the value of thirty seven pounds or thereabouts I do hereby freely give, acquit and discharge him the said John Howson of the charge and burden thereof. And over and besides that I give and bequeath to the said John Howson ten pounds towards binding him apprentice. And also I give to the said John Howson my grandchild two iron chimneys, three pair of bed stocks, certain little shelf boards, one cheese press, two chests, one bible, one cradle, one ark, one great stone trough, three other stone troughs, one rack and one

manger and six boards all which I would have to remain for him as heirlooms. And also I give to the said John Howson one other chest, one featherbed and bolster, three little short cotts # one pair of blankets, two coverlets, two pair of sheets, five set cushions, one frying pan and a creshett #, one pair of yarn windles#, one little pan, one chair, two stools, one pair of combs, one barrel, one spinning wheel, one other chest and one silver spoon. Item I give to Willm Howson my grandchild one chest, one chaff bed and two bolsters two coverlets two pair of canvisse # sheets and one silver spoon.

Item I give to my executors hereafter named ten pounds equally to be divided between them. Item I give to Henry Howson ten shillings. I give to John Howson at Newcastle five shillings. Item I give to my cousin Margarett Burk ten shillings. Item I give to four of the youngest of my brother Thomas his children ten shillings a piece, and to John Gibbs ten shillings.

Item I give to Leond Howson my grandchild one silver spoon and to \Thomas/ and Robert Howson my grandchildren \either of them one/ silver spoon.

And all the rest of my goods not hereby formerly bequeathed, I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided amongst the children of my said son Robt Howson to be paid unto them as they shall accomplish their several lawful ages of twenty and one years saving that my will and mind is that Robt Howson my grandchild shall have three pounds six shillings eight pence more than the rest of his brothers. And also my will and mind is that my executors shall have all the charge \care/ and

trust of the portions and legacies of my said son Robt Howson his children till they shall accomplish their said several ages and that none other person or persons but my executors shall have anything to do concerning the said children or their portions. And my will and mind is that if any of my said son Robert his children do decease before they do accomplish their said several ages that then their portion so dying shall remain to the other living equally amongst them.

Item I give to my daughter in law Marie Tailor one side saddle, and in case she benefit of my grandchild John Howson his own portion and these my legacies to him; will not extend to maintain him till he shall accomplish his full age of 21 years that then my will and mind is that she shall be maintained forth of my goods.

And my will and mind is that my apparel shall be divided amongst my friends according as I have given directions to my brother John Carr and my will and mind is that Christopher Lupton shall have 20s abated at the last end when he discharges all his debts due to me. And I nominate and appoint John Carr<sup>jur</sup> my brother and Willm Carr<sup>jur</sup> my cousin to be joint executors of this my last will and testament.

These being Witnesses Thomas Carr, signed Isabell Howson mark

Thomas Paley<sup>jur</sup>

Anthony \jur/ Bainbrigg

*Langcliffe modern spelling*

*Giggleswick “ “*

*# codd – pillow or cushion*

*# cressett - small vessel of iron to hold grease or oil to be burnt for light, mounted on a pole or hung from roof, or brazier*

*# windles – appliances for winding thread / spindles*

*# canvisse– fine unbleached cloth made of flax or hemp*

*set (cushions) - settle or seat*

### **ANDREW HUDSON 1688 Ref.Borthwick.,York. Vol.61 fol.59**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen, This twentieth day of July in the yeare our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred eighty eight I Andrew Hudson of Winskall in the pish of Giggleswick in the County of yorke husbandman being weake and infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following hereby revoakeing all former and other will or wills by me heretofore made and first and principally, I Commend and Council my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and through the merrits and mediation of Jesus Christ my saviour my sinns shall be forgiven And that my soule shall be made partaker of everlasting happiness in the Kingdome of heaven, And my body to be buried in the Parrish Church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my freinds & Executrix hereafter named; And as to the temporall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose as Followeth; And First my will and minde is that my just debts and funerall expences shall be paid out of my whole goods, Cattells and Chattells; And as to the rest and residue thereof I give and bequeath the same unto Jaine Hudson my loveing wife; Item my will and minde is that she shall pay unto

John Hudson my brother five shillings within the space of one yeare next after my decease as a legacy; Item I give unto the said John Hudson my brother my rideing Coate and my bootes; And Lastly I doe nominate constitute and appointe my said wife Jaine sole Executrix of this my last will and testament; In Wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Andrew Hudson his marke sealed signed and published in the presence of us Antho: Armistead John Tayler James Tayler his marke

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Winskill " "*

**RICHARD HUITSON Inv. 1699 Ref. Borthwick.York. June 1699(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory of the Lease Lands sometime belonging unto Richard Huitson als Oatson late of Langcliffe decd made and Appraized by us whose names are Subscribed this Nineteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord according to ye Computation of ye Church of England One Thousand six hundred ninety nine /1699 / as followeth

	Li	s	d
Imprimis one small parcel of arable Land called ye Pike	07	03	00
It: Common of Pastur lying & being on ye Daw=haw within ye Township of Langcliffe aforsd.	02	07	00
Totall	09	10	00

R. Akinson  
Richd. Lawson  
Willm Bradley  
William Carr

**HENRY HURTLEY 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Apl.1693  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God amen the Twenty fifth day of February In the year of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred Ninety Two I Henry Hurtley of Settle in ye County of yorke Butcher being sick in body, yet of Good and perfect memory & calling to minde ye fraile & uncertaine estate of this Transitory life, & knowing yt all Flesh must yield into death When it shall please Almighty God to call, Do make constitute ordaine and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme following Revoking and by these presents disannulling all and every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made & declared either by word or Writing: and that this be taken for mine only last Will and Testament and none other:And first being penitent for my Sins; and by ye merits of Jesus Christ beleiving stedfastly yt I shall aassuredly be saved, Do give and commit my Soul unto Almighty God, and my Body to be decently buried in ye Church Yard of Giggleswicke at ye discretion costs and



charges of mine Executrix hereafter in these presents named: And for ye better Settlement of such Temporal estate Goods Chattels and Debts as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on me: I do ord: dispose and give the Same in manner and forme following (That is to say) First it is my Will and pleasure yt funeral expenses, all other dues, debts, & just demands whatsoever by me owing in sight or conscience to any person or persons whomsoever be well and truly paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease by mine Executrix hereafter named: Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Isabel Hurtle All yt dwellinghouse wherein I ye sd Henry Hurtle do now live; together with all and singular Appurtenances thereunto belonging And all deeds evidences and writings wich do in any wise concerne ye same, To be had and holden by ye sd. Isabel Hurtle her Executors & Administrators for and during such terme and Terms of years as be mentioned in ye sd. Writings. Item I give and bequeath unto Isabel my said wife all \other/ my Goods Cattels, debts, ready money, Apparel, Utensils Brasse pewter, Beds Bedding, household stuffe and all other my substance whatsoever movable & immovable, quick and dead of what kinde, nature, or quality soever the same are or be, as well in my custody as in ye possession of others, And lastly That this my last will and Testament may be honestly and truly performed I ye sd. Henry Hurtle by these presents do appointe nominate and constitute Isabel \jurat/ Hurtle my wife Sole Executrix of my said Will And in wisse thereof have hereunto Set my hand and Seal ye day and year first above written In the Sight and presence of

His marke  
Henry H Hurtle

Step. Robinson  
Tho: Carr junior jurat  
R:Atkinson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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INVENTORY Ref. Apl.1693

A true & perfect (apprisement with all) & singular ye Goods Cattells & Chattells which were Henry Hurtleys late of Settle in ye pish of Gigglesweeke in ye Diocesse of yorke Apprised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this Fifteenth Day of March Anno Regni Regis & Regis Gulielmi et Maria Annoque dom 1692

	Li	s	d
Impr. his purse & Apparell	01.	00	00
In Brasse & pewter	01	00	00
Tables & Chaires	01	00	00
Bedstocks & Bedding	02	00	00
One Cupboard	01	00	00
One Cow & one Mare	04	00	00
One house and Stable	29	00	00
One Cart with hustlement	00	10	00
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Summa totalis	39	10	00

his marke  
Thomas T Watkinson  
William Salsbury                      Apprizers

John Wildman  
John Skirrow

**HENRY HURTLEY Ref.Borthwick.York. Sep 1691 Bundle(admin)**

October 18<sup>th</sup>. 1691<sup>mo</sup>

An Appraisment made of the goods and Chattles of Henry Hurtley of Nealsing late  
dec'd by us whose names are heareunder subscribed

	£	s	d
Impis. his purse and apparrell	02	00	00
Item. his horse and sadle	02	00	00
It. 2 geldings and three maires	16	00	00
It. 12 oxen that was at home	34	00	00
It. 24 beasts in the South	60	00	00
Debts received			
of Mr. Everit	28	09	00
of Mr. Grinnidge	16	10	00
of Mr.Catton	30	00	00
of Mr. (Webdell?)	04	19	06
of Mr. Atmore	19	10	00
of Mr. (Signol?)	10	00	00
of Mr(s) Nap[er]loker?	01	06	00
of Mr. Smith	00	12	00
of Thomas Bradley	23	00	00
Item one bill from Mr. C.... Bertram	30	00	00
one other Bill from Mr. Miles Wyne	44	00	00
one other Bill from Mr. Catton	05	00	00
Due from Mr. Todd of Femingham (Fennigham?)	08	00	00
	335	06	06

Thomas Carre  
James Whitfeild  
Wm. J. Hurtley  
Wm. Carre

..... 15 July 92

**ALICE HUSBAND 1689 Ref.Borthwick.York. Jun 1693**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the second day of February in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred eighty nine I Alice Husband of Stainforth under barge in the County of yorke Widdow being somewhat infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised bee God for the same doe make and ordayne this my last Will and testament in manner and forme following hereby revoking all former Will & Wills by mee heretofore made And first and principally I commend and comitt my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator, assuredly trusting that in and through the merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour

my Sinns shall bee forgiven and that my Soule shall bee made partakers of everlasting happinesse in the Kingdome of heaven and my body to bee buryed in decent manner at the discretion of my friends & executor hereafter named And as to the temporall Estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give and dispose as followeth And first my Will and minde is that my just debts Legacyse and funerall expences bee payd out of my whole estate Item my Will & minde is and I doe hereby give and bequeath unto Anne Lawkland my Grandchilde, one full moiety of all my estate reall and personall shee paying one full moiety of all my debts and funerall expences And my will and minde is That within the space of one month next after my decease A true full and perfect apprizemt. shall bee made of all my estate reall and personall that it may be perfectly made out what will bee really due to my said Grandchilde, Item my will and minde is that my executor hereafter named (after it bee knowne what will bee really due to my said Grandchilde shall pay Interest for the same unto John Clarke of Foxupp my Kinsman for the use of my said Granchilde Anne untill shee come to her age of fourteene years, after the raite of six pounds in the hundred And after shee attayne the said age of Fowerteene years my Will & minde is That my said executor hereafter named shall pay in the full sune that shall bee due unto my said Grandchilde Anne, by this my will, unto the said John Clarke his executors administrators or assignes for the onely use of my said Grandchilde and hee to pay the same with what Consideration can bee made of & for the same unto my said Grandchilde until she shall attayne the age of twenty one yeares or marry as alsoe meat (*meet?*) Consideration as hee shall have received of my executor in case hee the said John Clarke shall not have really payed & payd out the same Consideration for the maintenance of my said Grandchilde, shee giving the said John Clarke A full discharge when shee receives the same. Item I doe hereby desire & heartily request my said Kinsman John Clarke to doe his endeavour to see this my last Will & testament duly & truly pformed & to take care that sufficient bond bee given to the Courte for the performance hereof by my said executor, Item my will & minde is that my said executor shall pay unto the said John Clarke all reasonable charges that hee shall expend or lay out, seeing this my will duely pformed & sufficient bond given to the Courte as aforesaid And lastly I doe nominate make & appoint Robert Lawland my Sonne in law & father to my said Grandchilde Anne sole executor of this my last will & testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day & year first above written.

her marke  
Anne H Husband (*sic, not Alice*)

Sealed signed & published  
in the presence of us  
William Paley  
his marke  
Thomas F Foster  
Will Swainson  
Jo. Richardson

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A true & perfect Inventory of all the goods & Chattels belonging to Alice Husband of Stainforth late deceased apprized and made the 20<sup>th</sup>. day of December 1692 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Imprimis in Money	20	0	0
Item a paire of Bedstocks and bedding	00	06	8
Item 3 chists	00	05	0
Item one table leafe	00	01	0
Item brass and pewter	00	03	4
Item one iron chimney Recon tongs	00	02	6
Item wood vessels & all other huslement	00	02	8
Summa totalis	21	01	2

William Foster of Stainforth  
Chx: Browne  
William  
James Browne

*Declaration included with the above documents*

*ROBERT LAKELAND of DALLOW late of STAINFORTH 1689*

Know all men by these presents that I Robert Lakeland of (Dallow/Dalton?) Late of Stainforth in the County of yorke for divers & valuable Considerations hereafter menconed have given granted assigned & sett over unto John Clarke & Sara Moorhouse their Executors & Assignes All my Estate Reall & psonall at Stainforth which lately did belong to Allice Husband my mother in Law Lately deceased now know yee that I the said Robert Lakeland for the (consideration) as abovesaid doe give grant assigne & sett over all my Interest & tytle which I now have or hereafter shall cause or may have of in or unto the \said/ Estate Reall & psonall which did belong to my said mother in Law, To have & to hold the same unto the said John Clarke & Sara Moorehouse their Executors & Assignes to the Reall Intent & purposes hereafter menconed (that is to say) they the said John Clarke & Sara Moorhouse their Executors & Assignes paying yearly unto my wife full Consideration for the said Reall and psonall estate which may grow due, for the same which shall remaine after the debts & funeral Expences of Alice Husband my said mother in Law Late deceased be fully satisfied & paid dureing the Terme of her naturall Life & after her decease the whole same to be paid in to my daughter Anne her Executors Administs or Assignes In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale this first day of Aprill in the second yeare of their Maties Raigne that now is over England scd Annoque domi 1689  
Sealed & delivered  
in the presence of

Rob: Lakeland

signu  
Will W Wade

signu  
Margrett M Steadman  
Gabriel Appilbe

**THOMAS HUSBANDE 1610 Borthwick v32 f40**

In dei nomine Amen upon the fourth daie of March 1610 I Thomas Husbande of Staineforde underbargh within the parish of Gigleswicke and county of yorke husbandman sicke in my bodie but of perfecte remembrance I praise god for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following First I commende my soule to almighty god trustinge assuredly by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely saviour to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde of Gigleswicke Also I will that my debtes be paid of my whole goodes Also yt is my will & mynde that Isabell my wife shall have and occupie the moytie or one half of my messuage & tenement with thappurtenances in Stainforde aforesaid one yere next comeinge after the date hereof and my sonne Richard Husbande to have the other half thereof and after the expiracon of one yere nowe next comeinge after the date hereof I give and bequeath my said messuage & tenement with the appurtenances in Stainforde aforesaid and the lease of the same and all other assurances which I have

touchinge the same to the said Richard Husbande my sonne To have and to holde the same unto him the said Richard Husbande my said sonne his executors & assignes for & duringe all such termes of yeres as are not thereof unspente and not determined Always reservinge to Isabell my wife her widow right of in and upon the said tenement duringe her widow heade Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Husbande my sonne one Gavelocke which I lent to Thomas Lakelande certayne bordes lying over the said Richard his bed and the bed also in full satisfaction of his childe porcon of my goodes Item I give & bequeath all the residue of my goodes and cattells my debtes & funerall expenses being discharged equally to bee divided betwene Isabell my wife and Agnes husband my daughter And I make and ordeyne Agnes husbande my daughter my sole executrix of this my last will and testament These being witnesses William Cockette William Wilcocke and Bryan Baynbrigge

*Latin text*

*Giggleswick  
Stainforth*

**RICHARD IVESON 1608 Borthwick v30 f723**

In the name of god Amen the fowerteenth day of March in the yere of our lord 1608 I Richard Iveson of Langcliffe in the Countie of yorke husbandman sicke in bodie & whole in mynde doe make this my last will & testament in manner followinge Firste I give my soule to allmightie god & my bodie to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my freindes Itm I give unto my sonne James Iveson & his assignes my house & garth & all my title interest & terme of yeres therin And for my goodes my will is that (that) they be devided into three ptes wherof my wife to have her thirde accordinge to lawe & the other two ptes I give to my sonne James & my daughter Elizabeth equally And yf either of my children dye before they come to lawfull yeres or be married my will is that the porcon of him or her soe dyinge shall redownde to the survivour & I make Margaret my wife my whole executor These beinge witnesses William Browne Thomas Sigswicke Thomas Carre & Thomas Sowden William Iveson

*Latin text*

*Giggleswick*

**JAMES IVESON 1665**

**Borthwick Craven/Prog. probate file Feb 1665/6 died 12 April 1665  
Ref. vol 47 fol 343**

In the name of god amen I James Iveson of Langcliffe beinge sicke and weak of body butt of pfect memory prayed be god doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soule into ye hands of my maker wishinge through the meritts of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of Eternall happines, and my body to be buried in ye Church yarde of Giggleswick att ye



Provided that they live unmarried; Alsoe I doe make Margaret my wife sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament; In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first abovesaid Lawrence Iveson his marke Witnesses hereof Hugh Stackhouse Brian Cookeson Tho: Peart his mark

*One line Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**CHRISTOPHER JACKES 1626    Borthwick v39 f495**

In the name of God Amen the eighth and twentieth day of May in the year of our lord god according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred twenty and six I Christopher Jackes of Giggleswick in the county of York clothworker being at this time visited with sickness and infirmity in my body yet sound and perfect in memory praise be to God do make and declare this my last will and testament ...ee(?) in manner and form following that is to say First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits of my saviour Christ to [be] inheritor of the heavenly kingdom and for my body I commit the same to earthly burial at the discretion of my friends.

Item: my will is that my debts shall be paid out of my whole moveable goods and out of such debts as are owing to me and for the residue of the same goods and debts my will is that the same to be divided into three parts whereof my wife to have one part according to law and custom of the country and my children another part equally amongst them as the law in like manner requires. And for my part commonly called the deads part I give the same wholly to William Jackes my son and Agnes Jackes my daughter equally between them.

And whereas I am possessed of one mansion house one garth or garden and other housing and grounds and of and in one fulling mill with appurtenances within the town and territories of Giggleswick aforesaid which I hold by long lease or leases for thousands of years as thereby may appear, now I do by this my last will and testament give, devise and bequeath my said mansion house garth and garden and other my housing grounds fulling mill and tenements which I hold by lease or leases as aforesaid and all my estate right title interest term and terms of years therein to Thomas Colton of Settle, Thomas Newhouse of the same George Falthropp of Hanlith and William Lawson of Giggleswick and to their executors and assigns from the day of my natural life death for during and to the full end of all the rest, residue and remainder of years and time and times which are yet to come and unexpired of the said lease and leases and every of them. Nevertheless to and for the uses and intents hereafter in the present specified and declared but to and for no other use intents and purposes at all. That is to say that the said Thomas Colton, Thomas Newhouse George Falthrop and William Lawson their executors and assigns shall have full and free power and authority by this my devise to bargain and sell the said mansion and all other my said housing grounds fulling mill and tenements with the appurtenances at their wills and pleasures to such person or persons and their executors and assigns as in their discretions they shall think fit and for so much money as they can conveniently procure, get, raise and obtain by the sale thereof. And for the money that shall be raised for the sale thereof I do hereby devise and bequeath one full third

part thereof to Jane my now wife and to such child or lawful issue as she is now with if she be with child for and towards the better maintenance of her and the same issue. And for the other two parts of the same moneys I give the same wholly to my said son William Jackes and Agnes my daughter and to their executors and assigns.

Provided always and yet nevertheless my will and mind is that Ester Jackes my sister shall have a chamber room in my said house for herself only until it be sold and after sale of the premises then I desire my said four friends and executors hereafter named to provide her a convenient chamber or bedroom in Giggleswick at their discretion and of such moneys or means as shall be made or raised out of the premises. And for all other means (and)

profits that shall be made or arise out of the premises before the sale aforesaid I will that the same shall remain and be employed towards the maintenance of my said wife and children allowing only to my friends in trust their reasonable charges to be expended and disbursed by them by reason and occasion of the premises but not further or otherwise. And I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Thomas Colton Thomas Newhouse George Fallthroppe and William Lawson the executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Henry Lawson and Richard Jackes.

*Giggleswicke*  
*Setle*  
*Hanlieth*

**RICHARD JACKES 1700 Inv. Ref.Borthwick.York. Jul 1700(admin)  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true Inventory of all and singular goods Chattells & credits of Richard Jackes late of Langcliffe deceased made ye twenty fifth day of Aprill Ano Dom 1700

	Li	s	d
Imprimis His purse and Apparrell	00	15	00
It: One Cubbard one Table	00	02	00
It: 3 Chests	00	07	00
It:Bedstocks and Beding	00	10	00
It:3 Boxes and two Chaires	00	02	05
It: Three Pewter Doublers	00	07	04
It: One Pot & 2 Panns	00	05	02
It: Two Barrells 1 Flasket	00	02	03
It: In Oat Meale			
It: In Huslement	00	05	10

Apprized by us  
 William Carr  
 Thomas Swanson



**RICHARD JACKES 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb. 1648/9**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the eighteenth day of November, 1648 I Richard Jackes of Cranerigge in the pische of Gigglesweeke in the Countie of yorke husbandman, being sicke in Bodie, but of good and pfect remembrance, praised be god, doe make and ordaine this my last will & Testament in maner & forme followinge, first I commend my soule into the handes of almightie god, hopeinge through the merritts of christ precious death to inherit eternall life; and my bodie to be buried at discretion of my frinds: And as concerning my outward estate wherewith it hath pleased god to blesse me, I give bequeath and dispossesse hereof as followeth, first, I give all my housse lande & Tenement at Cranerigg to Dorotie my wife during her naturall life: And after her deceasse I give \all/ the said houses & grounds to my sones John Jackes and Christopher Jackes upon this condicion that the said John & Christopher shall pay to their three Sisters Elisabeth, Issabell and Annes to everie one of them five pounds and to pay but one in a yeare unto they be all three paid and I give to my sone Willm wyfe tenn shillings, and alsoe I give to everie childe of my sone Willm Jackes ten shillings to be paid forthe of the said grounds And I appoint Dorotie \jurat/ my wife executor of this my last will etc.

Witnesses of the same

Robert Armitstead \jurat/

Thomas Harrison \jurat/

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM JACKS 26<sup>th</sup> July 1626 buried 12<sup>th</sup> September 1626**  
**Borthwick v41 f80a**

In the name of god Amen the six and twentieth day of Julie Anno Dom 1626 I William Jacks of Giggleswicke in the Countie of yorke Clotheworke sicke in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance god be praised doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testmt in manner & forme followeing: First I comend my soule into the hands of almightie god trustinge through the merritts of Jesus Christ to be made ptaker of heavenly blisse and my bodie I comit to the earth to be buried within the parishe Church yearde of Giggleswicke att the discretion of my executors and frends. And for my worldly goods I dispose thereof as followeth First my will and minde is that my funerall expenses and debts be paid out of my whole goods Item whereas I have given satisfaction unto my uncle Richard Jacks for my table and diet for this present yeare with condicon that if I shall die before the yeares end that he shall but onelie satisfie himselfe ratably for soe longe as I shall live of this present yeare and pay the residue of the money to my execors, adres or assignes after my death. My will is and I doe give and bequeath the said residue of the said money to my said uncle and doe will that my execors or adsres shall not in any wise demaande the same of him or charge him with the payment thereof. Item: I give unto my Aumte Issabell wife of the said Richard six shillings eight pence And to Ellin, Thomas, Michael Isabell and William children of the said Richard and Isabell to ech of them five shillings a peece. Item I give to the fower chiddren of my uncle George Falthropp ech of them five shillings a peece Item I give to my Aunte Ester Jacks vjs viijd (6s 8d) Item I give to

Henrie Lawson six shillings and eight pence Itm Item (*sic*) I give to William Wildman Six shillings eight pence And for the residue of all my goods chattels and rights unbequeathed I give the same to Agnes Jacks in sister And I appointe the said George Falthorpp (*of Hanlith*) and Agnes Jacks my sole executors of this my last will and testimet Witnesses Thomas Newhouse, Miles Cockitt Ellin Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

George Falthrop was baptisd Giggleswick the son of Christopher 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1575

Son of Christopher

**ALICE JACKES 1614 Borthwick v33 f392**

In the name of God Amen the five and twentieth day of August in the year of our lord Ggod one thousand six hundred and fourteen I Alice Jackes of Cranorige in Giggleswick in the county of York widow late wife of James Jackes deceased, sick in body but of good and perfect memory god be praised do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to Almighty god trusting assuredly through the merits and passion of my saviour Christ to have my salvation wrought. And for my body I commend it to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my children and friends.

Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Jackes and John Jackes my sons two stirks which I have in Cowside Close and to Rowlande Thomson my son-in-law my whye calf.

Item I give to my son John my white mare and to Marie my daughter my two kine and I give unto William my son the half of a stott# which is mean## between me and Marie.

Item I give these legacies hereafter following to be taken out of the one half of my crop and household stuff, that is to say to John Jackes the son of my son Richard twenty shillings. Item to my daughter Agnes ten shillings. Item to my brother-in-law William Jackes three shillings and four pence. Item to Isabell Procter my grandchild ten shillings and to Elizabeth Jackes daughter of my son Richard ten shillings and to Alice Jackes daughter of my son William ten shillings .

And for the other half of my crop and household stuff and the rest of all my other goods whatsoever I give and bequeath them to my said children William John and Marye equally to be divided amongst them saving that I give to Marie my best gown out at a side,

And I make and ordain my said sons William and John Jackes the the (*sic*) joint executors of this my last will and testament these bearing witness William Jackes Thomas Paley elder Thomas Preston of Langcliffe and William Lawson.

# *stott - bullock*

## *mean - middle (shared?)*

*Gigleswicke*  
*Langclife*

**JAMES JACQUES 1606 Borthwick v30 f98**

In the name of god Amen the third day of April in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred and six I James Jackes of Cranorigge in Meweth in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect memory God be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I commit my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of his son Christ to be saved and for my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my children and friends.

Item whereas I have a lease from my son Richard Jackes of a moiety or half of that tenement of twelve shillings rent now in our occupation at Cranorigge above said for one hundred and one years my will is and I give and bequeath the use occupation and profits of all that said moiety unto Alice my wife and her assigns for and during the term of forty and one years (if she do so long live) and I give the residue of the said lease and term of years therein unto Elizabeth my daughter and her assigns upon condition that she shall within one month next after the decease of her mother give good security unto Marie and Janet Jackes her sisters for payment of £16 of lawful English money viz. to either of them eight pounds within the space of a twelve month next after the decease of my said wife or if the said Elizabeth refuse so to do then I give the said lease and residue of the said term of years therein unto my daughter Mary and her assigns upon the like condition and if Mary refuse then to Agnes upon like condition and for and in default thereof then I give the same lease and all my estate reversion and term therein unto the said Elizabeth Marie and Agnes my daughters equally amongst them.

Item for my goods my will is that my debts be paid out of the whole and that my wife have her third according to law and that the rest be divided amongst my children John Elizabeth Marie and Agnes Jackes equally.

Item I give unto Richard Jackes my son all my husbandry gear after my wife's decease. Item I give unto William Jackes my brother my best jacket and I make and ordain Alice my said wife the sole executrix of this my last will and testament these being witnesses Willm Jackes, Willm Wilson, Willm Lawson and Richard Jackes.

*Meweth*  
*Gigleswicke*

**JAMES JAQUES 1701 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Oct 1701  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I James Jaques of Settle in the County of Yorke Liningweaver Being sick & weake in body but (of) Good & pfect memory thanks bee to God for the same And calling to mind the Certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof doe make this my last Will & testamt. in manner & forme following Revoakeing & Annulling all other former Wills by me heretofore made & this to bee my last Will & testamt. And first I Give & Committ my Soule into the hands of Almighty God hopeing and assuredly trusting through the merritts & mediation of his Sonne Jesus Christ to have full pardon & remission of all my by (*sic*) past Sinns And my body to bee buried att the discretion of my Executor hereafter named And for the Settleing my Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I Give & bequeath as followeth Impr my Will & mind is that my just Debts & funerall Expences bee pd and discharged by my Executor Item I Give & bequeath unto my Bro: in Law Robert Smith of Hull the Summe of Five pounds to bee pd by my Executor within one year next after my decease Itm I Give and bequeath unto my Nephew Wm. Jaques the sume of three pounds to bee pd him when hee attaines the Age of twenty & one Yeares & not otherways But if hee happen to dy before hee attaines the Age of twenty & one Yeares then his Legacy to bee and remaine to my Executor Itm I Give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth Middlebrooke five Shillings to bee paid her within one month .... next after my decease in Case my Mother Alice Jaques shall bee Liveing with her att the time of my decease but if my sd. Mother shall bee Gone from the sd. Elizabeth at my decease then she the sd Elizabeth to have on(ely) two shillings & Six pence in Like manner pd her It I Give and Bequeath unto John Cau(te?) of Settle Inkeep(er) all the rest of my Goods Cattells & Chattells whatsoever whome I also make nominate & Appoynt Sole Executor of this my Last Will & testamt. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this twenty Seacond Day of August in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand Seaven Hundred & one Sealed Signed published & declared to be ye last Will & testamt. of the sd. James Jaques in the presence of us

James Jaques

Will: Paleye jurat  
Jn. Paleye jurat

A true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular ye Goods Debts & Credits of James Jaques of Setle in ye County of yorke Lininweaver late deceased aprized by us whose names are hereunder subscribed this Twenty first day of September Ann Domini 1701

	li	s	d
Imprimis His Purse & Apparell	05	10	00
Itm 2 paire of Bedstocks & Bedding	02	00	00
Itm one paire of Looms with work tools	01	00	00
Itm Cloth and yarne	05	10	00
Itm 3 Chists & other small huslement	01	00	00
Itm Debts oweing	01	15	00
Totall	16	15	00

Apprisers  
William Kidd  
Joseph Kidd  
Willm Paleye  
Jno. Paleye

**JOHN JACQUES 1617 Borthwick v34 f675**

In the name of god Amen. The twenty sixth day of July in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and seventeen I John Jacks of Armitstead in Giggleswick in the county of York singleman, sick in body but of perfect remembrance praise be to the almighty do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul to god my maker and redeemer and my body to the earthly burial and for my goods I give to my brother Richard Jackes & his children seven pounds equally amongst them. To my sister Mary ten shillings to my cousin Isabell Prockter ten shillings to Hester Jackes twenty shillings to Roger Armetstead ten shillings.

Item to my said brother Richard my white woollen doublet and to the said Roger Armetstead my worst breeches and the rest of all my goods and rights I give unto William Jackes my brother whom I make the sole executor of this my last will and testament . These being witnesses Thomas Paley eldr James Foster and Hew Lawson.

*Gigleswicke*

**JOHN JACQUES 1621/22 Borthwick v37 f125**

In the name of God amen the thirtieth day of January 1621 John Jaques of Giggleswick sick in body but of good memory did nuncupatively make his will in manner and form following: First he commended his soul into the hands of god his Creator trusting assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ his alone saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting and commended his body to the earth whereof it was made and to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. And for his goods he gave them to Christopher Jaques of Giggleswick clothier whom he made whole executor of this his will. These being witnesses Christopher Shute, Margaret Armitstead.

*Gigleswicke*

**EDMOND JENNINGES 1627 Ref. Borthwick. Vol 40 fol 83**

Memorandum that Edmond Jennings of Settle in the County of York deceased did make his last will and testament nuncupatively or by words in manner and form following vizt. First he did give to Dionsis Jennings his son his house in Settle wherein he dwelt withal houses, backsides turbaries and other commodities appertaining thereunto belonging for and during his leasehold term of years he had to expire on it. Item he did give to Adam Jennings his son all his interest and term of years he had in all that certain parcel of ground lying in Langcliffe fields. Item he did give all the rest of his goods his debts, funeral expenses and probate of his will discharged to the rest of his children equally to be divided amongst them. And lastly he named and appointed Dionsis his son executor of his last will and testament . And he did appoint Thomas Carr of Settle and Thomas Newhouse of Settle to be

supervisors of this his will and to dispose of his goods so as they might be in safe custody till his son Dionsis should enter into the country whom was then at London. These being witnesses: John Ratcliffe, Peter Jennings Thomas Carr and Thomas Newhouse.

**JAMES JOHNSON 1691 Ref.Borthwick.York.Otc.1691 bundle  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

The twenty sevent day of June 1691

In the name of God Amen I James Jonson of Palay grene being infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be allmighty god for the same do make this my last will & Testament in maner and forme following revocking and making voyd all other wills by me formerly made and firstly doe commit and willingly resigne my soule into the hands of allmighty god my Creator hopeing thugh the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my redemer to have fre pardon and full remition of all my sinse and my body to be buried att the Discretion of my wife And as concerning my worldly goods I dispose of the same as followeth, first I give unto Mary my wife \for ever/ one Close lying beneath the hywaey ajoyning to ye grounds of Thomas Carr Land on other parcell of ground cowlde ye (rid)gill she paying and discharging all my just debts and funeral expencis likewise I give unto Mary my wife all the reste of my houses and ground during hir life natterall and after hir deceas I give it unto Robart Jonson my sone hee paying unto his brother in law Anthony Procter or to his Childderine one pound and to his sister Elizabeth six pound within twelfe months next after ye decease of his mother and the rest of my goods undisposed of I give unto Mary \jurat/ my wife whome I make sole executrix of this my laste will and Testament

Sealed and published ye day and year  
first above written in the psence  
of us

James X his mark Jonson

Thomas Willson Jurat  
Henery Lawson  
Thomas Carr jurat

An Inventory of all ye goods and Chattells which weare belonging to James Jonson late of palay greene in ye pish of Gigleswicke deceased, Att ye time of his death Apprized & vallued by us whose names are here under written ye Twentyth day of July in the year of our Lord 1691

	£	s	d
Imprs. his purse & Apparrell	00	10	00
Item one Cow	01	10	00
Item in Hay	00	07	00
Ite. one paire of Bedstockes & bedding	00	02	00
Ite. Three panns	00	02	00
Item a dishboard & wood vessel Recken Croke & tongs wth ye rest of ye Hustlement	00	03	00
Ite. c.(?) one halfe roode of Ground	00	06	00
	£	s	d
Sume totals	03	00	00

William Bankes

Robert Stackhouse  
Rowland Carr  
Thomas Wilson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Paley Green*

**JOHN JOHNSON 1666 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.48 fol.213**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the last day of June in the yeare of our in the yeare of our(sic) Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and sixe I John Johnson of Settle in Riblesdayle some what Infirme of body but sound and pfect in mynde and memory prayed be the Lord; Doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Followinge; Inprimis I doe bequeath and Comend my soule my better part into the hands of the Almighty Creator and of Jesus Christ my Redeemer beleiving Assuredly by his onely merritts to be ptaker of life Everlasting; Item For my body which was First Framed of the Earth I Comitt to the Earth againe and to be (buried) att the discretion of my Two Executrices; Item my Funerall Expences discharged I doe give unto Five of the Children of my neece Katherine Howson of Setle (beinge) Mary Issabell Robert Elizabeth and Katherine Every of them Five pounds And unto James Issabell and Margarett the Children of William Batersby of Astwick Each of them Five pounds And unto Rowland the sonne of Richard Taytham of Burton in Lonsdayle Five pounds Item to the poore people Inhabitting within the towne of Astwick Five pounds, And the same to be Distributed Amongst them by the overseers For the poore and Churchwarden of that towne For the tyme beinge att the discretion of Michaell Howson and John Johnson Junior Item unto the poore Inhabitting within the townshippe of Coniston in Kettlewell Dayle Five pounds And the same to be distributed Amongst them by the overseer and Churchwardens of Coniston Aforesayd at the Discretion of Cuthbert Wade Esqre and Richard Costentyne Item unto the poore Inhabitting in Litton Daylehead Above the Crose yeat Two pounds to be Distributed Amongst them by the overseer of Litton and the Churchwarden of the Daylehead att the discretion of Thomas Wetherhead of the East garth in Litton and Francis Todd of Haton gill Item I give unto Anthony Johnson mine unckle Five pounds And unto John Johnson Junior Five pounds Item to Each of my Godchildren Baptized att Clapham and John Wetherald, sonne of Thomas Wetherhird Aforesayd Each of them three shillings Four pence Item unto Alice the wife of Thomas Bancks and Margarett the wife of Christopher Capesticke Eyther of them Five shillings; Item unto John Johnson the Elder of Estwick Five shillings Item unto Jennett the wife of Henry Wildeman of the Gill leck Five shillings Item unto Thomas Weatherhird of the East garth John Weatherhird of Litton and Lawrence Ward Each of them Five shillings Item unto Mathew Buck of Helmside and William Becroft of Astwicke Eyther of them Twenty shillings Item unto Issabell the wife of William Pownham the younger of Austwick Five shillings Item unto Margarett Ellice of Astwick two shillings six pence Unto William Lech and William Baynes of Astwicke Eyther of them two shillings, And it is my mynde and will that if any pson or psons whatsoever unto whome any bequest or legacie is by these presents bequeathed appeare to be discontented, For or Concerninge any such legacie and the same discontent made Apparent by the testimony of one or more substantiall psons, Then the Legacie of him her or them soe

Discontented to be voyd as though the same had never beene bequeathed, And the ptyes to be disabled For having any benefit att Law For the (reclaiming) of any such legacie or bequest And the sayd Legacie to soe remaine to my sayd two executrices And alsoe it is my will if any Scruple ariseabout the (Constanktion) of any clause or sentence in the sayd s.....conteyned my will is that the same shall be Expounded and determined by William Battersby and John Johnson Junior both of Astwicke And he shee or they that will not stand to there D.....and judgement, to be utterly deprived of any benefit by this my last will and testament And I doe hereby Reverse Revoke And hereby make voyd all other & Former wills by me heretofore made, And hereof I doe Constitute ordaine and make my two neeces Katherine Howson and Issabell Battersby the Joynt Executrices of this my last will and testament In wittnes whereof I doe hearunto sett my hand & seale the Day and Yeare abovesayd; John Johnson, witnesses of this will and testament are Henry Towler William Preston Thomas Howson Leonard Carr Thomas Wildman

*Settle modern spelling*  
*Austwick modern spelling*

**ROBERT JOHNSON – 1691 Inv. (Admin.) Ref.Borthwick.York. May 1692 bundle**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Ine Inventory of Robt. Johnson late of Giggleswick deceased and Apprised by us whose names are under written the first day of September Annoque Dni. 1691 as followeth vizt.

	£	s	d
Imprs. his purse & apparrell	00	13	4
Item in ye house i Bedstead i Chest i table & other little Chests	00	06	08
Item 2 Chaires 4 Stooles i dishboard & other Truntelmts	00	04	00
Item 3 little Dublers & 2 old pannes	0	05	00
In the parlour 1 bedstead & Beding 1 little Desk & a box	00	03	04
Item Turves	00	04	00
Item 1 Range 1 paire of Tongs 1 Reckon Crooke & other Iron things	00	02	06
Item a little Corne 2s. in the Garden	00	02	00
Item moneys oweing	18	10	00
Item Stokings	00	10	00
sume	21	00	10

Thomas Brayshaw son  
 Willm Armitsted                      App.  
 Thomas Brayshaw junr.  
 Abr: Marshall

*Giggleswick modern spelling*



**THOMAS JOHNSON INV 1695 Ref.Borthwick.York. Aug 1696(admin)**

Transcribed by S.Gordon

March 29 .1695

A true Inventory of the goods of Thomas Johnson late of Rauthmell decd

	£	s	d
Impr. his Coffe and purse	00	02	0
two pewter doublers & other huslemt	00	04	0
In Lease of an old house & a little Ground	01	10	0
	01	16	00

Appraisers –

John Swainson

Rich Dobson his mark

John Leigh

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**WILLIAM JOHNSON 1669**

**Borthwick vol 59 fol 171**

In the name of god Amen I William Johnson of Langcliffe beinge sicke in body butt of pfect memory (praised be god) doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soule into the hands of my blessed Redeemer trustinge through his meritts to be made ptaker of Eternall happinesse and my body to be buried att ye discretion of my wife As for my temporall goods I give and bequeath as followeth First I will yt my wife Ellin have the tuition of my daughter Jennett till she accomplish ye Age of twenty one years if ye said Jennett and ye said Ellin my wife can Agree to live together, butt if they cannott Agree then my said Jennett to chuse her gardian when she shall accomplish ye Age of ffourtene years And ye gardian to have all ye pfitts yt ffalls to my said daughter ffor ye maintenance of her till shee shall Accomplish ye Age of twenty one years And whereas I am owinge unto Robert Iveson ye summe of tenn pounds I will yt if my Executor hereafter named be nott Able to pay itt without sellinge lands I will yt these pcells be sould viz Peasber Rood yt I bought of William Ridgely one garden that I bought of Robert Iveson Ane one Cow Ane ye Rest of my lands I give I give (*sic*) unto my daughter Jennett and to dispose of itt if shee come to Age if she die before she come to Age haveinge noe Issue I give itt unto my brother James Children equally to be devided Also I will yt if my wife marry to be void and have noe pte of the pmisses As ffor my household goods I give unto my wife Ellin and my daughter Jennett equally after my funerall Expenses be paid out Lastly I nominate and appoint my said wife Ellin and my said daughter Jennett Executrixes of this my last will and testment In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the twentye ffiffth day of Aprill 1669

Witnesses

William Johnson

Richard Lawson

Jurat Willm Carr

Jurat John Paley

*(overleaf)*

Craven

T. Guilielmi Johnson nup de Langcliffe poice de Giglesweek deft. Respit .....  
.....Octobris 1681 Entred

**BRIAN KAY 1619 Ref.Borthwick v40 f581**

In the name of God amen the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1619 I Brian Kay of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty God therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. Item I revoke all former wills by me made heretofore.

Item my will is that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods. Item I devise give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Kay my wife all the messuage cottage or mansion house in Rathmell wherein I now dwell the barn garden and croft on the north side of the said house being freehold land to have and to hold the said house and all other singular the premises with their and every their appurtenances to the said Elizabeth my wife and her assigns for and during her life natural. And after the decease of the said Elizabeth my wife I devise give and bequeath all the said messuage cottage or mansion house the said barn garden and croft aforesaid and all and every their appurtenances to Thomas Procter son of Mathew Procter of Rathmell and Elizabeth Kay my sister and to Adam Kay son of Richard Kay of Otley my natural brother, to have and to hold the said messuage cottage or mansion house and all and singular the premises withal and every their appurtenances to the said Thomas Procter and Adam Kay and their heirs and assigns ever from and immediately after the decease of the said Elizabeth my wife all which premises are situate lying and being in Rathmell aforesaid and now in the occupation of me the said Brian Kay or my assigns.

Item I give all my goods moveable and immoveable to the aforesaid Elizabeth Kay my wife. Item I make and ordain the said Elizabeth my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof to this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written witnesses hereof John Frankland Mathew Watkinson Christopher Banne and Thomas Brown.

**RICHARD KAY 1613 Borthwick v32 f456**

In the name of God Amen the seventeenth day of June etc in AD 1613 etc I Richard Kay of Cocklaybanke [*Rathmell*] in the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York being sick in body but whole of mind and of good and perfect remembrance praised be God for the same revoking all former wills and testaments do make this my last will and testament in manner and Form Following; First I commit my soul unto Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer trusting by the death and passion of Jesus Christ to have free forgiveness of all my sins and life everlasting. I bequeath my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Giggleswick. Item it is my will that mortuary and church dues be paid all that right is and for my debts charges and expenses to be paid of my whole goods. Item I give unto John Kay younger son of Anthonie Kay of West Halton my best raiment. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Kay and John Kay equally between them the sum of fifteen shillings and four pence they being the sons of Anthonie Kay of West Halton. Item I give unto Francis Foster of Rathmell my brother-in-law the rest of all my apparel except the best raiment afore given. Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Kay the rest of all my goods of what kind or property soever they be of. And further I do ordain and appoint Elizabeth Kay my wife whole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses Francis Foster, John Kay and Stephen Carr.

*Giglesweeke*  
*Gigleswicke*  
*Rawthmell*

**ROBERT KELLETT 1644 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Apl. 1644 MIC 1732  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the six and twentieth day of February in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computacion of the Church of England One thousand six hundredth Forty and foure of Robert Kellett of Gigleswick in the County of yorke Clothworker sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised bee God do make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme following hereby revoking all former wills by mee made First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting through the merritts and precious blood shedding of my alone Saviour Jesus Christ to bee made ptaker of eternall blisse in heaven and my body I comitt to the earth from whence it came to bee buried in honest and christian burial according to my degree and calling at the discretion of my executors and friends And as touching my worldly goods my will is that my debts \legacies/ and funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods and if the same will not extend to the full discharge thereof My will and mynde is that my Executors hereafter named shall sell and convey away \my moiety of the fulling millne in Gigleswick aforesaid, and/ one pcell of grounde called Clovenstones conteyning by estimacion halfe a roode bee it more or lesse lying in the townfields of Gigleswick afforesd. And that the money raised by the sale theirof shall bee added to my goods and chattels and go also towards the payment of my debts \legacies/ and funeral expences And if it happen that my said goods and chattels \and the mony raised by the sale of the moiety of the

said fulling milne/ shall fully discharge my debts I give the same pcell of grounde called Clovenstones and all my estate terme and termes of yeares therein and all my writing concerning the same to Margarett Kellett my sister her executors and assignes Item whereas I am possessed of one Mesuage one barne one garden and certayne crofts and fronts and backsides thereto belonging with thappurtenances \in Gigleswick afforesaid/ and of one pcell of grounde called Satrons conteyning by estimation halfe a rood bee it more or lesse lying in the fields of Gigleswick \afforesaid/ wich I holde by severall assignments and conveyances for severall termes and numbers of yeares yet expired My will and mynde is and I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my brother William Kellett the said Mesuage barne pcell of grounde and premises with thappurtenances \and all my estate right & interest therein & thereto/ To have and to holde the same for the said William Kellett his excers. admins. and assignes for and during all such tyme and tymes terme and termes number and numbers of yeares as I holde the same by force of any assurances whatsoever Also I give and bequeath unto my said brother William Kellett all my Close and Closes called Th.....ingces? lying in the townfeilds of Gigleswick \afforesaid/ in the said Countie with all hereditaments and appurtenances theirto belonging To have and to holde the same to the said William Kellett his heires and assignes for ever provided always and yet nevertheless it is my will and mynde that the said William Kellett my brother his heires or assignes shall pay and satisfie unto John Kellett my brother \his exectrs. and assignes/ the sume of Twenty six pownds of lawfull English money within the space of twoe yeares next after the said William Kellett shall attaine the full age of Twenty and one yeares Also I give unto Margarett Kellett my sister my pte of the Newfeild in Gigleswick afforesaid one pcell of grounde called Th.....mes and one pcell of ground called Teadp.....dale lying in the townfeilds of Gigleswick aforesaid with thappurtenances and all my right title and interest therein and th(ere)to with all my writings concerning the same To have and to holde the same to the said Margarett Kellett her exectrs. admins. and assignes for and during all such terme and termes number and numbers of yeares I holde the same by force of my assurances whatsoever Also it is my ex(pr)esse will and mynde that the said bequeaths and legacies given to my brother Wm. and Margarett my sister and the said xxvj li (£26) limited to my brother John by this my will shall bee in discharge and full satisfaction of all debts legacies and demands due by mee to them or any of them by the last will and testament of Christopher Kellett my father deceased \and that if they or any of them demand his her or their legacies due by their fathers will that hee her or they so demanding the same shall lose the benefitt and benefitts given by this my will and testament/ any thing herein conteyned to the contrary thereof ... my wife notwithstanding Also I give to my uncle Chr Braishey my horse in ..... Also I give to John Braishey my godson Five shillings Also I give to (G)eorge Braishey Joseph Preston and Edward Young my godsons each of them Eighteene pence a peece \Also I give to my Cosen Henry Browne xviiiid (18d) Also I give to Elizabeth Braishey xviiiid/ Also it is my will and mynde that if any surplusage remaine ether in goods or money after my debts legacies and funeral expences bee discharged that my Executors having their reasonable costs and charges first defaulted and deducted the same remaine and bee equally devided amongst my brothers John William and my sister Margarett Kellett. And I make and ordaine my uncle Henry \mark/ Browne Chr \jurat/ Braishey and Richard jurat Braishey elder executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses whose names are subscribed

jurat  
William Tomson his marke

Robert Kellett his marke

...ery / ....sonn

*Giggleswick – modern spelling)*

**ROBERT KELLETT 1605 Borthwick v30 f102**

In the name of god amen the nine and twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord 1605 I Robart Kellett of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul to Almighty god and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. Item my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods and that my wife have her third according to the law and custom of the country.

And for as much as Elizabeth my daughter has already had such preferment by my goods and grounds as I was able and that likewise I have heretofore appointed my son Christopher for such covenants as are agreed between him and me to pay unto Ellen my daughter and to her husband a certain sum of money (in penny or pennyworth) for her portion my will is that the said Elizabeth and Ellin shall hold themselves fully satisfied therewith. And moreover whereas I did now about five years ago give unto Christopher Kellett my son in consideration of his portion all my title and interest of in and to that moiety of the fulling Mill now in my occupation together with my tenters, looms, shears and other instruments(?) belonging to my occupation I do hereby confess and confirm the same gift.

And for the rest of my goods I give them freely to the said Christopher Kellett my son and to Jane Kellett my daughter equally to be divided between them. And I do hereby appoint my said son Christopher to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Christopher Shutt, William Browne, William Newhouse and William Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

*Gigleswicke*

**JOHN KIDD 1620/21 Borthwick v36 f406**

In the name of god Amen the three and twentieth day of January 1620 I John Kidd of Settle sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish church of Giggleswick at the sight and discretion of my friends.

Also I give to my son William Kidd all my right and title of all my lands and leases in Settle whatsoever and likewise all my husbandry gear. And for those sheep which is betwixt my son and me I give them unto him all only two gimbers excepted which I give to my daughter Elizabeth Geldard. Also I give unto my said daughter Elizabeth one red cow which is with calf and also two gimmer hoggs in full satisfaction of all her childs portion with that which she had before. Also I give unto her daughter

Margrett Geldard two gimber lambs to be delivered unto her at midsummer next by my executors. And for all the rest of my goods when my debts and funeral expenses are discharged I give the same unto my daughter Agnes Kidd. Also I make and appoint my said daughter Agnes Kid sole executrix of this my last will. These being witnesses Robert Moorehouse, Anthony Armitstead, Thomas Hall, Richard Lawson, William Browne and Henry Lupton.

*Gigleswicke*  
*Set(t)le*

**RICHARD KIDD 1649 Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle May 1650**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the first day of February Anno Domini, 1649 I Richard Kidd of Settle in the County of yorke husbandman doe make ordaine and devise this my Last will and Testament in manner and forme as followeth That is to say first and principally I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker by whose sufferings I hope to have Free pdon and forgiveness of all my sinnes and my body to the earth from whence it came, and it to be buried within the pish Church yarde of Giglesweeke; at the discretion of my frends, And as touching my worldly estate and goods I doe give and nominate as followeth, first and principally I give and bequeath to my wife the one halfe of the Auntiant \howse Barne garth & garden/ during her natural life; and the other halfe to my eldest sonne Robert Kidd at my decease all of it to remaine to my eldest sonne vidt (*videlicet=viz*) / ..... ; Threalome two Closes in Giglesweeke field four shillings and one pound rent through the more Tow dailles on? Attermire the one belonginge to the Auntiant (thinge?) And the other belonging to Richard Balderston formerly. It I give to my wife walker house during her life and at her decease my will is that my two sonnns John Kidd and William Kidd \shall to(?) them/ equally betwixt them together with the barne and garden, And also vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> rent wich I bought of Roberte Ash, one Attermire dale with I bought of Roger Watkinson one close called Laye gapp wich I bought of Thomas Sailbanke And also one Ackre of arrable ground wich I bought of Adam Armitstead, with ye rent belonginge thereto, Item it is my will yt(*that*) my daughter Mary shall have Thornber land after my wifes decease and if it shall please god to call her to his mercy before she shall accomplish the age of xxj yeares, it is my will that my sonne Roberte Kidd shall have it dureinge the terme Item it is my will that my sonne Roberte Kidd shall have ij<sup>s</sup> vi<sup>d</sup> rent which I bought of \Richard Gi...ill & Willm Kidd/ and he to enter to it at my decease another pcell of ground called heskitt another Lea called Edlestonebancke wich I leave unto my wife duringe her life and after her decease the said pcell to remaine to my sonne Robt, Kidd Item my will is yt my daughter Jennett shalhave the Newfeild after my wifes decease; Item my will is that my two daughters Jane Kidd and Mary Kidd \shall have/ Greene riggs after my wifes decease; it is my will that my sonne Robert if he be able shall pay to my two doughthers, Jane and Mary eyther of them 20 pounds a peece and he to have that Land And his mother to occupy it during her life Item my will is that my wife shall have the occupation \of/ one pcell called forriker & that little house during her naturall Life and at her decease I give it to my sonne Robert for the tearme Item my will and mynd is that my wife shall have the occupation of (t)athwell during her naturall life towards the bringing up of my

...(sev. words obliterated..) my will is that my sonne Robert Kidd shall enter to it within halfe a yeaere after my will is that he shall pay £6 -13s – 4d. to Edmond Armitstead out of the said land Item I give & bequeath the Fortith pte of Lower kilne to my sone John & Willim Kidd, It I give the stable to my wife & Robt equally betwixt them & after my wife decease the one halfe to goe to my two sonns John Kidd & William Kidd

It I give the occupation of one pcell called hawbecke dale to my wife duringe her life and at her decease my will is yt my sonne Robt 2 Children Edmond Armitstead 2 children Christopher Atkinson 2 Children And if it shall please god yt my sonne Michael hardacre shall \have/ one child with my doughter Margrett My will is that Alice Atkinson and yt child shalbe 2 children with the other at yt legacie, and the said pcell of ground shalbe sould and the money given equally amongst them Item I give the occupation of the kill to my wife and Robert and at her decease it to remaine to my sonne Robt Item it is my will yt my wife shall have those pcells of ground wich I bought of Gyles Tennant and William Tennant during her life and at her decease my will is yt my 4 sonnes wich is now married That is to say Robt Michael Edmond & Christopher shall have it equally amongst them further it is my will yt for the heme lande my wife shall have the occupation of it dureinge her life, and at her decease I give it to my sonne Robert Kidd Item my will is yt my wife shall occupy my pte in the .. tarne dureinge her life and at her decease my will is yt my 2 sonns John and William shall have it dureinge the terme It is my will yt my wife shall have those pcells of ground lieinge in Giglesweeke field and also the disposeinge thereof Item my will is yt after my debts being paid and my funerall expences be discharged that my wife shall have her right and the rest of all my goods Moveable and unmoveable I give it onto my five children equally to be devided amongst them viz, To John Kidd to William Kidd to Jennett Kidd to Jane Kidd to Marry Kidd And I doe make and appoint my \jurat/ wife my sonne Robert \jurat/ Kidd and my sonne Michael \jurat/ Hardacre Executors of this my last will and Testament

Rich: X kidd  
mke

Sealed signed & delivered  
in the presence of  
Antho: \jurat/ Hall  
Tho: T \mke/ Cooke

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

### **ROBERT KIDD 1604    Borthwick v29 f571**

In the name of god amen the thirtieth day of December etc AD1604 I Robert Kidd of Settle in the county of York senior being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First I commend my soul unto almighty god my creator and maker through the blood shedding of whose son christ I hope to be partaker of everlasting salvation and my body to be buried within my parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my well beloved friends.

Item my will and mind is further that my son Richard Kidd shall have, possess and enjoy my house and cottage lately bought of the right honourable George Earl of

Cumberland and situate lying and being in Settle aforesaid in as full large and ample manner as I have and enjoy the same.

Item for all my goods chattels and debts appertaining to me after my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged my will is that they shall be divided into three parts whereof the first third part I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth according as the usual manner of the country is Item I give the second third part to my son Leonard and the last third part likewise being the deads part in consideration I have given and bequeathed my said house and cottage from him wholly to my said son Richard.

Item I make and ordain my wife Elizabeth sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Willm Kidd, Richard Balderstone, Adam Balderstone and Thomas Sailbancke with others

*Settle*  
*Giggleswicke*

**ROBERT KIDD 1604    Borthwick   v29 f571**

In the name of god amen the thirtieth day of December etc AD1604 I Robert Kidd of Settle in the county of York senior being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First I commend my soul unto almighty god my creator and maker through the blood shedding of whose son christ I hope to be partaker of everlasting salvation and my body to be buried within my parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my well beloved friends.

Item my will and mind is further that my son Richard Kidd shall have, possess and enjoy my house and cottage lately bought of the right honourable George Earl of Cumberland and situate lying and being in Settle aforesaid in as full large and ample manner as I have and enjoy the same.

Item for all my goods chattels and debts appertaining to me after my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged my will is that they shall be divided into three parts whereof the first third part I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth according as the usual manner of the country is Item I give the second third part to my son Leonard and the last third part likewise being the deads part in consideration I have given and bequeathed my said house and cottage from him wholly to my said son Richard.

Item I make and ordain my wife Elizabeth sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Willm Kidd, Richard Balderstone, Adam Balderstone and Thomas Sailbancke with others

*Settle*



*Gigleswicke*

**RICHARD KINGE 1661 Ref. Borthwick.York. Vol.44 fol 170**

*(Transcribed by S.Gordon)*

In the name of God Amen the Twentieth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God According to the Computacon of the Church of England One thousand Six hundred Sixtie one I Richard Kinge of Mewith in the parish of Gigleswicke and County of Yorke Husbandman being sicke in body but of good and pfect remembrance praised be God, doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge, First I \doe/ comitt and Willingley resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye God my maker and Creator, trusting through his mercy and by the merritts of Jesus Christ to be (saved) and to have free pardon and remission of all my sinnes and my Body to the Earth whereof (it was) framed to be buried in my parish Churchyard of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my freinds, And for my Worldlie and Temporall goods and estate, I doe give devise and dispose of the same as followeth, First I will that my debts and funerall expenses be paid out of my Whole goods Also I give unto Jane my wife, All my House grounds and reall estate whatsoever to and for the use of hir Selfe hir Executors administrators and assignes, and all my writings and evidences conserning the same whereas my Sister Alice desired me to give my Brother Robert Kinge Twenty shillings to my Brother Christopher Handcock twenty shillings And my Sister Anne Kinge Twentie shillings (I doe) hereby give it to them Also I give to Robert the sonne of Christopher Handcocke and to Robert the sonne of Henrie Hill of Mashamdale and to Thomas the sonne of Roger Kinge, to everie one of them one (shilling) Alsoe I give to Elizabeth Reonoldson Two shillings six pence And to Susan Renoldson Two shillings & sixpence, And concerning all other my goods Cattells Chattells Creditts and estate whatsoever I doe give the same unto Jane my said wife, And I do make nominate and appointe Jane \jurat/ my said wife Sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament, In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the daye and yeare first above written Richard Kinge R his marke Anthonu \jurat/ H..... Thomas Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ABRAHAM KNOWLES 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle March 1696  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the twenty ninte of January Anno Domin 1696 I Abraham Knowles of Rathmill in the pirish of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke bacster# being infirme in body but of good and pirfecke memory praised be all mighty god doe make & ordaine this my Last will and testament in manner and forme following hereby revoking and making voyd all other wills by me formerly maide And first I doe Comit and willingly resigne my soule into the hands of Allmighty God my maker & Creator hopeing assuredly by the merritts & mediations of Jesus Christ my redeemer to have free pardon & full remission of all my sinnes & my body to the earth to be buried in the pish Church or Churchyard of Giglesweeke at the discretion of my frends nexte I will that my debts & funerall Expences be paid out of my whole

Goods And for my worldly Goods And Temporall Estate I dispose hereof as followeth First I give And bequeath unto Thomas Knowles of malham my brother all my Geates in hannlife Cowe Close and more gaetes And turrbry And tenn pounds of Lawful money to be paid by my Executrixes Item I give unto Richard Knowles and Richard Carr my breathen all my house \barn/ And Lands in Rathmill and all my goods And money Equily betwixte them the paing all my Legguces and funrall Expences Item I give unto Jane grimm tenn shillings And I doe make nomniate And appoint Richard Knowles and Richard Carr them sole Executors of this my Last will and testament and the Lengses to be paid with in twelve monthes after my deacse Sealed signed and delivered

in the presents of us

tesstes

Stephen Carr jurat

Abraham Knowlles

Will: Carr

her marke

Elizabeth EC Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Rathmell " "*

#bacster (poss. Baxter) – a baker

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattells Moveable & Imoveable of Abraham Knowles of MillYate in Rathmill lately deceased & truly vallued and apprized the 10<sup>th</sup>. day of decembr Ano 1696 by us

	li	S	d
Impris His Apparel, Rydding furniture & Money in his purse	06	00	00
It. Four Beasts	12	00	00
It. one Mare	03	10	00
It. Six Sheep	01	10	00
	23	00	00
Debts owing to ye Decd per Bonds			
Richd. Carr	13	15	07
Robert Walker	05	00	00
Thomas Knowles	06	00	00
Richd. Knowles	05	00	00
Debts without specialty Francis Foster	04	17	07
Richd Carr	03	03	00
Robt Procter	03	00	00
John Duckett	01	09	00
Edmd Brown	01	01	00
Richd Carr	08	00	00
	51	06	02
Total	74	06	02

Vallued & Apprized

By us

Step. Carr

Will. Petty  
Edmd. Browne

**ANN KNOWLES Admin. 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Mar 1699**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods and Chattells of Anne Knowles late of Rathmell decd valued and Appraised as followeth

	li	s	d
Imp her purse and Apparrell	01	04	00
Itm two Cows	05	00	00
Itm one Mare	02	10	00
Itm Corne and hay	03	10	00
Itm household goods	02	10	00
Suma	14	14	00

**ANTHONY KNOWLES 1637 Ref. Borthwick Bundle Aug 1637**

In the name of God Amen the five and twentieth day of January 1637 I Anthony Knowles late of Mearbeck and now of Rathmell within the parish of Giggleswick and County of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god therefore I do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker trusting assuredly through the death and passion of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in the kingdom of heaven for ever and my body to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends within the parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid.

Secondly my will and mind is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid performed and discharged out of my whole goods by my executors under named.

Item I give and bequeath unto Margret my now wife the one half of my lands at Mearbeck which is of the annual or yearly rent of twenty-five shillings. Item I give likewise unto my said wife twenty and five pounds of lawful English money in full satisfaction of her third part of my goods. Item I give to Margret Clarke my sister twenty shillings. Item I give to Michael Jacks four shillings. Item I do give to every one that I am god father to twelve pence a piece. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Knowles my eldest son and to William Knowles my second son and to Anthony Knowles my son in law\* and to Margaret Browne my daughter all the rest of my goods equally to be divided amongst them. Item I do make the said Thomas Knowles and the said William Knowles executors of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses hereof

Isabell Preston her mark, Anthony Knowles Rich: Preston

*Mearbeck spelt Mearbecke in will*

*Rathmell spelt Rawthmell*  
*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke*

\* probably stepson is meant

**GEORGE KNOWLES 1670/71 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.52 fol580**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I George Knowles of Brashay in the pish of Gisburne in the County of york being very weake and sick but of pfect remembrance by words I make my last will and Testament And my wife I doe make whole Executor and to bringing me honestly forth att home; And my body to be buried at hir discretion at Gigleswick And my Ancient Lands in Mallam I doe give to my eldest sonne Thomas Knowles with two gates of grassing in new Close which I have bought. And out of my goods I give him tenn shillings to be payd when he comes to the age of one twenty yeares to give a sufficient discharge; Item I give to my second sonne ..... Knowles them gates which I have bought in hanleth pasture, Item I give to my youngest sonne Richard Knowles them sheepe gates on (Thack)ewecke Moore And if either of my younger sonnes doo dye before they come to one and twenty yeares of age then there part to fall to the other and to enioye them for Ever And the the (sic) Rest of my goods I doo give to my wife and to my two younger sonnes to be devided equally amongst them And my ancient Lands in Malham & Kirby Fields for my wife to have to bringing up my children until my eldest sonne come to the age of one & twenty yeares & then to enter to two partes & my wife to her third & (I) doe intreat my brother Thomas Carr & my brother Thomas Knowles to see my children have there right done, And my wife sole Executor of all my goods & Cattell moveable & unmoveable

Witnesse hereof Thomas Carr

*5 lines Latin*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**HENRY KNOWLES of MEARBECK, GIGGLESWICK, 1622.**  
**Inquisition Post Mortem Ref. RP-M2 (3)**  
(attempted translation from Latin)

Inquisition held at Skipton in Co. York on twenty second day of October the twentieth year of the Raigne of James by the grace of God King of England France & Ireland, defender of the faith & of Scotland the forty sixth 1622 before Thomas Lovatt Armingier Escheator for the lord King in the county aforesaid by which office at the post mortem of Henry Knowles late of Mearbeck in the parish of Giggleswick in the aforesaid county yeoman deceased he declares under oath & the oaths of others that the aforesaid Henry Knowles at the day of his death was seized & enfeoffed of & in one messuage with land & pasture situate & being at Mearbeck in the towne of Settle in the county aforesaid & in a close in a park there called Mearbeck park divided into various parts in certain land meadow & pasture & hereditaments at Mearbeck Lodge & Cleatopp in Settle aforesaid the same messuage & lands appurtaining & belonging in total by estimation forty acres of land fifty acres of meadow & forty acres of

pasture & moor & at his death on the 18th. May AD one thousand six hundred & twenty one & message his land & pasture held at the time of his death by the aforesaid Henry of the King by military service & value per annum with all deductions twenty five shillings Henry Knowles late son Lawrence Knowles deceased late eldest son & heir of the aforesaid Henry is ..... heires of the aforesaid Henry aged at death of the aforesaid Henry nine years three months & 15 days ..... jury aforesaid ..... Henry on the day of his death was seized of all his message lands & hereditaments in the county aforesaid held in his possession off the king in his own person the Jury have still to agree who is to obtain possession.

**HENRY KNOWLES 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. June 1692 bundle  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen ye 5<sup>th</sup>. day of October in ye yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety & one I henry Knowles of Meare Beck in ye parish of Gigleswick & County of yorke yeoman being weak of body but in pfect memory praised be god for it do make this my Last Will & Testament (revokeing all others) In maner & forme as followeth:

First I bequeath my soule to Almighty god my Creator hoping through ye merits & mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to obtaine remission of sins & consequently everlasting Life: And my Body to be buried in ye parish church yard of Gigleswick at ye charge & discretion of my executors And as for my Temporall Estate I give & bequeath as followeth

First I give to my sonne Tho: Parkinson his \three/ children each of ym fourty shillings And to my said sonne Thomas & his wife each of ym fourty shillings which said money is oweing to mee by James Hargraves of Knight St[ai]nforth Itm I give to my said sonne one sheet & one coverlet which is now in my chist Itm I give to ye two sonnes of my Late sonne John Knowles deceased Henry & John which hee had by his former wife five pounds to be disposed of at ye discretion of my sonne Lawrence & Henry towards there education Item I give to my sonne Henry Knowles fourty shillings Item I give to my sonne Lawrence Knowles All ye rest of my estate And I do make my said sonne Lawrence \jur/. Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand ye day & year Above written

In the presence of

Stephen Nelson

Henry H mark Knowles

Rich: Lawson jur.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

October the 19<sup>th</sup>. 1691

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods & Chattells of Henry Knowles of Mearebeck late dec'd as they are Apprized by us whose names are subscribed

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparrell	1	15	0
Item one Chist one sheete one coverlet	0	10	0
Item in Money	25	00	0
Sum total	27	05	0

Richard Lawson  
 James Baines  
 Thomas Wray  
 Nicholas Bullock

**JOHN KNOWLES 1691 – INV.(Admin)Ref.Borthwick.York. Oct. 1691 bundle  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and pfect Inventory of ye Goods & Chattells of John Knowles lately deceased of  
 Kt.Stainforth in ye pish of Giggleswicke within ye diocess of yorke made ye 26<sup>th</sup>. September  
 Annoque Dom. 1691 Made by us whose names are here subscribed

	£	s	d
Impr. his Apparrell & money in his purse	02	00	0
one Black & Red oxe, And one Red & Black oxe	13	16	08
Steares one black & redd	05	06	08
Steares one black & white faced	04	05	00
Steares one brand & black	03	15	00
2 Heifers one black Cow	08	10	00
Three other Cowes	07	06	04
Two Cowes & Fowre Calves	08	15	00
Two why stirks & drinking Calves, one cow & a Bull	11	06	04
A Black Cow, 3 Twinters. 2 Colts & one filly	15	04	00
Three mares	02	10	00
Six weathers	01	18	00
And in Hay	12	01	04
In Barly, Oates & Beanes	28	10	00
Thirteene Ewes 5 gimers 1 Ram & 9 Hoggs	09	06	00
One Swine	00	13	04
One Turfe Cart & wheeles & two plowes	01	01	06
Two Cowps & Rathes	00	06	08
Two Carts and two paire of Wheeles	01	18	00
Yoks & Teames 2 Harrowes Swingletreese Coolter & Share 2 Backbands	01	18	02
Forks, Iron Traces & Hames	00	03	00
Two payre of Hames, Barkham & Cartsaddle	00	04	00
Cart ropes Spades, Sacks, Wooll Riddles & Sives	01	04	04
Saddles Wantays & overlays & one Arke	01	07	00
One Bedd & a Chist & three Chaires	01	02	00
One table & a Stand & one paire of Bedstocks	02	07	00
A Table & Forme one joyn'd stoole	00	09	00
A Longe Settle 1 dishbord Foure Chaires	00	10	06
All wood Vessell, & loose husbandrie	00	15	00
A Backstone, & an Iron pott, & pans & pewder	02	00	00
One Chist, Bedding & one Hackney Saddle	02	07	00
	£	s	d
Sume totals	150	16	10
Debts owing to ye deceased	08	00	00
Debts oweing by ye deceased	£	s	d
& by ye deceased	10	12	00
& by the deceased	10	12	00
& by the deceased	09	10	10

Thomas Armistead  
 William Paley                      Apprizers  
 Henry Knowles  
 Thomas Parkinson  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**LAWRENCE KNOWLES 1617    Borthwick v35 f15**

Memorandum that upon Wednesday the eleventh day of March in the year of the reign of our Lord god (*sic*) 1617 Lawrance Knowles of Mearbeck within the township of Settle in the county of York yeoman being sick in body but of perfect remembrance did make and ordain his last will and testament nuncapative in manner and form following.

That is to say( firstly?) he did commend his soul to almighty god and his body to the earthly burial at the discretion of his wife and his friends. He did declare that his will and mind was concerning his worldly goods that Katherine his wife should have her third part. And the younger children unpreferred their part. And that out of his part called the deads part his funeral expenses should be borne and discharged. And he did give the residue thereof to Isabell and Jane his two daughters equally between them willing that if any of his children died in their minority or nonage then the portion of the child so dying should remain to his other child or children that shall survive. And he did request Richard Newhowse, Wm Bankes & Roger Knowles to be the supervisors of his said will and to aid his executrix for the good of his children . And he did nominate and appoint the said Katherine his wife to be the sole executrix of the same his last will and testament these being witnesses; Henrie Knowles and William Bankes.

*Mearebecke*  
*Setle*

**THOMAS KNOWLES 1682 of Mearbeck, Settle**  
**Borthwick v 59 f 310**

In the name of God Amen the last day of May in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the church of England 1682 I Thomas Knowles of Mearbeck in the parish of Giggleswick within the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be Almighty God purposing the peace of my children after my decease therefore I do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting in God's mercy and through the merits of Jesus Christ my only saviour to have free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins And I do give my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in Christian manner within the church or churchyard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends And as touching my worldly goods I give and bequeath as follows First I give to my son Anthony Knowles all my goods and chattels whatsoever movable and immovable

provided and on condition that after my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged to pay these legacies hereafter mentioned viz. To my son in law John Preston his daughter 20 shillings Item to John, Richard and Thomas Sarigantson my grandsons to every one of them three pounds apiece Item to the children of my daughter Anne Clarke John Clarke Alice Clarke John and Anne Clarke to every one of them three pounds apiece Item to the children of my youngest daughter Jane Hardacre Frances Burke Alice Burke and Ellen Burke to every one of them 40 shillings apiece provided that they the said children of the said Jane pay the sum of 10 shillings to Richard Hardacre of Hellifield yearly during the life of the said Jane if the said Jane Hardacre do not pay it herself Item to the two daughters of my said son Anthony 40 shillings apiece Item to Margaret daughter of Thomas Sarigantson 20 shillings and to the son of Lawrence Knowles 20 shillings and to Elizabeth the daughter of Richard Duckett 20 shillings when they shall fully accomplish the age of 21 years Item my will and mind is that my executor undernamed shall pay the several sums of money as is hereafter expressed viz. to Richard Serigeantson his within one year after my decease and to Alice Clarke the second year and the third year to Mary Clarke and the fourth year to Anne Clarke and the fifth year to John Clarke and the sixth year to John Sarigantson and the seventh to Thomas Sarigantson And to the children of Jane Hardacre next in order provided that the 10 shillings wherewith the said legacies are charged be discharged and to the daughter of John Preston and Anthony Knowles when they shall attain the age of 21 years Item I do nominate and appoint my son Anthony Knowles to be sole executor of this my last will and testament In witness hereof I have set to my hand and seal Memorandum that the abovenamed Thomas Sarigantson has received one pound tenn shillings which is intended to be a moitie of the legacy before mentioned Thomas Knowles Witnesses hereof Richard Preston John Preston Elizabeth Preston

*Latin text*

*Gigleswicke original spelling*

**THOMAS KNOWLES 1693/4 Admin. Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1694  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory of the goods and Chattelles Moveable and Imoveable of Thomas Knowles in Rawthmill within the Diocess of yorke truly valued and Apprised the sixte day of February Anoque Dom Nov 1693/4 by us

	li	s	d
Impr. In purse and Apparell	02	00	00
It. Three Cows 3 Steares. 3 Calves. 2 little heifers	19	00	00
It. one Mare	01	10	00
It. Cart and wheeles and other husbandry geare	01	00	00
It. 2 Chists and 3 paire of Bedstocks	00	15	00
It. 2 Chaffe beds 2 rugs 2 Coverlets	00	10	00
It. 4 paire of Sheetes and 2 paire of Blankets	00	10	00
Ite. Boulsters and pillowbeares	00	05	00
It. Brass and pewter and pannes	00	10	00
Ite. 2 Tables and 2 little Tables	00	05	00



Ite. one Longsetle Chaires and stooles	00	06	08
Ite. one Frying pan and A paire of Tongs	00	02	00
Ite. one paire of Brigs Backstone and Range	00	02	06
Ite. Quishons	00	00	06
Item Turves	00	02	06
It. Ceartaine wood vesseles	00	05	00
	27	04	02

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**HENRY KYNGE 1641 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb. 1648/9 MIC 1739  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen The fift daie of March Anno Domin 1641 I henry Kyng of Setle Sicke of body but of good and pfect remembrance praised be god for the same doe make This my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my Soule into the handes of Almyghtie god my Savyour hoping through his precieuse death I shall come to the life Eternall and my body to be buried in the pishe Church yard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my frendes Ite I gyve to my Grandchild Ruth Cockman twoo pcelles of arrable land lying in the townfeldes of Setle on a place called thorneber one other pcell of land called cammiake brow and one other pcell of grounde called goodmans mosse all wich pcelles I boughte of Roger Watkinson with all the Evidencess and writtings concerning the same Ite I give unto Ann Cockman thirteene poundes sixe shillings and Eight pence Ite I give unto Ellyn Cockman tenn poundes Ite I give unto Elsobeth Cockman my Grandchild tenn poundes Ite unto Janne Cockman sixe poundes thirteene shillings foure pence and if anie of these my Grandchilder die before they accomlishe the age of one and twentie yeares their porcions soe dying to remaine to the rest of my Grandchilder living Equally to be devided amongst them all these legaces afforenamed my will is that they shalbe sett forward for these my Grandchilders use at the discretion of Thomas Lawson of the Loge and Roger Althame of Setle Ite I give unto my Sister Isabell Ashe forty shillings Ite to my Cossen Ann Richardson twenty shillings Ite when my funeral Expences and debts be paid all the rest of my goodes I give to my executors under named Ite I give all my houses landes Tenements and leases within the teritoris of Setle unto my Sonne Thomas Cockman and my daughter Elsobeth; his wife and to the heires of their two bodies Lawfully begotten or to bee begotten forever Ite I appointe Thomas Cockman \jurat/ my Sonne \in Lawe/ and Elsobeth my daughter to be Joint Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have sett my hand to this my last will and testament the daie and yeare \first/ above written Wittnesses hereof

Thomas Lawson jurat

henry kyng

John Armestead mark jurat

(Roger?) Althame marke RA

*Settle – modern spelling*

*Giggleswick - “ “*

## THOMAS LACKLAND of Burghouse 1637

(From Annabel Kemplay Coll.)

In the name of god Amen I Thomas Lackland of Burghouse Seeke in body but of perfect memory praised be god doe make this my last will and Testament the thurtent day of January in thurtent year of the Reigne of our Soveraine \lord/ king Charles defender of the faith etc. Anno Dom 1637 first I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Allmighty God hopping (thranh) Christs (mirche) to attaine Everlasting Sallvation and my body to be buryed in the parish Church or Churchyard of Gigglesweeke (at) the decretion of my frends Secondly I give and bequeth & devise all my Tenniment at Burghouse with all the gardens houses Closes and Comons and other appurtenances there unto belonging now of latte in my possession to Thomas Lackland and William Lackland Sonnes of Christopher Lackland my Sonne latly deceased to have and to hould to them their heirs and assignes from the day and datte yeare of for all the tyme and terme that I have therein They paying and decchargeing all such Rents duties and services as shall grow due and payable for the Same (promysed) all wayse I further give and bequeath to William Lackland Sonne of Henry Lackland of (peareth) my grand Chylde the Some of fifty three shillings four pence yearlye to be paid upon the daye of penty Cost and the day of Sainte martine the Bischope in winter by Equale portions by my Executors administrators or assignes and if the said William Lackland doe live to be come to the agee of one and Twenty years of age then I do give and bequeath unto him the said bargh Cloose \..... Eight...../to have and to hold to him and his assignes until such Second day of February as they the said Thomas Lackland and William Lackland my Executors or their assignes shall Consent and paye The said William Lakeland the full and Just Some of Twenty pounds of lawfull English money And all so (the said) Thomas Lackland and William Lackland shall Sufer and permit their mother Anne Lackland quietly to Ocupye and in Joy one gardene Called the Spyar Garth for the tenure of fifty year if she the said Anne Lackland doe so long live for the rent of one penny paying by year All so I give to my daughter Elizabeth Clarsonne one of my best kye all so I give to Christofer and Eline Childrene of my daughter Elizabeth two whye sterks & to be kept upon my Tenement at Burghous untill they be with Calphe and I give my Coote to John Clarkson All so I give to foure other Children of my daughter Elizabeths Every one tene shillings I give all so to Elizabeth Lackland daughter of Henry Lackland my Sonne ten Shilings and I give to William Wilkinson and mary Smeth Ether of them one shilling And for the rest of my goods movable and unmovable I give them to Thomas Lackland and \William Lackland/ Sonnes of Christopher Lackland my sonne And I make them Executors of this my \last/ will and \testament/ I Comyt the tewisyan of the said Thomas Lackland and William to Anne Lackland their mother and I doe give and bequeath that Thomas Lackland and William shall maintaine Anne Lackland with housrome meate drinke and aperill for the space and terme of fifty years if she the said Anne Lackland their mother doe so long live or Eles pay her forty shillings every year towards her maintenance for the space and tearme aforesaid In wittnes where of to this my last will and Testament I have seel to my hand the day and year Above written

*(hole in document where signature was)*

*Three damaged fragments included*

(1) In Wittnesse of my last will and Testament

James Ivesonne his mark

Anne Lackland her marke

Mary Smeth her marke  
Gregory \jurat/ Twisletoin  
(2) Unreadable  
(3) Lakland

Im that Thomas did also Comand that his debts should be paid and those legasyce which hee had given upon his goods out of \hand/ (preferably) of his owne goods by \his/ last will and Testament upon the Sextent day of January in the Year above written 1637 etc. in the presence of Elizabeth Clarksonne, Gregory Twisleton & others

**HENRY LAKELAND of Stainforth 1689**  
**Borthwick vol. 61 fol. 15 (not 156)**

Henrici Lakeland

**In the name of God Amen** I Henry Lakeland of Stainforth under Bargh in the parrish of *Graswel* \*(sic) in the County of yorke being sickly of body but in perfect memory praised be God for the same, doe make this my last will and testament in manner following; First I give my soule unto Almighty God hoping through the merrits of my deare Saviour Jesus Christ to be saved; And alsoe my body to be buried at(?) the discretion of my relations; Alsoe I order my debts legacies and funeral expences to be paid out of the whole; Alsoe I give unto my daughter Ellen Lakeland my dwelling house and Turfehouse thereunto adjoining, out of which I order my daughter Ellen Lakeland to pay unto my sonn Robert Lakeland the sume of five shillings, And alsoe to pay to my daughter Sarah Moorehouse the sume of five shillings; And alsoe all the goods and Cattels and household goods moveable and unmoveable I give unto my daughter Ellen Lakeland whome I doe appointe to be my Executrix of this my last will and testament; In Wittness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the third day of March in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James the second over England Scotland etc King and in the yeare of our Lord 1686 Henry Lakeland his(?) marke Wittness Chr: Browne Thomas Lakeland

*\* probably a mistake of the copyist.*

**THOMAS LAWKLAND 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Sep 1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**  
Original and copy as photocopies

In the name of god Amen I Thomas Lawkland of Langcliffe in ye County of York Labourer being weakly of body but in pfect memory praised be god do make this my Last Will & testament in maner Following viz first I give & bequeath my soule to god Almighty my maker Hopeing through the merit & mediation of his son my saviour to obtain remission of sinns & by that Everlasting life And my body I give to the ground to bee buried at ye discretion of my Freinds & relatins As for my Temporall Estate I give & bequeath as followeth  
Imprimis I give to each one of John Paley my master his children that is Tho: Rich: John: Margret. Eliz: Ann: & Isabell each one ye sume of five shillings – And further I give to Christ: Lakeland my Brother all my wearing clothes except one coat & one

hatt And likewise I give to ye same Christopher my Brother ye sum of three pounds  
 And I likewise give to my two sisters Elizabeth: & Alice to each the sume of five  
 pounds And I likewise give to Ann my sister the sume of three pounds And I likewise  
 give to Tho: Lakeland son of Christ: my brother five shillings And I likewise appoint  
 Richard \jurat/ Lakeland my brother Executor of this my Last Will & testament  
 revokeing all other before made

In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand this one & twentieth day of May  
 Anno Dom 1690

In the presence of

Tho: Swainson

testators mark

Rich: Lawson jurat

Thomas X Lakland

June ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1690

An Inventory of ye goods Credits and debts of Thomas Lawkland late of Langcliffe  
 deceased as they are Apprized by us whose names are subscribed

	li	s	d
Imprim his purse and Apparrell	01	05	00
One Chist	00	08	00
In Malt?	02	10	00
In debts	22	10	00
	li	s	d
Hugh Corte	26	13	00
Anthony Armitstead			
John Paley			
Richard Lawson			
Funerall Expences	03	00	00

**THOMAS LAWKLAND Admin. 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Aug.1699  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of all ye goods & Chattels of Thomas Lawkland of  
 Stainforth under bark made by us whose names are underwritten ye 10<sup>th</sup>. day of Aug:  
 (99)

	li	s	d
Imprs. His purse & apparell & horse	03	10	00
Ite. one house & garden	10	00	00

Witnes our hands

Robt Foster

Wm Carr

Jo: Paleye

Francis Buck

**CHRISTOPHER LAWSON 1628 Ref. Borthwick v4 f81a**

In the name of god Amen the fourteenth day of February AD 1628 I Christopher  
 Lawson of the Lodge in the parish of Giggleswick and diocese of York husbandman  
 sick in body but of good memory praised be god do make this my last will and

testament in manner following First I commend my soul to almighty god and I will that my body be honestly brought to burial in neighbourly sort. Item I will that Isabell my wife shall have the one half of my living to bring up my children so long as she keeps her my wife and if that she marry my will is that the aforesaid half of my living shall go to the bringing up of my children altogether and she to have no benefit thereof. Item I will that all my debts be paid and all expenses to be first discharged out of my whole goods. Item I give to my wife one third part out of the rest one other third I give unto my son Robert and Jane and Margaret my daughters. Item I give one other third to my daughters Jane and Margaret. And lastly I make and appoint my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses: Hugh Lawson, Thomas Lawson.

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke in will*

**FRANCIS LAWSON 1647 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Dec 1647/8  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the xxviiiith daie of June, 1647 I Francis Lawson of Setl within the County of yorke husbandman doe make this my last will and testament in manner (&) forme following First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Allmightie god and my body to buried in the Church yarde in Giglesswicke at the discession of my frends Ite I give unto Issabell my wife \All my/ houses gardens One Atturmyre \dale/ with all other my lands and right wich I have in houses and lands in S(etle) afforesaid dureinge her life naturall if shee keepe her sole and un married and after her decease I gyve the said houses gardens atturmyre dale with all other my right of houses and lands as afforesaid unto Barbarye Lawson my youngest daughter to her and her heires \for/ ever shee paieing to my foure Eldest daughters everie one of them xxs within sixe months after her mother decease viz: to Margreat xxs to Issabell xxs to Elsobeth xxs & to Allis xxs Ite I give to my five daughters Margreat Issabell Elsobeth Allis and Barbary Eighteene pounds which Thomas Kyng of Kirkbe in Malhamdale latly deceased ought me Equally to be devided amongst them Item I give when my debts and (funer)al Expences be paid I give the remainder of my goods .....(page torn) to Issabell my wife and I appointe my wife \jurat/ to be my Executrix of this my last will and testament and to sett my hand and seale the daie and yeare above sai(d)

Wittnesses

Robert Kidd jurat

Tho Cockman jurat

Francis F Lawson mke

*Settle            modern spelling*

*Giggleswick    "            "*

**GREGORY LAWSON 1615    Borthwick v34 f666**

In the name of god Amen the Nyne and twentyth day of June in yeare of our lord god one thousand six hundred and fiftene I Gregory Lawson of Langcliffe in the county of yorke yeoman beinge at this instant of good and pfect memory god be praised therefor doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testament in manner and form followinge,

first I comend my soul into the mercifull hands of almighty god trustinge and assuredly psuadding my self that through the merritts and precious blood shedinge of my sweete saviour and redeemer Christ Jesus I shall have full remission of all my sinnes and be made ptaker of life everlasting and for my bodie I comitt the same to the earth from whence it came to be buried within the pish Church of Gigleswicke in or for now as conveniently may be unto the place where I doe use to kneele and sitt on the sundaies and holidayes. Item I desire Mr Shute to preach at my buriall and for that his pains I give him five shillings. Item I doe hereby revocke all former wills by me made at any time before the day of the date hereof Item whereas I have by my deede in Wryting indented bearing date the six and twenteith day of the instant June, given granted assigned and set over unto Mathew Sigswicke of Langcliffe and Thomas Lawson of Airton late sonne of Roger Lawson of Knight Sanford and to their executors and assignes all my Messuage Tenement and estate that I have (wth<sup>in</sup>?) my lands or grounds whatsoever in langcliffe aforesaide to and such uses as are therein limitted and expressed I doe now hereby ratifie and refirme the sam deede to be good and effectuall in law to and for the sam use therein specified and declared. Item I give unto the poore people of the pish of Gigleswicke Twentie shillings to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of Mr Christopher Shute and churchwardens of this pish Item my will is and I ordaine that Thomas Palye son of John unto whom I have limitted my Tenement after my decease, shall give unto Robert Stalman my sisters sonne Twentie nobles, and unto Thomas Claphame sonne of the saide Christopher fortie shillings, to be paide unto them at the time of mariage of the Thomas and my will is that upon the payment of the saide some to the saide Robert Stalman he the saide Robert shall give release unto my executors of all such rights as hee might clame in any pte of my goods or other rights whatsoever, and shall alsoe release unto the saide Thomas Paley all the righ that he might claime in the Tenement and grounds orelse if he refuse soe to doe then to have noe benefite of the legacie And if this saide Thomas Paley shall refuse to paye the saide legacies, to the saide Robert Stalman, and Thomas Claphame, then my will is, that the said feoffees or freinds in trust and my executors shall pay the same out of the proffits and increase of my saide tenement Item my will is that the saide Thomas Paley shall be guided and governed by my executors hereafter named, and by my supervisors, and likewise that (t)he shall have the guideing, mannring, useing, and husbanding of my Tenement, for his behoofe, and towards his better bringing upp and pfermet if in case that hee be not married in my life times untill the second daye of februarie wch shall be in the yeare of our lord god one Thousand six hundreth Twentie and two Item I give unto unto (sic) the saide Thomas Paley my armour, That is to say, my talliver with the furniture thereto belonging, and all my husbandry geare. Item I give to Christopher Claphame and Thomas his sonne either of them Twentie shillings, and unto Thomas Paler of Gigleswicke Twentie shillings and unto Thomas Paler sonne of the saide Thomas Tenn shillings and unto Rober(t) Cookesonne fortie shillings Item I give unto Willm Lawson fortie shillings wch he owes me, and I give unto Henrie Lawson sonne of the saide Willm Tenn shillings. Item I give unto James Falthropp Twentie shillings wch he owes me. Item I give unto Margrett Iveson widdow Twentie Shillings if shee be living at my decease, or if shee be dead, then I give it to James her sonne Item I give to Anne Kiddson my maid servant Ten shillings. And for the residue of all my goods cattalls and other rights unbequeathed I give one halfe of them unto the saide Thomas Paley sonne of John. Provided alwaies and upon condicion that if the saide Thomas paley sonne of John dye before he be maried this his legacie shalbe voide and then I give the porcon of goods and cattalls to him limitted unto the executors and

supervisors of this my will to be distributed according to their discrecon amongst my kinfolke and freinds. And I give the other halfe unto Richar(d) Lawson and unto his wife and children equally amongst them. Item I give unto Thomas paley the sonne of John and to his heires and assignes forever my customarie estate in that pcell of grounde called Stackhouse holme upon condicion that he shall give and pay to Thomas Lawson and Joh Lawson sonnes of Richard be paide the some of Eleaven pounds when he comes to age of Twentie one yeares or within a twelvemonth now after my decease or for want of payment thereof then I give tennt and customarie estate of the pcell of grounde to the saide Thomas Lawson and John Lawson and to their heires and assignes forever. And I doe appoynt and ordaine the saide Christopher Clapham Thomas Paler of Giggleswick and Richard Lawson to be joynt executors of this my last will and testament and I desire Rober falthropp and the saide Willm Lawson to be supervisors thereof and to assyst my executors with their best directions and helpe. Witnesses hereof  
James Falthropp Thomas Lawson Willm Lawson and Mathew Sigswicke

Latin text

*Giggleswick  
Knight Stainforth*

**HUGH LAWSON 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Sep 1690 (admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true pfect Inventory of all ye goods & Chattells late Hugh Lawson of Lodge in the Diocesse of yorke Singleman Deceased taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this sixteenth day of September Ano Dom 1690

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse & apparell	1	6	8
Item Hay & Corne	7	0	0
Item fower Kine	6	0	0
Item fower Twinters	2	0	0
Item fower Calves	1	3	4
Item two old Maires & one Colt	3	0	0
Item fifty sheep & some husbandry geare	5	0	0
	25	10	0

Hugh Hall  
Hugh Lawson  
James Procter  
Jo:Richardson

**JEREMY LAWSON 1701 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle July 1701 (ADMIN)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

*(Disclaimer by his mother)*

Whereas Jeremy Lawson late of Lodge in the Parish of Giggleswick & County of York yoman deceyed did not in his life time make any last Will or Testamt. in writeing or otherwise And whereas the Right & Tytle of Administration of all & Singular the Goods Cattalls Chattalls Right Credits & personall Estate of the said Deceased doth of right appertaine & belong unto me Elizabeth Lawson of Lodge aforesaid Widow, Mother of the said Jeremy Lawson deced Now Know all men by these presents that I the said Elizabeth Lawson for diverse good Causes and valuable Consideracons me hereunto especially moveing Do hereby renounce & disclaime all my Right & tytle of Administracon of in and unto all & Singular the Goods Cattalls Chattalls Rights Credits & personall Estate of the said Jeremy Lawson late decd. And Doe consent & agree as much as in me lyes that Administracon of the Goods Cattalls Credits & personall Estate of the said Deced may bee Granted and Comitted unto Peter Lawson of Askrigg in the said County of york Gent Brother of the said Deced, And to the end that this my Renunciaton & consent may take effect I do hereby Authorize Constitute & Appoint Mr. Robert Oates Mr. Thomas Empson & *(blank)* Publique Notaries Procters of the Prerogative Court att york my true and Lawfull Procurators Joyntly or Severally for me & in my name to appeare before the Worshipfull *(blank)* Master of Arts Comissary of the said Court or his Surrogate or any other Competent Judge in this behalfe & to exhibit this my Proxy of Renunciaton & to pray & procure the same to be admitted & by vertue thereof for me & in my name to renounce the Administracon of the Goods Cattalls & personall Estate of the sd Deced And to consent that Administracon thereof may be Granted and committed unto the said Peter Lawson And to do & execute & performe all other things requisite & necessary in the premises and Whatsoever our said Procurators or any of them Shall Jointly or Severally do or cause to be done in the premises I do hereby allow ratifie & Confirme Wittnesse my hand and Seale the Twenty First day of July In the year of our Lord One Thousand Seaven Hundred and one  
Sealed & Delivered  
in the presence of us  
Wm. Carr Jun  
Joseph Lawson

the mark of  
Elizabeth EL Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A True and perfect Inventory of All & Singular the Goods Cattalls Chattalls Credits and personall Estate which late were & did belong unto Jeremy Lawson late of Lodge in the parish of Giggleswick & County of york yoman deceased apprized the First day of July Anno Dni 1701

	li	s	d
Imp. His purse & Apparrell	4	0	0
Itm Ready money	8	0	0
Itm Five Milke Cows	15	0	0
Itm Three Fatt Cows	10	0	0



2 Oxen	7	0	0
Itm Three Heifers	5	0	0
Itm four Calves	4	0	0
Itm four Sulking ( <i>sic</i> )Calves ( <i>sukling</i> )	2	0	0
Itm 39 Feeding Ewes	19	10	0
Itm One Ramme	0	15	0
Itm four Wethers	1	12	0
Itm One Hundred & four Sheep	36	8	0
Itm Twentyone Lambs	4	5	0
Itm one Old Gelding	5	0	0
Itm Two younge Gelding	7	0	0
Itm Husbandry geare	2	0	0
Itm Arkes & Table	2	0	0
Bedstocks	1	0	0
Tot	134	10	0

**JOHN LAWSON 1683 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 60 fol. 377**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen, this sixth day of March in the yeare of our Lord Christ one Thousand six hundred eighty Three I John Lawson of Lodge in the parish of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman being sicke and weak in body but of good and perfect memory praised be god for the same doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say First and principally I Commend and Commit my soul into the mercifull handes of Almighty God my Creator and Redeemer assuredly Trusting that through the merritts and precious blood shedding of my Saviour Jesus Christ my sinnes shall be forgiven and that my soul shall be made partaker of Eternall Blisse and happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven and my body to be buried att the discretion of my Executor and Executrix hereafter named and other my friends And as to my Temporall Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with and I give and dispose of as followeth And First my will and mind is that all such my just debts as are not already secured by land as after my Funerall expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods. Item my will and mind is and I doe give and devise unto Elizabeth my wife all my brass pewter and Bedding of all sorts as well woollen as Linnen to her owne use one old brass pann and one old pewter dubler except which I give unto my son Hugh Item I give unto my said wife the chist standing in the parlour, and one chist standing in the Little loft Item my will and mind is and I doe hereby give unto my said sonne Hugh Lawson as well the messuage and Tenement as all other lands and premises which are menconed and expressed in one Indenture of lease bearing date the .....th day of June last and in one Indenture of release and confirmation bearing date the eighth day of June last and made by me to my said sonne Hugh, provided always that he nor his heirs nor assignes shall not be charged nor chargeable with \the payment of/ any yearely rent or sum of money to Elizabeth his said mother although there is Two pounds Tenn shillings charged by the said release to be paid to her yearely for her life Item I give to my said sonne Hugh Twenty shillings Antient Rent on those Two pastures called Highhill and Halstead and the herbage and soyle thereto belonging to (him) his heires and assignes for ever Item I give unto him all my right and Title in three dailes of

ground lying in Skirskill? And alsoe my full estate and equity of Redemption of all those lands groundes and ..... which I have .....rty mortgaged to William Bankes of Green and William Paley of Settle or (either of them) Item I give unto my said sonne Hugh all those Three closes called Watkinson closes containeing by Estimation Four acres and one close cald lower Sowerlands by estimation one acre to him, his heirs and assignes for ever provided always and upon Condition that he pay to Elizabeth Thomas and .....and Peter my younger Children forty poundes A peice within the space of Twelve months next after they shall attaine their severall ages of Twenty one yeares and not otherwise and in case he shall make default in the payment of the abovesaid sumes or any of them of any part or partes thereof then my will and mind is and I doe hereby give full power and authority to William Bankes and Richard Lawson aforesaid my brother and their heirs and the ...../..... and his heirs to sell and dispose of the said Closes to and for the payment of the aforesaid sumes to my said children and to be sold to the best Benefit and advantage and the overplus that shall (remaine)..... my will and mind is that it shall be given to my said sonne Hugh his heirs or assignes Item I doe give to my said sonne Hugh Three shillings Foure pence antient rent on (A) pasture called (Stal.....?).....thereto belonging and on those Closes and inclosed groundes lyeing upon and..... Settle moores within that part called the Cragg part containeing in all by estimation tenn acres and one Close lyeing amongst the same Closes called Stevensons Close by estimation one Acre and alsoe one Close called (Moore?) Close lyeing beyond the Gill and betwixt the groundes of Mr. Richard (Preston?) containeing by estimation Two acres and alsoe one Close or pasture ground called (Stirskill? Alsoe) fower score acre being by estimation Twelve Acres to hold to him his Executors Administrators and assignes for and during all such Termes and numbers of yeares as are yet unspent and to come in the same or any part thereof provided always and upon Condition that he pay to Joseph and John Lawson my younger children Forty pound a peice within the space of Twelve months after they shall attaine their severall ages of Twenty one yeares .....otherwise and in case he shall make default in the payment of the abovesaid sumes or either of them then my will and mind is and I doe hereby give full power and Authority to William Bankes and William Lawson aforesaid their Exceutors and Administrators and the survivor of them his Executors and Administrators to sell and convey the said Closes to and for the payment of the said Four score poundes to the said Joseph and John Lawson and to be sold to the best benefitt and advantage and the overplus that shall be made thereof my will and mind is that it shall be given to my said sonne Hugh his Executors Administrators and assignes Item my will and mind is that my said wife Elizabeth and my said sonne Hugh shall have and receive the rents, Issues and proffitts that shall arise out of the said Three Closes called Watkinsons Closes and the Two closes cald Sowerlands and all and singular the premises which are holden in lease For and Towards the maintenance and education of my said six younger Children; until they shall have their said severall porcons paid as aforesaid, And it is alsoe my will and mind that my said sonne Hugh from time to time as he shall pay the said portions shall enter as unto his owne estate to such part of the aforesaid premises as att the discretion of Two sufficient men shall be thought Fitt according to such sum or sumes as he payes, provided always that all the premises that are holden in Lease shall stand as security for the payment of the pocions aforesett out for Joseph and John my Two youngest children Item I doe give and devise unto my said wife and my sonne Hugh all and singular my goodes Cattells and Chattels not herein and hereby before disposed of equally betwixt them ( my household goods and husbandry

geare onely Excepted) which my will and mind is shall be and remaine in and about my said message and be equally betwixt my said wife and my said sonne Hugh but in case my said wife shall happen to marry again that then my will and mind is my said wife nor any for her use shall have any right Title or interest of in or unto the said household goods and husbandry geare but that then they shall be one and remaine to the sole and proper use of my said son Hugh and I doe hereby nominate and appointe my said wife and my said sonne Hugh Executrix and Executor Jointly of this my last will and Testament And I doe desire and request the said William Bankes and William Lawson to doe their utmost Endeavours to see this my last will and Testament duely and truly performed according to the True (Tenor) and effect and true meaning hereof In witness hereof I the said John Lawson to this my last will and Testament containeing Two sheets of paper have put my hand and seale the day and yeare First herein written John Lawson sealed published and signed in the presence of us Thomas Carr William Foster John Richardson Memorandum that the said John Lawson doth order and give in the presence of the aforesaid witnesses and his will and mind is that if any of his foresaid children depart this life before they shall have had and received their portions that then such portion as belongs to the deceased shall redound and come to all my said children that shall be then surviving equally amongst them and I doe declare this to be as I direct to my aforesaid will as witness my hand and seale this Twenty First day of March Anno Dni. One Thousand six hundred eighty three John Lawson witness Thomas Carr William Foster John Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

### **JOHN LAWSON 1608 Borthwick v 30 f 781**

In dei nomine Amen: upon the nyne and twentieth day of November in the yere of our Lord god 1608 I John Lawson of Knight Stainford in the county of yorke yeoman sicke in my bodie, but of perfecte remembrance prayed be god, do make this my last will and testament in manner as followeth First I commend my soule to allmightie god, by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christe my onely saviour I beleve to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my wife & friends Also it is my will that my debtes and funerall expenses be paid out of my goodes Item my will is and I give unto Alice my wife soe much of my goodes as will extende to make her thirde thereof amounte to the some of twenty poundes Item I give to my brethren Francis and Richard Lawson, and unto my sisters Agnes and Anne to every of them forty shillings a peece to be paid at Martynmas which shalbe Anno d[omi]ni one thousand sixe hundrethe and twelve And I give unto my brother Thomas Lawson in regard of his dutiful and diligent service to me the some of five poundes to be paid at Martynmas which shall be Anno d[omi]ni 1611 Item I give to my daughters Elizabeth and Anne Lawson eyther of them fiftie shillings a peece Elizabeth legacie to be paid at Pentecost which shall be Anno d[omi]ni 1610(?) And Anne legacie to be paid at Martynmas which shalbe Anno d[omi]ni 1614 to be in full recompence of and for their full filiall and childes partes and portions of my goodes wherewith I will they hold themselves satisfied because they are to be otherwise preferred by my landes Item I give unto every of my wife brothers children Anthonie Egline sixe shillings eight pence a peece Item I give the rest of my goodes not bequeathed my debtes legacies and funerall expenses

discharged to my exequatrix And I make and appoint Alice my wife my sole exequatrix of this my last will and testament And yf she refuse exequatrix then I appoint Elizabeth my daughter to be exequatrix hereof desireing my good freindes Richard Somerscales and Richard Paley to aide and assist her therein allowing unto them their reasonable charges & consider their paines & travell aboute the same in that behalfe And all former wills I utterly renounce Witnesses heerof Georg Swainson George Sadler (?) and Bryan Bainbrigge

*Knight Stainforth  
Giggleswick*

**LAWRENCE LAWSON 1617 Borthwick v35 f256**

In the name of God Amen the third day of January in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred and seventeen I Lawrence Lawson of Giggleswick within the county of York yeoman sick in body but of sound mind and perfect memory praised be god therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I give and commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits and passion of my blessed saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free remission of all my sins and to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and my body to be buried at the discretion of my loving wife and friends.

And my will is that my debts mortuary and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods and as concerning my messuage and tenements with all my ground and commons with their appurtenances which I tenant in Giggleswick and whereof I am tenant to the right honourable Francis Earl of Cumberland I give and bequeath all the same and all my full and whole estate right title interest term and terms of years therein and all my deeds and indentures concerning the same unto Thomas Lawson my second son and to his lawful issue and to the assigns of such issue yet nevertheless under such conditions as are hereafter expressed.

That is to say first that he the said Thomas Lawson his issue and assigns shall permit and suffer the said Ann my wife and her assigns to enjoy all the said premises until the said Thomas my son shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty years to and for such intents and purposes as hereafter in this my will shall be expressed and declared and also that he the said Thomas his issue and assigns shall permit and suffer the said Ann my wife and her assigns to enjoy one full third part of all my said messuage tenement and premises with their appurtenances from and after the time that my said son Thomas shall accomplish his said age of twenty and one years for fifty nine years then next following if she so long live and be not married again.

And also upon condition that he the said Thomas his issue or assigns shall truly content & pay unto George Lawson my eldest son the sum of three score pounds of lawful English money within one year next after that the said George shall accomplish his lawful age of twenty and one years and to the rest of my children Henry William Margaret and Jenet every of them twenty pounds when they shall successively accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years.

And it is my will and mind that the said Ann my wife and her assigns shall out of the profits of my said tenement pay and allow unto the said George my eldest son yearly and every year five pounds for four years now next coming for and towards his better exhibition and maintenance at the university to be paid unto him quarterly by equal portions. And the rest of all the profits that shall arise thereof during the nonage of my said son Thomas to go to my said wife and her assigns for the better relief and education of my said wife and children. And if my said son George shall not have the said sum of three score pounds paid unto him at or within the time above mentioned and limited for payment thereof then my will is and I give unto the said George his executors and assigns in lieu thereof all my grounds lying at Stripes containing about nine roods and one parcel called Crommcroftes containing by estimation three roods lying and being within the town fields of Giggleswick aforesaid and now in my possession to have and to hold the said Stripes and Crommo Croft to my said son George his executors administrators and assigns for and during all the years term and time which then shall be unspent of the lease and leases by which the same are now by me held. And if my said son Thomas his issue or assigns shall make default in payment of the said several sums of twenty pounds a piece to my said other children at the time above mentioned for payment thereof then my will is that such child or children as shall be so disappointed thereof shall enjoy my said whole tenement, (my said wife her right excepted) until they shall be satisfied and paid their said twenty pounds a piece successively out of the profits of the same. And if my said children die in their nonage then the twenty pounds of him, her or them so dying to remain and be good to the survivors of them. And if my son Thomas die without issue lawful then I give my said messuage tenement and premises with the appurtenances unto William my youngest son and to his lawful issue and assigns, and for want thereof then to my said son George & his lawful issue and assigns and for want thereof then to my said son Henry and his lawful issue and assigns and for want thereof then to my said daughters and their lawful issue and assigns provided that which of them so ever the same shall so come unto they to pay the rest of my said children such sums as before is limited unto them and to perform the conditions aforesaid anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And as touching the disposal of my moveable goods that shall remain after my debts mortuary and funeral expenses be deducted and set out and my wife having her third according to law my will is that my said son Thomas shall have no share nor part thereof because he shall be otherwise preferred by my said testament and leases but that the same shall be equally divided among the rest of my children George Henry William Margaret and Jennett.

And I make and ordain the said Ann my wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses: John Bankes and William Lawson

*Giggleswicke*  
*Giggleswick*

**MICHAEL LAWSON 1626 v39 f537**

In the name of God Amen the seventh day of May 1626 I Michaell Lawson of the Lodge in the parish of Giggleswick and in the county of York singleman being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commit and commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting through the merits and most precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my mother and the rest of my friends. Item my will and mind is and I give unto Robert Lawson my brother all my whole estate of all my houses and garthes with all the rest of my other grounds and the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and too hold the same unto my said brother Robert his executors, administrators and assigns with all my writings and assurances thereunto belonging during the term of years therein expressed, excepted always out of this gift that my brother Robert shall discharge and pay all my debts which I do owe and am indebted to any man and all my funeral expenses. Item my will and mind is further out of this gift that my mother shall have all my said houses, garthes with all the rest of my other grounds above mentioned unto my mother during her life natural for all the natural love and affection that I bear unto her and for all the pains which she has taken with me in this my great sickness. And to fulfil my father's will(?) for her widow right, and that my brother shall not assign nor enjoy any of the foresaid gift during the life of my said mother. But after her decease my said brother shall enter unto the same as aforesaid to give and dispose of at his will and pleasure discharging all my debts as aforesaid. And I make ordain and appoint Robert Lawson my said brother sole executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Hugh Lawson, Thomas Lawson and Henrye Lupton.

*Gigleswicke*

**RICHARD LAWSON of Langcliffe 1699**

**North Yorkshire County Record Office, Northallerton ZXC I 1/21/1  
Also at Borthwick, York ref. Bundle May 1700 MIC 1796**

In the name of God amen the twenty fourth day of October in the yeare of our Lord according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred ninety nine I Richard Lawson of Langclife in the County of Yorke yeoman being infirme in body but of sound annd perfect memory praised be God for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following that is to say first and chiefly commending my soule unto God almighty beleiveing my salvation in and through the sole mercy of my onely Redeemer Jesus Christ and committing my body to the earth in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection unto Life eternall decently to be buried in the parish Church of Gigelswicke after the manner of my ancesters of that worldly estate which God in mercy hath bestowed upon me I doe dispose as followeth Imprimis after payment of my just debts and funeral expences I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah one Chest of drawers bought by me at Leeds Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Sarah the sums of fourscore pounds to be paid

her by my executor when and if she doeth attaine her full age of twenty and four years  
Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Margrett the like sume of fourscore  
pounds to be paid her in like manner when and if she doe attaine her full age of  
twenty six years of age Item I doe give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniell the sum  
of fifteen pounds to be paid him when the said Nathaniell shall have fully attained the  
full age of twenty three years or at the end of three Months next following the  
determmination of his apprentishipp whether soever shall happen Item I doe give and  
bequeath unto my son Jonathan the sume of fifteen pounds to be paid him by my  
executor when and if he doe attaine his full age of twenty and three years Item I give  
and bequeath unto my son Richard Lawson his heires executors administrators and  
assignes as well all my freehold estate as alsoe my Lease Lands with all their  
appurtenances set situate lying and being within the Towns Township and Territoryes  
of Langcliffe aforesaid and Lastly hereby revoking all other and former wills if any  
such were by me heretofore made of this my last will and testament I doe nominate  
constitute and appoint my said son Richard Lawson sole executor In witness whereof  
I have unto theses presents bearing date the day and yeare first above written set my  
hand and seale Richard Lawson hand and seale sealed signed and published to be the  
last will and testament of the above named

Testator Richard Lawson in the  
sight of us with those words whethersoever happens first interlined John Green his  
marke Thomas Paley Richard Atkinson

*Also at Borthwick. A handwritten Obligation – Abstract*

**RICHARD LAWSON 1699**  
**Craven Jan. 1699/1700 Curation**

Richard Atkinson of Settle, his heires, executors, administrators and assigns.  
Re Richard Lawson child of Richard Lawson of Langcliffe “trecentis libris bond”

Richard Atkinson to pay Richard Lawson’s child when he is 21, marries or otherwise  
demands. Atkinson to bring him up with meat drink cloaths and all other necessary  
during his minority.

THOMAS LAWSON 649 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1650  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

In the name of god Amen The Tenth day of March in the yeare of our Lord god According to  
the Computacon of the Church of England, Anno Dni one Thousand Six hundred Forty and  
nine I Thomas Lawson of Shirwood howse in the pish of Gigeswicke in the County of yorke  
yeoman Sicke in bodie but of good and pfecte memorie, god bee praised therefore, doe make  
this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followeinge, First I Commend my soule  
into the hands of Almighty god, hoping through the merritts of my allone Saviour Jesus  
Christ to bee made ptaker of eternall blisse in heaven, And my body I Commend to the earth  
from whence it came, to bee buried in Christian buriall in the pish Church yard, of Horton in  
Ribblesdale, at the discession of my frends, with such Liberallity to the poore, and other  
expences as shall bee thought fitting; Item my will and mind is that my due debts and funeral  
expences and Church rights, bee first paid and discharged out of my whole goods Item I give  
and bequeath to Thomas Lawson of Langcliffe, my kinsman one bond of Fifty Sixe shillings,  
wich Myles Taylor of Newlandhowse, entered to mee Thomas Lawson, bearing date, the last  
of October 1648; Alsoe my will and mind is that I give and bequeath to Alice wife of John  
Battersby of Skirden one Coverlett, and one pann; Item I give to my sonn John Lawson all my

goods whatsoever, And my will and mind is and I make choise of Gregory Twisleton and Robert Twistleton to bee as gardians and tutors together with Thomas Lawson of Langcliffe, but my mind is that Gregory Twistleton & Robert Twistleton shall enter to, and stand charged for Two pts of my goods, for the Tuission of my sonn John Lawson And (Thomas Lawson of) Langcliffe to enter to and receive the other Third pte; for the tuission of my sonn John Lawson; And alsoe my will and mind is that what charges Gregory Twistleon Robert Twistleton, and Thomas Lawson, is put to in Law, or otherwise, aboute caleinge in of any of my debts, my will and mind is that they detaine soe much in their hands; And if it please god that my sonn John Lawson duy before hee come to the full and pfecte age of one and Twenty yeares; Then my will and mind is that Richard Browne, Adam Browne, Alice wife of John Battersbye, and Fower of my Brother Richard Lawson daughters late of Langcliffe deceased: that they shall have Forty pounds; equally to bee devided amongst them; if they bee all liveing at that day And for all the rest and residue of my goods I give and bequeath Two pts to my brother Gregory Twistleton and Robert Twistleton his sonn, And the Third pte I give to Thomas Lawson of Langcliffe; And my mind is that Gregory Twistleton Robert Twistleton & Thomas Lawson shall receive all the use mony \to there uses/ wich is due; or to bee due, to me the sd Thomas Lawson in my life tyme, or to my sonn after my decease, to such tyme as my sonn John Lawson shall accomplish the full age of Twenty one yeares, finding the sd John Lawson with appell (*apparell*) out of the sd use monyes, till hee come to the age of Twenty one yeares, Item I give and bequeath to Mary Twistleton one Chist wich is now at Shirwoodhowse my god daughter: if John Lawson duy before hee come to the age of Twenty one yeares; And of this my last will and testament I nominate & appoint my sonn John \jurat/ Lawson to bee sole executor; revockeing all other former wills In wittenesse whereof I have put my hand & seale the day and yeare first above written

Thomas TL \mke/ Lawson

Wittinneses hereof

Willm Paley      John Lawson

Thomas Lakeland    TL

Robt. \jurat/ Foster

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**THOMAS LAWSON 1668 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 49 fol. 465  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the Fourteenth day of January in the Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland etc And in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred Sixty Eight, I Thomas Lawson of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman, being sicke in body butt of pfect remembrance (praised be God) doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge, First I doe Comend and freely Resigne my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God, trustinge through his mercy and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be Saved, and to have pdon of all my Sinnes, And my body to the Earth whereof itt was made to be buried in Christian manner att the discretion of my friends; And for my worldly and Temporall goods and Estate I doe give and dispose of the same as followeth, First my will and minde is that my debts Mortuary & Funerall expenses shalbe paid out of my whole goods: Item my will and mind is that I doe give unto Thomas Lawson my Grandchild these severall pcells or inclosures viz, Dalicer, the Oakes Brayshey Close with this proviso, That Lawrence Lawson Father to the said Thomas shall have the benefitt of that said ground or Closes dureing his said life, and then to remaine to his said sonne Thomas Item I give unto Anne Lawson the daughter of Lawrence Lawson the sume of



Five pounds and unto Elizabeth Lawson Three pounds, and to Mary Lawson the sume of Two pounds, and if any of these Children dye in their Nonage before they attaine the Age of Eightene yeares, that part and porcon soe dyeing to remaine to the Survivor of them; Item I doe give unto Thomas Bride my Nephew the sume of Five pound with this proviso, that itt shall not be paid unto him till hee have served out his apprenticeship; Item I doe give unto Richard Grime my Manservant the sume of two pound, and unto William Isherwood Elizabeth Taylor and Mary Pooler servants Five shillings a piece Item I give unto John Moore my sonne in Law One hundred pound to be paid out of bonds as they grow due, And whereas I did promisse unto my naturall sonne Thomas att the day of Marriage Three hundred pound whereof there is Two hundred paid I doe give unto him the other hundred which is behinde in bonds as they grow due, And as for my sonne Lawrence whom I doe make my sole executor I doe give him over and besides one bond of Two hundred pound which hee sealed to mee Thomas Clapham and Richard Grime being witnesses att itt, And as for all other my bonds or moneyes which is due to mee, I doe give them unto my sonne Lawrence Lawson and my sonne Thomas Lawson Equally betwixt them my debts and Funerall expenses and Legacies being first paid out of them, then the remainder to be equally devided betwixt them, And I doe nominate my sonne Lawrence Lawson sole Executor of this my last will and testament, In wisse whereof I have sett my hand and Seale the Fourteenth day of January One thousand six hundred Sixty Eight. Thomas Lawson, Sealed and Signed in the presence of us Thomas Clapham Bryan Cookeson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS LAWSON 1669 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 50 fol. 373  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen thirtieth day of Aprill one thousand six hundred sixty nine, I Thomas Lawson of the Lodge in the Lordship of Settle in the Countie of yorke yeoman sicke in bodye but of good and perfect minde and remembrance praised be Almighty God purposeing the peace of my wife and Children after my death therefore I doe make this my Last will and Testament in manner & form Following revoakeing and disanulling all other wills by me formerlie made, First I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting assuredlie through his mercies and the merritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have free pardon of all my sinns and inheritance in the kingdom of heaven forever, and my bodye to the earth from whence it came to be buried within the parish Church yeard of Giggleswicke att the discretion of my wife and freinds, And touching my worldly goodes, I give and bequeath as followeth: First I give unto my eldest sonne John Lawson all my messuage & tenement att Lodge aforesaid of the Auncient yeares rent of thirtie and seven shillings and all the houses groundes and appurtenances to the same belonging, Alsoe my will and minde is that my said sonne John shall pay unto my now wife Anne the full summe of six pounds yearlie dureing her naturall life, And that my said wife shall have the low Chamber & libertie att her pleasure to come to fire to have such things done as necessitie shall require And this I intend shall be in full satisfaction and lieu of her third of my Lands, Item I give and bequeath unto Isabell Lawson my daughter the summe of fifteene pounds, Item I give unto my youngest daughter Jane Lawson the like summe of fifteene pounds, Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Thomas Lawson five pounds, Item I give one cow which is

now at Ems(aw?) unto the Children of Francis Houlden, Item I give unto Jane Houlden which I have brought upp fortie shillings, Also I give and bequeath unto my sonne Thomas Lawson one Close or inclosure of ground called by the name of Reedlaws Close Also soe much Common pasture as belongeth to ten shillings nine pence rent throughout the stinted pastures belonging to Settle, purchased of Thomas Cockman of Settle at two severall times by his deed, the one bearing date the second day of January in the yeare of 1656 and the other deed bearing date the fourteenth day of March in the yeare 1660 Item I give all my parte of the husbandry gear unto my said sonne John I being satisfied and paide beforehand for them, Item I give my parte of the bedstocks and table which stand in the parlour to my grandchild Hugh Lawson; Item I give unto my sonne William Lawson fortie shillings, Item I give unto my daughter Ruth Banckes fortie shillings, Item my will and mind is that all my debts and funerall expenses be paide and performed out of my whole goods by my Executors undernamed And I do appointe my wife Anne sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament, In wisse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, Thomas Lawson witnesses hereof Micaell Lawson John Kidd

*Bedstocks – bedstead or its front and back parts  
Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS LAWSON 1694 ADMIN Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb 1694  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and pfect Inventory of the goods and Chattells of Thomas Lawson late of Langcliffe deceased apprizd by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this fourteenth day of January in the yeare of our Lord God 1694

	Li	s	d
Imprimis One old house and barne falled into decay & one little Garden	3	13	4

Wm. Paley  
John Wildman  
Leo. Bolland  
Tho. Carr

*Langcliffe modern spelling*

**ANTHONY LISTER 1685 Northallerton ZXF 1/6/66**

**In the name** of God Amen the twenty first day of December in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred Eighty five I Anthony Lister of Gigleswicke in the County of Yorke Clerke Sicke of body but of good & pfect memory thanks be given to Almighty God Remembring & weighing the incertainty of this mortall & transitory life & that every man borne into this world as hee is Subject unto death soe is hee uncertaine of the time place & manner where & when & by what means the Same shall happen unto him doe therefore ordaine publish & declare this my last will & Testamt in manner & forme Following & First & before all other things I Comend & Comitt my Soule to Almighty God my Creator & Redeemer by whose merritts

death & passion I trust to be Saved & to be made ptaker of Gods Glory in the Kingdome of heaven & life everlasting & I Comend my Body to the earth whereof itt was made to bee Buried according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named & First of all I give & bequeath by this my will my house called the Thorne tree wth the Appurtances & members thereunto belonging unto John Lister my Son his Executors Administrators & Assignes Itm I give a Moyety of that turbarry of Mossy ground lying at a place called the Theeves Moss wch I purchased of Margrett Wilkinson unto John Lister my Said Son his Executrs Administrats & Assignes & the other Moetie of the Said Moss purchased as abovesaid I give unto Elizabeth Lister my said wife for & dureing the Space of Twenty & one yeares if it fortune that the Said Elizabeth Lister my now wife shall happen soe Long to live but if itt fortune that the Said Elizabeth Lister shall not happen soe longe to live then at after the death of the said Elizabeth Lister I give & bequeath the residue & Remainder of the Said Lease then unspent unto John Lister my Said Son his Executrs Administrators & Assignes Itm I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Lister my wife one Silver cann Six Silver Spoones one Silver porringer & one Silver Cupp & all my house-hold linnen all the rest & Remainder of my goods in the house my will & minde is that they be divided betwixt Elizabeth Lister my Said wife & John Lister my Said Son Equally & that Such house-hould goods as great Tables Arkes Salting tubbs & bedsteads as Shall befall to my wife Elizabeth Listers Share by allotment or division shall after the decease of ye said Elizabeth Lister stand & be given to John Lister my Said Son Itm I give to Alice Lister my daughter in Law ten pounds Itm I give to Anthony Lister my Grandson thirty pounds Itm I give unto five Servants in my house every one of them five shillings a piece Itm I give Robt Do<sup>d</sup>gson my Nephew twenty Shilling & lastly I make & ordaine John Lister my aforesaid Son Sole Executor of this my will & Testamt Chargeing him wth the true pformance thereof In wittness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seale the day & yeare first above written Sealed Signed & delivered in the Sight & prsence of us Richard Ellershaw John Armistead Charles Nowell

Antho: Lister

**In dei nomine Amen** Admissis probationibus de & super factione Testamenti pratentibus annexi Coram discreto viro Crosere Lancaster Clico virtute specialis Comssij sibi in ea parte divect Ipsum Testamentum rite factum & legitime probatum Nos Tobias Wickam Sacrae Theoligiae Professor Decanus Ecclesiae Cathedralis & Metropolitanae beati Petri Ebor & Capitulum ejusdem Ecclesiae Ad quos omnis & omnimoda Jurisdictio Spiritualis & Ecclesiastica, quae ad Archiepiscopum Ebor, sede plena perfinnuat, Ipsa sede jam vacante, notorie dignoscitur pertinere ab antiquo fundat, approbamus, insinuamus, ac pro viribus, & valore ejusdem pronunciamus, decernimus & declaramus, Administrationemq; omnium & singulorum bonorum jurium Crediforum Cattallorum & Chattallorum que fuerunt Anthony Lister Clici ? vicarij de Giggleswick -- -- -- diaec. Ebor' defuncti tempore vitae & mortis suae infra Diaecsin & Jurisdictionem Ebor' praedict ubilibet existentium Johannis Lister filio nali dci defte al solis Executori in eodem Testamento nominat' Committimus per praesentes prius coram dicto Comsio ? ad Sancta Dei Evangelia juxta juris in ea parte sexigentiam jurat' Salvo jure Cujuscunq; Datum Ebor' sub sigillo officii nostra praedicti quo in hac parte utimur vicesimo quarto die mensis Julij Anno Dom. Millessimo Sexcentesimo Octogesimo Sexto.

R ? Squire

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**ANN LUCAS 1664 / 5**

**Borthwick vol 50 fol 266 mf 969**

In the name of God Amen the Eleaventh day of January in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred sixty ffoure; I Ann Lucas late of Gigleswicke and now of Langcliffe in the County of Yorke widdow being sickly and infirme in Body, but of good and pfect remembrance (praised be God) doe make this my last will and testament in manner followinge, revokeing hereby all Wills by me formerly made: And first I remitt and willingly resigne my Soule into the mercyful hands of Almighty God my maker and creator, trusting through his mercy and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be saved, and to have pdon and remission of all my sinnes: And my body to the Earth whereof it was framed to be buryed att my parish Church of Gigleswicke in Christian manner att the discretion of my Executor and friends. And for my worldly and temporall goods and estate reall and personall, I doe give devise and dispose of the same as followeth, ffirst I will that my debts and funerall expenses be payd out of my whole goods. Item I give unto my son Lawrence Swainson and to his heires executors and assignes All my houses and grounds att Stackhouse with their appurtenances pcells of ye Mannor of Newby, and also those my Closes called Ravensber, and all my writeings concerning the same. Ite(m) I give to every one of the children of Mathew Evers(?) of the parish of Leeds tenn shillings a peece Ite(m) I give unto that child wherwith the said Mathew Evers wife was conceived and not delivered thereof att the time of the death of my late deceased husband Mr Rowland Lucas the summe of ffive pounds if the said child be now living and if the said child be deade, I will that the said ffive pounds shall be given and equally divided amongst the other children of the said Mathew, and I will that all the said legacies so hereby given to the said children shall be paid to their said ffather Mathew for his said children uses Ite(m) I give to every one of the children of Richard Turner of the parish of Leeds ten shillings apeece to be likewise payd to theirsaid ffather for their uses All which above said legacies and sum(m)es I doe give unto all the above said children for the love that I had unto my late deceased husband Mr Lucas and in remembrance of him Ite(m) I give to my brother Hugh Stackhouse his children ten pounds equally amongst them. Item I give to Tomazin Stackhouse ffive pounds to be payd when she attaines the age of xxi yeares, or before if shee be marryed before that she attaine that age, with the consents off my brother Hugh Stackhouse and of my Executors Ite(m) I give to Thomas Howson ten shillings and to Isabell Howson ten shillings; Ite(m) I give to James, Margaret and Ellen the son and daughters of my deceased brother Robert Stackhouse ffive shillings apeece, And to Valentine Robinson ffive shillings. Item I give to my sister in law Margaret Roome ten shillings Item I give to every one whom I stand as godmother twelve pound. Ite(m) I give to my sister Walker my gold Ring Ite(m) I give to Isabell Stackhouse my sister my best shifte. Also I give to my brother Walker ten shillings. All the remainder of my goods I give unto my son Lawrence Swainson and I doe make and nominate my said son Lawrence Swainson *Jurat* sole Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

Thomas Paley  
Hugh Stackhouse *Jurat*

Ann Lucas  
her X marke

Brian Cookeson

*Overleaf*

Craven

Anne Lucas nupr de Giggleswick def. ?? corte per Lancaster 20 Jany 1669

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*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**ROWLAND LUCAS of Giggleswick. May 1647 Ref. RP-M2 (14) hand written transcription.**

Will made 19 May 1647

Maister of Arts & schoolmaister.

To every one of the children of Ann and Isabell my naturall sisters £5 each within one year of my decease.

To everyone of the children of Hugh Stakhouse my brother in law 50s. each.

Residue to Ann my wife – sole executrix.

Signed.

Witnesses – Brian Cookeson

Hugh Stackhouse

**ISABELL LUPTON 1669 – Ref.Borthwick.York.Vol.50 fol.497**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen to all Xpian (*Christian*) people to whome this present writeing shall come greeting, know ye that I Issabell Lupton of Settle widdow, being sicke and weake of body, but of pfect and sound memory god be praised, do make this my Last will and Testament, In manner and forme Following, First I bequeath my soule to god Almighty, to whome it belongeth, through Christ my Redeemer, and Saviour, and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Gigleswicke; Item after my Debts and funerall expences being first discharged by my Executors, I give unto my sonne Richard Lupton and Elizabeth Iveson my Daughter halfe of all my whole goods and Lands, And all the rest and Residue I give and bequeath unto my sonne Thomas and William Lupton John Lupton and Roger Ashton and Frances Lupton all the remainder, to be paid within one whole yeare after my decease, and I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made; And I do alsoe appoynt Thomas Luptone and Richard Luptone to be Joynt Executors of this my Last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand this 24<sup>th</sup>. of June Anno Dni. (1669) Issabell Lupton her marke Witness Henry Towler William Holmes

**JOHN LUPTON 1632 Ref. Borthwick vol 42 fol 161**

In the name of god Amen the six and twentieth day of July in the eighth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of god king of England, Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. one thousand six hundred and thirty two. I John Lupton son of Henry Lupton of Settle in the county of York yeoman being at this time visited with sickness but of good and perfect remembrance praised be to Almighty god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god assuredly trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of my saviour Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends. And as concerning my lands tenements heriditaments and other tenures and grounds which I hold by long lease in Settle aforesaid my will is that the same shall descend and come to such lawful issue as it shall please god to send me by Anne my wife and to the heirs and assigns of such issue forever. And if it please god that my wife be not with child at this time or have lawful issue by me then my will is that the same lands and premises shall descend and come to Francis Lupton my brother and to his heirs and assigns forever allowing always unto my said father Henry Lupton and to Isabell his wife and their assigns such right in these premises as are set down for them in certain indented articles made between my said father and me Provided always and upon condition also that the said Francis his heirs or assigns shall pay and discharge such sums of money to my three sister Ellin, Elizabeth and Margaret at such times and in such manner and form as is expressed and set down in the said articles and that the said Francis [*shall*] within a year after he come to lawful age of one and twenty years give them good security for their several payments and if he refuse so to do then my will is that and I give devise and bequeath all my said messuage tenement and hereditments and all other my grounds which I hold by lease to my said three sisters and to their heirs executors and assigns forever and for such estate as I have in the same by any means whatsoever allowing always unto my said father Henry Lupton and Isabell his wife their right in the premises as they ought to have by the true intent and meaning of the articles before mentioned and whereas my said father Henry Lupton did join with me in making a lease to Robert Carr and Thomas Cockman of certain grounds called Thorneber and thirteen shillings four pence common which lease was made unto them for their better security for payment of three score and five pounds which I do owe unto them and yet the same lease redeemable according to a defeasance between them and us made as thereby may appear, my will and mind is that if the said Robert Carr and Thomas Cockman their executors or assigns shall enter unto the said premises so to them demised and shall hold the same by and according to the said lease that then my said father shall have recompense for his moiety of the same premises out of these grounds following that is to say the half of the woodclose and the half of Threalam and the half of gouedlands whereas my father stands indebted to one John Woodhead about eleven pounds and a mark which sum I have by bargain between my father and me undertaken to discharge. Now my will is that the same shall be paid and discharged out of my goods and that my father shall be \*\*\*\*\*lose less of that debt. And my will is for such debts as are owing to Anne my wife and the specialties taken in her own name that the specialties shall stand for her good and for her own proper use and not be accounted amongst my goods. And my will is that what portion or sum it shall amount unto shall so befall her that she shall have it made up to four score pounds in the whole and that she shall have toward it all such my parts of goods as shall remain after my debts

and funeral expenses paid and performed. And it is also my will that the said four score pounds shall be unto the said Anne my wife as in recompense unto her for all my jointure, dower or widow right as she might claim in any my lands, tenements or leases and that after she shall be assured thereof or satisfied that then she shall clearly release all her rightt and title in the premises but not before she be satisfied. And further also my will and mind is that the said Anne my wife shall from and after my decease have, hold and enjoy to her own use and behoof the half of all my houses and garths and the Cragend Close and the half of the Attermire Dales and the Howbeckedale until she shall be satisfied of the said four score pounds.

And I give to my said three sisters every of them a whie stirk whereof Ellin to have the greatest and Elizabeth the next and Margaret the least. And I do nominate and appoint my said wife Anne \jur/ Lupton to be my sole executrix but if she refuse and will not take the charge of executorship upon her then I appoint and ordain my said father Henry Lupton to be my executor. And I give unto my said father my cloak these being witnesses Henry \jur/ Lupton, William \jur/ Lawsonne John Howsonne.

*Settle spelt Setle in will*

### **SAMUEL MAUD of Giggleswick 1637 Borthwick ref . Jan 1639/40 Craven**

In the name of God Amen the first day of October Anno domini 1637 I Sammewell Maud of Gigesweeke within the county of yorke clothworker, Chresen and sick in body yet of perfect remembrance, god be praised for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty god my heavenly father and to Jesus Christ my only Saviour by whose merits and precious blood shedding I trust to be saved and also I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Gigesweeke at the discretion of my friends and for my goods my will and mind is that my daughter Margrit Maud shall have my house and grounds with appurtenances to it now in the possession and occupation of me the said Sammel Maude and my daughter Ann Maude shall have the fire house and grounds in occupation until the said Margrit Maude do pay or cause to be paid to her sister Ann Maude the sum of twenty pounds of English money before the deliverance thereof and then all my goods and debts and funeral expenses first discharged to be equally divided betwixt them, but that my daughter Ann Maud shall have a cotecloth and a table and a bordcloth and a pillabere and ....sett wishins\* and then I order and make my daughter Margrit \jur/ Maude to be my whole executor of this my last will and testament.

In Witnes hereof I have set my hand and seal

Alan Carr,

Thomas Battman [mark],

John Foster [mark] and

Robert \jur/ Carr? mke

Sammeul Maude

marke

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

\* *wishins - cushions (cf. quishions, quye, whye)*

**RICHARD MIDDLEBROOK Admin. 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb. 1696**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true Inventory of all the Goods & Chattells belonging to Richard Middlebrook of Oxley Warth# decd Appraised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed Jany. ye 27<sup>th</sup>. 1696

	li	s	d
Inps. his purse & Apparell	2	0	0
Itm 3 Kine	10	10	0
Itm 3 heiffers	7	10	0
Itm 4 Stirks	5	0	0
Itm 1 Mare & foale	5	0	0
Itm 1 Cow & 1 heiffer	7	10	0
Itm in Sheepe	12	0	0
Itm Hay & Corne	3	0	0
Itm Husbandry geare	01	10	0
Itm Loomes & yarne	00	15	0
Itm in Oate Meale	00	5	0
Itm bedstocks & bedding	00	10	0
Itm brass & pewther	00	10	0
Itm Racons, tongs backstone Wood vessell with ye rest of ye Huslem. of ye house	00	10	0
	56	10	0
Debts owing by ye decd upon spialty & without	54	0	11

Thomas Carr  
 Thomas Robinson  
 Henry Browne  
 John Taylor

*Oxley Warth old term for Wham*

**THOMAS MITCHELL 1644 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Feb 1645/6**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen, to all xpian (*Christian*) people to whome this pnt (*present*) writeing shall come greeting, Knowe ye that I Thomas Mitchell of Setle yeoman being sicke & weake of bodie but in pfect & sound memorie God bee praised doth make this my Last will & testament First I bequeath my soule to God almightie to whome it belongeth through Christ my redeemer & Saviour & my bodie to bee buried in ye Church or Churchyard of Gigeswicke Item after my funerill expences bee discharged by my Execrs, I give & bequeath unto Christopher Holmes of Setle my Kinseman the dwelling house wherein I now live together with ye barne or Laithe & backside thereunto adjoining duering his naturall life and afterwards to his sonne Thomas Holmes & his heires forever & for want of heires of the said Thomas, to ye sonne of William Browne of Storris & his heires forever, Item I give unto John Willson the sonne of Anthonie Willson of Setle that house whereon the said Antonie Willson



now dwelleth to have & to hould the said house & premises to him & his heires forever, Item I doe hereby give & bequeath unto Ralph Hodgson of Setle my kinseman one pcell of Arrable land in Setle called \the Stone Acre/ to his heirs paying for ye same Tenn poundes to my Execrs., Item I doe give & bequeath unto William Holmes & Elizabeth Holmes the Children of ye aforesaid Christopher Holmes either of them Tenn poundes to be paid out of my goods, I shall leave in my now dwellinghouse within one yeare after my decease & the residue of my goods, I give to their father Chr. Holmes, Item I doe give & bequeath unto the sonne of William Browne of Storris which he had by my kinsewoman Alice Mason twentie poundes to bee paid unto him when he shall accomplish the age of twentie & one yeares, if he bee then living by my Execrs. hereafter named, Item I doe give & bequeath unto Thomas Cockitt & Jane Cockitt the children of Miles Cockitt of Gigleswick either of them Tenn poundes when they shall come to the age of twentie & one yeares by my Execrs. if the said Execrs. shall have soe much estate of mine in their handes Item I doe give & bequeath unto as many Children as James Hirst (dwelling neere Doncaster) had by my kinsewoman Grace Holmes everie one Tenn poundes as many as shalbe living at the tyme of my decease to bee paid by my Execrs. when they shall attaine to ye age of twentie & one yeares if ye said Execrs. shall have soe much of my estate in their handes, Item I doe give & bequeath unto the twoe Children of Wm. Holmes of Skipton either of them Tenn poundes to bee paid to them in the manner as aforesaid, Item I doe give & bequeath unto ye five Children of Anthonie Willson of Setle (viz) Margaret, Anne, Agnes, Issabell & Elizabeth Wilson everie one of them Tenn poundes a peece in manner & forme as afforesaid, Item I doe give & bequeath unto Francis (now wife of Edward Ickrongill of Abberforth & her Children Seven poundes to bee paid within one yeare after my decease, if my Execrs. have so much of mine have soe much in their handes, Item, I doe give & bequeath unto Dowcenbell the daughter of Edward Troutbeck dwelling in Preston in Amondernes, five poundes to bee paid within one yeare after my decease as aforesaid, Item, I doe give unto my servant Margaret Atkinson Eight poundes after my decease & xl s(40s). in her brother Wms (*William's*) hands wich he oweth me, to bee paid within one yeare after my decease by my Execrs. as aforesaid, Item, I doe give unto Thomas Cookeson my Godchild the sonne of Robert Cookeson of Setle twentie shillings to bee paid by my Execrs. Item, I doe give unto Thomas the sonne of Humfrey Mitchell of Skipton xx s.(20s) Item, I doe give and bequeath to as many Children as I am Godfather unto (and, given no former legacies) everie one 2s. 6d. a peece Item, my will & mind is that my Execrs. shall sell the Close called Whickesike greene & these legacies being first discharged to devide the remainder among such Children as I am grand Uncle unto, & if Chr. Holmes & Thomas Holmes be able to buy the same, I desire my Execrs. to lett them have ye first refusal of itt, Item, I doe give & bequeath unto my Execrs. tenn poundes equally to bee devided amongst them, And all the residue of & remainder of my goods & Chattells, these legacies formerly menconed & bequeathed being first paid my funeral expences discharged I give unto my Execrs. equally to bee devided amongst them; And I doe appoint Robert Cookeson Christopher Holmes & William Hall all of Setle, Joint Execrs. of this my Last will & testmt. And I doe here revoke & make void all former Wills by mee made In Witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand this 20<sup>th</sup>. Day of June in Anno Dm 1644

Thomas Mitchell

Witnesses

Signed Margaret X

Atkinson

Ro: Bankes .. jurat

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Whereas Thomas Mitchell late of Setle in the County of yorke yeoman decd did by his last will and testament in writeing under his hand and seale Nominate and appointe Willm Hall late of Setle aforesaid now alsoe decd and Christopher Holmes of the same in the said County yeoman, To bee Execrs. of his said last will and testament, they having given (security) to the Court for performance thereof; And Elizabeth Hall wife of the said deceased Willm Hall, being executrix of the said last will & testament of her said deceased, husband, And the said Christopher Holmes having taken upon himselfe to satisfie the Court and to free

mee the said Elizabeth Hall my heires executors and admins. of anie forfeits or Charges which may arise concerning the same; Now therefore know yee that I the said Elizabeth Hall for good Consideracons .... Moveing, have Remised released and forever quite Claimed and by these prsts, doe remitt and release unto the said Christopher Holmes his executors and assignes, All my whole right title and interest wich I the said Elizabeth Hall ever hadd now have or that I my heires executors or admins. hereafter att anie tyme might ought or could have of in or to the executorshipp of the said last will and testament of the said deceased Thomas Mitchell, Butt thereof and from thence and utterly excluded and debarred forever by these presents; In witsesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the one & twentieth day of March in the three and twentieth year of the reigne of our Sovraigne Lord Charles by ye grace of god King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of ye faith 1647

marke  
Elizabeth H Hall

Sealed signed and delivered  
In ye presence of  
John Carr  
Edward (Y...wker) arker?  
Allan Carr  
Antho: Hall

.....the original bond out of Court?) -if not.....viz. that xpher Holmes must ..... Eliz: hall  
executrix of Wm. Hall who ...../..... Executors of Tho:  
Mitchell.....

Settle            modern spelling  
Giggleswick    “            “

**WILLIAM MOONE Admin. 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle March 1696  
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A true Inventory of all ye Goods & Chells of Wm.Moone of Settle Appraised ye 13th.? of Febr. 1696

	li	s	d
Inps. 14 yds gray At. at 2s.6d.p yd.	01	15	0
8 yds Drab at 2s.8d.            “    ( <i>drab-dull coloured cloth</i> )	01	01	4
2yds. browne at 3s.2d.            “	00	06	4
5 yd. ½ gray at 1s.8d.            “	00	09	1
12 yd. Cloth Cottn at 2s.3d.    “	01	07	0
12yd. at 2s.10d.            “	1	15	5
5yd. at 3s.            “	00	17	3
3yd. of black at 3s.4d.            “	00	10	0
2yd. of Drab Cottn Frize at 2s.6d. “	00	5	0
5 yd of black at 3s.4d.            “	00	16	8
2yds Drab at 3s.            “	00	06	0
2yd Drab frize at 3s.4d.            “	00	06	8
3yds. ½ in 3 Remnants at 2s.8d. “	00	09	4
Brods 7 yd Copp.. Cottn Clo: 3s.8d. “	01	05	8
2yd. mixt broad 5s.6d.            “    ( <i>Broad-plain woven cloth</i> )	00	11	0
2yd. Gray at 2s.6d.            “	00	05	0
9 yd. (Kentish) at 9s.6d.            “	04	05	6
4yd. ½ Ditto at 7s.6d.            “	01	13	9

7yd. Gray at 8s.6d.	“	02	19	6
4yd. ½ Drab at 5s.	“	01	2	6
4yd. in 3 Remnants at 6s.8d.	“	01	06	8
1 yd. more at	“	00	06	8
6 yd. plaine in 4 Remnants 10d.	“	00	05	0
15yd. 18d.	“	01	02	6
17yd. greene Ditto 18d.	“	01	05	6
15yd. of blew Ditto 18d.	“	01	02	6
23 yd. Copper Cottn Ditto 18d.	“	01	14	6
7yd. purple Bayse 16d.	“	00	09	4
3 yd. ½ Swans Skin 22d.	“	00	06	6
4yd. Crimson Bayse at 2s.	“	00	08	0
4yd. of Flanell 18d.	“	00	06	0

8yd. ½ Crape at 8d.	“	00	05	4
2yd. black pagon (p(ar)agon)16d.	“	00	02	8
13yd. black pagon (p(ar)agon) 16d.	“	00	17	4
20yd. Clo: colrd. Padua 19d.	“	01	11	8
13yd. of Cloth Colord. Shallourne 19d.	“ ( <i>shalloon-light twilled woollen cloth for coat linings</i> )	01	00	7
18yd. of sad colord. Shall: 2s.	“	01	16	0
14 yd. black padua at 22d.	“	01	05	8
1 peece single Camlett 12d.?	“ ( <i>camlet-light cloth for cloaks</i> )	02	00	0
1 peece of double Ditto 60s.	“	03	00	0
17 yd. double Camlett 18d.	“	01	05	6
5yd. in Remnants 12d.	“	00	05	0
25 yd. stript Callymanco 20d.	“	02	01	8
25yards stript Ditto at 20d. p yard	“	02	01	8
½ piece Callimanco 30s.	“	01	10	0
10yd.wrought Call. 2s.2d.	“	01	01	8
6yd. of Call: at 22d.	“	00	05	0
1 peece stript sen: at 40s.	“	02	00	0
3yd. stript sen at	“	01	06	0
7yd. Ditto at	“	00	12	3
6yd. Ditto at	“	00	10	6
21yd. Ditto at	“	01	16	9
7yd. ½ Ditto	“	00	13	9
13yd. mixt sen:	“	01	2	9
11yd. Ditto “	“	00	14	8
19yd. Ditto	“	01	07	6
7yd. ½ Dit	“	0	12	6
8yd. ½ Dit	“	0	12	9
10yd. ½ Dit	“	01	01	1
14yd. Dit	“	01	03	4
20yd. Dit	“	01	13	4
19yd Dit	“	01	16	10
12yd. Dit	“	01	10	0
4yd. red serge	“	00	08	3
7 peeces of flowerd Damask	“	08	01	0
....yd in Remnants Ditto	“	05	00	0
86 yd of Toys At	“	02	17	4

6g. yd of (w)ild Crapes	“	02	11	9
24 yd. black printed Tammy	“	01	04	0
50yd. black prunella <i>fabric</i> )	“ ( <i>prunella-strong silk or worsted</i> )	03	06	8
..... peeces Gussetts		02	10	0
10yd. Ditto	“	00	13	4
109 yd. Dit	“	05	09	0
42 yd. silk		07	00	0
15yd. of silk & worsted stuff		00	15	0
6yd. ½ blew say ( <i>say-fine cloth like serge</i> )		00	9	9
85 yd. in severall peeces		03	03	9
1 peece		00	12	0
12 yd laking		00	10	0
12 yd black Callico		00	12	0

8yd. haire shagg ( <i>long napped rough cloth</i> )		01	08	0
7yd. Fustian ( <i>thick twilled short napped cotton cloth</i> )		00	07	0
1. p. Buckram ( <i>coarse linen or cloth stiffened with gum or paste</i> )		00	09	0
7 peeces of Ribing		01	08	0
4 p. black ribing		01	00	0
20yd. Ditto		00	16	8
5 ps. ½ Ferritt		01	00	0
5 p. brade & gallowne		00	15	0
4 yd. of gold thread		01	00	0
1 pcell silk		02	4	0
1. ½ silk		00	16	0
13 (li?) course thread 4s.6d./ 4(li?) Coloured Dit 9s.		00	13	6
5 (li?) Browne 10s.11d. – 5(li?)Dutch? Thread 11s. 3d.		01	01	4
½ blew thread 1s. - 3 gross Silver brests 15s.		00	16	0
36yd. gold & silver Lace		00	18	0
2 velvett Capps 10s. A .doz. Fringe 12s.		01	02	0
3 Sattan Capps 5s.6d. 2 Masks 2s.		00	07	6
18 silk whiskes & tippetts ( <i>tippetts-poss. a fur collar or scarf</i> )		00	18	0
2 doz. Copper gimp 4s. 3 pe bodies 6s. ( <i>gimp-silk, worsted or cotton twist with cord or wire running through it</i> )		00	10	0
10 yards Allamond		01	05	6
27: (li?) of worst(ed)		04	10	0
27: yd. blew Calico & Linn		01	07	0
1 pcell of Holland ( <i>smooth, hard wearing linen fabric</i> )		00	10	0
1 pcell of Gloves		00	02	6
15 grosse buttons		01	10	0
10 grosse Ditto		01	03	0
15 hatts 1:li 10s. a pcell books 10s.		02	00	0
Chists boxes shelves Counters & all small things belonging shop		02	00	0
His purse Apparell & riding furniture		07	00	0
Goods in ye highest Chamber		00	13	4
In ye far? Chamber		11	10	0
Goods in ye Middle Chamber		02	7	0
Goods at Stayre head		02	17	0
A bed furniture & a pcell of Stockings		00	14	8
A pcell of Meale		00	18	0
One Cow		04	0	0

One Horse	03	0	0
A pcell of Hay	01	0	0
One Swine	00	10	0
Moneys owing to ye deced as appeared per shop book	280	0	0
In bad debts	52	0	0
The value of Shoppe & Household Goods	181	0	0
	513	4	8

Money owing by the deced to severall psons upon trade	403	15	9
Funerall Expences	10	17	5
Owing upon bond	54	0	0
To severall psons	05	10	0
To Edwd. Hague	14	9	0
To John veeping?	06	0	0
More money owing	40	0	0
	534	12	1

Wm. Taylor  
 Bryan Cookson  
 Richard Moone  
 Wm. Winsor                      Appraisers

**JAMES MOOREHOUSE 1631 Ref. Borthwick vol 41 fol 664**

In the name of God amen The eighteenth day of August in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred thirty one I James Moorehouse of Settle in the County of york yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my Creator trusting to have remission of my sins by the merits and passion of Christ my redeemer and to be made partaker of eternal glory with him in his heavenly kingdom, And for my body I Commit the same to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends. And it is my will that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods and for the residue thereof that shall remain my will is that Elizabeth my wife shall have one third part for her widow right according to law and Custom of the Country and for the other two parts my will is that they shall be divided equally amongst my children, whereof everyone to have an equal share saving my son Robert or such other my son to whom my estate in my houses grounds and tenements shall and may descend and come. And whereas my substance in goods is not of such value as will extend to yield sufficient portions for my other children therefore for the bettering of their portions I have made a lease bearing date with these presents to my cousins John Cookeson of Settle and Richard Braishey of Langcliffe in the said County yeomen as friends in trust of certain parcels of ground lying in Settle fields and for the use and uses of my said children which lease I do by these presents ratify and confirm to and for the uses and under the condition therein contained. And for all my houses and grounds with their appurtenances in Settle which I hold by several grants from Robert Moorehouse my father and from Thomas Newhouse father in law by lease for nine hundred years my will is that the same shall remain to my said son Robert Moorehouse and to his lawful issue and assigns. And if he die without issue then to such other son as god may send

me and to his lawful issue and assigns and for want of such issue then to my daughters and to their lawful issue and assigns, provided yet nevertheless that the said Elizabeth my wife shall have enjoy and take profits of the one half of my said houses and grounds which I had from my said father and father in law for and during so long time as she shall keep herself in her pure widow right and unmarried again after my decease but if she happen to marry again then she to have only a third part thereof and no more from the time of her marriage again for so many years as she shall live afterwards. And my will is that two bedsteads and one ark shall remain as heirlooms at the house for ever and not be prised amongst my other goods. And I commit the tuition of my said children and of the portions and rights to my said wife. And I make and appoint the said Elizabeth my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and Testament desiring my said father and father in law with my said cousins or friends in trust to be the supervisors thereof and to aid and assist my said wife with their best advice and direction in that behalf. Sealed signed and delivered in the presence of us Robert Moorehouse, Thomas Newhouse, Henry Sim, Will: Lawson John Howson

*Settle spelt Setle*

**THOMAS MOORHOUSE 1622 Borthwick v37 f365**

In the name of God amen the second day of March one thousand six hundred twenty and two I Thomas Moorehowse of Settle in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish church of Giggleswick at the sight of my wife and the rest of my friends. Also my will and mind is and I give unto Elizabeth Moorehowse my daughter all that six shillings rent and common of pasture for the same in and through all the commons and moors of Settle aforesaid which was lately taken of Raiph Hodgson of Settle deceased. And also all that Clea# or eighth part of all the tithe corn of Settle aforesaid with all writings belonging both to the said tithe and to the said six shillings rent of the common. Also I give to Robert Moorehowse my son all the rest of my houses and lands in Settle aforesaid whatsoever with all writings and assurances concerning the same only, reserving that ground which I lately bought of Barnard Browne which I do give unto Thomazine my wife to dispose of and do with what she will. Also my will and mind is that my said wife shall have the third part of all my lands tithes and commons of pasture whatsoever for and during her natural life. Also my will and mind is that for my goods when my debts is paid and my funeral expenses discharged I do give the remainder thereof equally to be divided amongst my wife and my two children. And furthermore my will and mind is that if my wife be with child that then that same child shall be equal with my said daughter Elizabeth at that which I have given unto her. And if it please god that they do both die then my will and mind is that both the said six shillings rent of the common and also the clea or eighth part of the tithe corn of Settle aforesaid to remain and fall to my said son Robert. And also I do ordain and appoint Thomazine my said wife to be the whole executrix of this my last will and testament.

These being witnesses: William Prestonn, Thomas Newhowse, Robert Howsonne,  
James Moorehowse and Henrie Lupton.

*#clea – eighth part of the tithe corn*

*Setle*

**EASTER NEWHOUSE 1645 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Jan. 1647/8  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the xth daie of Februarie 1645 I Easter Newhouse of Setle within the County of yorke (Spinster) doe make this my last will & testament in manner forme following First I bequeath my soule into the handes of allmightie god my Saviour and my body to be buried in the Church yarde at Giggleswicke Ite my will is that the (poore) and funeral Expencis shalbe paid out of my whole goodes Ite I give to my sister Ann all my Shapen Cloase& and bedclose one Red Coat Exsepted wich I give to my sister Margret my Brother Willm his wife Ite I give to Olliver Newhouse and Willm Newhouse two sonnes of my brother Willm Newhouse either of \them/ xs Ite to John Hawley and \Agnes/ hawley either of them vs and the rest of my goods and debts I give to my brother Richard Craven Childer(?) ..at now is and Ellyn Stackhouse doughter of my sister Margret Equally to be devided Amongst them and I appoint Willm Newhouse & Richard Craven \jurat/ to be my joint Executors of this my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have  
hereof I have sett my hand  
in presence of us  
Robt Buck &  
Tho Cockman jurat

Easter Newhouse mark

*Settle*            modern spelling  
*Giggleswick*    “            “

**OLIVER NEWHOUSE of Settle 1635 Borthwick ref: July 1635 Craven**

In the name of God Amen the eight and twentieth day of October in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred thirty and five I Oliver Newhouse of Setle within the parish of Giggleswicke and county of yorke chandler sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswicke. Item I give unto Adam Newhouse my second son all my title, interest and tenant right of and in all the houses and garths wherein I now dwell by licence of my landlord, not doubting but he may have my landlord's favour, as I and my ancestors have had. Item I give unto John Newhouse my youngest son twenty shillings. Item I give unto Anne Newhouse my eldest daughter twenty shillings and one great round pan and another lesser meat pan. Item I give unto my two daughters at London Ellin Newhouse and Margaret Newhouse either of them three pounds.

And when my debts and funeral expenses are paid I give all the rest of my goods unto John Newhouse, Anne Newhouse and Easter Newhouse my children equally to be divided amongst them and I appoint and ordain the said John Newhouse and Anne Newhouse<sup>jur</sup> my children the joint executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Robert Burke Richard Carr and Thomas Cockmann<sup>jur</sup> and Robert Carre<sup>jur</sup>

*Settle modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**CHARLES NOWELL of Chappleside, Rathmell 1669**  
**Borthwick vol. 50 fol. 499**

In the name of God Amen I Charles Nowell of .... Cattleside In Rawthmell in the County of yorke Gent sicke in body, but of good and pfect Remembrance praised be god for the same, doe make ordayne and Constitute this my last will and Testament, In manner and forme Following And First I Comend my soule into the mercifull hands of god my maker, hoping through the merritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer and Advocate to have the free and full pardon of all my sinns and everlastinge Life, and my body I Leave to be buryed in Decent and Christian manner att the Discretion of my friends And for all my whole personall Estate in goods Cattells and Chattells whereof or wherever I stand possessed or Interested doe give Devise and bequeath the same in manner hereunder expressed, (That is to say) First my mynde and will is that all my just debts & Funerall expences be in the first place truly payed satisfied and Discharged out of the same, ..... my mynde and (will is) that of all the Remainder of my said goods Cattells and Chattells after payment of my said Debts and funerall expences.... abovesaid my wife Elizabeth shall have a full third part.... the same in three parts to be devided and I doe (likewise give?) and bequeath the said full third parte or portion of all my sd goods and chattells the same in three partes to be devided... abovesaid unto my said wife Elizabeth to the sole and proper use of herselfe her Executors Admtors and Assignes, Item my minde and will is that the other two parts of all the said goods (and) Cattells and Chattells soe remaining after payment of debts and funerall expences shalbe devided amongst my ..... younger Children, (That is to say) (John?) Nowell Henry Nowell Robert Nowell Edward Nowell Alexander Nowell Anne Nowell Elizabeth Nowell And Mary Nowell, equally amongst them, And I doe hereby give and bequeath the said two full third parts or porcons of all my said goods and Chattells soe remaining as abovesaid the same in three parts to be devided as abovesaid, unto my said younger Children John Nowell Willm Nowell Henry Nowell Robert Nowell Edward Nowell Alexander Nowell Anne Nowell Elizabeth Nowell and Mary Nowell equally amongst them and to the sole and pper use and behoofe of themselves, there Executors Admtors and Assignes, provided that if any of my said Children dye and unmarried before they attaine the full age of twenty one yeares without issue him or her or them surviveing then my will and mynde is, that such part or porcon of my said goods as shall by this my Last will and testament fall to the sharre of such Childe or Children soe dyeing as abovesaid, shall belong and remaine to the rest of my said younger children whoe shall then survive whoe shall have and enjoye the same equally amongst them, anythinge herein Conteyned to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding, And Lastly I doe hereby nominate and apoynt Elizabeth Nowell my said wife to be sole



Executrix of this my Last will and Testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this tenth day of March In the twenty first yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith Anno Dmini 1669 Charles Nowell Sealed and signed in sight and presence of the ward unmarried, first interlined, Antho Lister Leonard Carr Richard Frankland

**CHARLES NOWELL Ref.Borthwick,York, Bundle Sep.1702  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the 13<sup>th</sup>. of July in the year of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England 1702 I Charles Nowell of Capleside of the County of Yorke Gen being infirme of body but of a sound pfect & disposing memory praised be God do make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the meritts death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins and to inheritt life everlasting and my body to decent & Christian buriall in the parish Church or Churchyard of Giggleswick in the said County of Yorke as near to my dear wife & mother as can be at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And also such temporall estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me and hitherto undisposed I do give devise dispose & bequeath the same in manner following And first my will & mind is that my debts & funerall expenses be paid & discharged out of my personall estate And whereas I by my Indentures of Lease & Release by me duly executed bearing date the 16<sup>th</sup>. & 17<sup>th</sup>. dayes of June last past did bargain sell grant alien release & confirme unto my Cousins Will: Baines of Mewithhead in the said County of Yorke Gen and John Lister of Newsholme in the said County Gent their heirs & Assignes forever all that my Capitall Messuage & Tenement with the appurtenances situate lyeing & being at the Capleside aforesaid one other Messuage & Tenement known by the name of Dickonsons Tenement lyeing & being within the Township of Rathmell in the said County and all other my lands tenements & hereditaments within the said Township and all rents due & payable to me and to my heirs, and also all my lands tenements & hereditaments lyeing situate & being within the Township of Rimington Gaisgill & Howgill in the said County of yorke and also all my Tythes within Rathmell aforesaid and all my lands rents Tenements & hereditaments lyeing issuing situated & being in Settle & elsewhere in the County of Yorke aforesaid to the uses intents and purposes and upon the trusts and limitations therein appointed & mentioned and whereas by limitation of a terme therein mentioned of one & twenty yeares to the use of William Serjaintson Gent and Will:Dawson & their Executors Adminators & Assignes to the intent that five hundred \pounds/ may be raised out of the yearly profits of the said premises to be disposed by me by this my last Will & Testament I do will & dispose the same in manner and forme following that is to say, that my said trustees & their Executors Adminators or Assignes as they shall raise the same out of the profits of the said before conveyed premises pay to Elizabeth Nowell daughter of my Bro. Edwd Nowell the sum of fifty pounds the first payment, and to Mary Clarke daughter of my Bro. in Law Thomas Clarke fifty pounds to be next paid Item to my Bro. Robert Nowell the sum of fifty pounds. Item I give to my Cozen Robert Nowell son of my Bro. Hen: Nowell fifty pounds to be bestowed on him in learning & education and to the daughters of my Brother Henry Nowell the sume of one hundred pounds And also

I do further order & give the sume of ten pounds more to the said Elizabeth Nowell daughter of my said Brother Edward and my will & mind order & direcon is, that if all or any of the said psons (to witt) Elizabeth Nowell Mary Clarke or Robert Nowell shall dye before they attaine to the age of one and twenty yeares or marriage in such case the said severall sumes hereby appointed to them so dyeing shall be paid to the younger Children of my Bro: Henry Nowell except such part thereof as shall be disposed in the education of the said Robert Nowell the younger Item I do order & will that the sume of fity pounds be paid to the younger Children of my brother in law Tho: Tindall deceased, and as to the rest & residue of the said five hundred pounds I do order will & direct that in case any suit trouble charge or expence shall happen to my said trustees and their heirs in the execution of the trust reposed in them by me & by the said Indenture of Release and this my direction & appointment or either of them that in such case my said trustees & their Executors Adminators & Assignes shall be reimbursed out of the said residue or remaining part of the said five hundred pounds and so much of the \said/ remaining part as shall be remaining over & above the reimbursements I do will & order that the same be paid to my Cozen Charles Nowell my Nephew Son of my Bro: Will.Nowell deceased all which sumes I do order to be paid successfully as they are placed in this my will, And I do give all the said prmises to my said trustees their Executors Adminators & Assignes for the terme of one & twenty yeares as aforesaid upon the said trust to be determinable as in the said Indenture of Release is menconed and afterwards that the said premises shall be enjoyed according to the limitations of the uses of the said Indenture of Release And also I do hereby give & confirme to my Bro: Robert Nowell & his Assignes for his life the annuity annuall rent or rent charge in the said Indenture of \Release/ menconed And as to my personall estate I do dispose the same as followeth First whereas the sum of one hundred pounds is due & payable to me by the heirs of Mr. Edward Walker & Tho: Bowcock I do order that the said one hundred pounds with the interest thereof be payed to my said Cozen Mr.Will:Baines if liveing & if dead to his son and heir apparent Mr.Ralph Baines & his heirs to be laid forth in a purchase of lands of Inheritance to be settled by the said Mr. Baines to his said son and to their heirs to such uses as my said Capitall Messuage & lands at Capleside & other my lands are settled in & by the said Indenture of Release I do give to my nephew Charles Nowell aforesaid and such other pson or psons as shall have the Freehold and Inheritance of my Capitall Messuage called Capleside by vertue of the said Indenture of Release and this my will and Testament or either of them all my bedstocks als bedsteads Arks Chists Cupboards and press in the Chamber over the hall and one Cupboard in the hall six Silver Spoons one Silver tumbler one little silver cann one Copper dripping pan one brass Scimmer the great Tables in the hall and parlour and ten of my best pewter dishes all being in and about my said house at Capleside to be heirlooms and to be used and enjoyed as heirlooms I do give bequeath and devise ten pounds to the use of the poor of the Township of Rathmell aforesaid the interest whereof yearly shall be paid in such manner to the said poor as the owner of Capleside for the time being shall direct And all the rest remainder and residue of my said psonall estate I do give devise and bequeath to my said Brother Robert Nowell Clarke and Henry Nowell Gen whom I do make constitute and appoint joint Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seal the day and year first above written Charles Nowell Sealed signed published and declared in the sight & presence of Anthony Foster Rob: Clarke Tho: Cooke

*One line Latin*

Rich Browne

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**ELIZABETH NOWELL 1680 Ref. Borthwick. Vol58 fo150**

In the name of God Amen the tenth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred & Eighty, I Elizabeth Nowell of Cattleside in the parrish of Gigleswicke & County of yorke widdow being att this present time somewhat out of health yett of pfect memory praised be God for the same doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme Following; And First of all considering the frailety of my nature and a liableness to death and to be dissolved I recommend my soule & body into the handes of Almighty God my maker fully trusting by the sole merritts and satisfaction of Jesus Christ his sonne & my Saviour to be pardoned & acquitted of all my transgressions & to be received into glory to live & abide with him forever: And I will and am desirous that my body be buried in the parrish Church of Gigleswicke as nigh to the place of my husbands buriall as may be supposed; And now well mindeing both the preferment and quiett and peace of my Children I hereby dispose of my personall estate give & bequeath the same in manner & forme Following And First my minde & will is that Alexander Nowell my youngest sonne shall have duely paide unto him the sume of sixty poundes which said sume was the guift & bequest of Robert Parker his unckle and likewise the sume of fortye poundes as a Childers parte due to him of and out of the goodes that were his fathers; And I further hereby give & appointe to be paide unto him the sume of fifteene poundes which said sume shall be accepted by him as satisfaction for any claime that he should or cann have in or to those tenements called Foulescales and Batesons from which upon the receipt of the said money he his heires Executors or Administrators shall theareby release his or their claime thereunto; Item my will & minde is that Mary Nowell shall have in the same manner duely paide unto her the sume of sixty poundes which alsoe was given unto her by the will of Robert Parker her unckle; And likewise the sume of fortye poundes as her childes parte of and all of the goodes and personall estate of her father Charles Nowell deceased; And likewise hereby give & bequeath to be paide unto her the sume of fifteene poundes as satisfaction for any claime that she should or by any meanes cann have unto those aforesaid Tenemts called Foulescales & Batesons from which & every parte thereof upon the recipt of the said fifteene poundes she her Executors & Administrators shall clearely release her or their title thereunto; Item I hereby give & bequeath two childes partes of the aforesaid Tenements called Foulscals & Batesons unto Henry Nowell my sonne his heires & Assignes for ever; Item my will and minde is that Henry Nowell & Edward Nowell shall either of them deduct or have paide to them each of them the sume of forty poundes as their equall proportion or childes parte of the goodes & Chattells that were their late deced fathers; Item and further my will & minde is that my three daughters Anne Mary Nowell & Elizabeth Clarke shall have equally devided amongs them all my plate? beds bedding utensills & household goodes except two teaster beds one in the Chamber where I lye another in the Closett and the long table in the house which I give unto Charles Nowell my sonne, And except alsoe out of the same one Joynd Chest which I give to Henry Nowell my sonne; Item I hereby order & appointe to be paide unto Robert Nowell my sonne the sume of twenty poundes, And likewise to William Nowell my sonne the equill summe

of twenty poundes as an acquittall of all claimes by them to me made from or out of what personall estate so ever I dye seized of, Item I hereby give unto Charles Nowell my sonne and Elizabeth his wife to (either) of them tenn shillings to buy for each of them a gold ring, And now Lastly my will & minde is that whatsoever remainder of personall estate I dye seized of (my debts funerall expences & what as is above mentioned to be first paide & donne, shall be equally devided share & share like amongst Henry Edward Alexander Nowell Anne and Mary Nowell and Elizabeth Clarke, And now hereby revoakeing all former wills I hereby nominate and appointe Henry Nowell & Edward Nowell my sonnes jointe Executors of this my last will & testament; In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written Elizabeth Nowell marke sealed signed and Executed in the sight & presence of Anne Baynes John Carr William Peele Leonard Carr

*2 lines Latin*

**ALICE PALEY 1681/2 Ref. Borthwick. V59 f225**

In the name of God Amen I Alice Paley of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke widdow being sicke of body but of perfect remembrance praised be God Almighty doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme as Followeth; Inprimis I recommend my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker trusting through the merritts of Jesus Christ my onely saviour and Redeemer to have free pardon and remission for all my sinnes And my body I give to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in Gigleswicke Church or Church yearde According to the discretion of my Executor and friends; And as for my temporall estate which God hath beene pleased to bless me withall I doe bestow and bequeath as Followeth. Inprimis my will and mind is that all my honest debts and funerall expences be paide out of my whole estate; Item I give to my sonnes Thomas and William Preston one firehouse and Kilne and Malthouses and Croft and garden which did belong to their father Richard Preston deceased the said Thomas and William paying unto Anne wife of Henry Ellin her equall proportion out of that estate accordeing as her late father did give unto her as by his last will and testament doth make appear; And as for the rest of my goodes after my debts be paid and discharged I doe give and bequeath equally \to be/ to the mainetaineing of my said sonnes Thomas and William Preston and I give to my sonne William Paley one Cloake one Fowling peece one Camblet Coate one Poultrone statutes at large now in the possession of Mr. Richard Preston of Settle And one dictionary now in the possession of Mr. William Knipe of Hollinghall And I doe give to my daughter Issabell Paley all my weareing apparrell both woollen and linnen; And alsoe I give all that debt (or any other) that which may befall due or be gotten hereafter due from Roger Taylor late of Routster or as much as can be got of it to my sonnes Thomas and William Preston and my daughter Issabell Paley equally amongst them desireing Mr. Francis Read to use his utmost power to assist my Executor hereafter named to aske sue for and recover the said debt or debts which may lawfully grow due to me and mine; And I alsoe doe order appointe and put in full power my said Executor to dispose sell (conseigne) and make good assurance of one barn newly erected with a stee(?) roome of the backside which is reserved, adjoineing to the garden belonging the firehouse & Malthouses aforementioned And herein I doe make and appoint my brother William Windsor of Long Preston to be my sole Executor of this my last will and testament revoakeing all other wills made by me In witness

whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale this twentieth day of January Anno  
Regni Regis Caroli secundi dei gratia Anglie Scotie Franccie etc Hibernie xxxiiij  
Anno dni 1681 Alice Paley her marke sealed and signed in the presence of us  
:Lawrence Lawson Matt Falthrop

*One line Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**PALEY ELIZABETH 1632 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol 42 fol 5**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the (Nyne) day of June ..... yeare of our  
Soveraigne.....I Elizabeth Paley of Giglesweeke in the county of  
yorke widdow beinge late wife of Thomas Paley of the ...../..... Giggleswick  
afforesaid .....pfect .....god be praised doe make and .....this my last will and  
Testament in manner and forme followinge First I committ my soule into the hands of  
Allmightie maker and redeemer and my bodie ..... at the discretion of my frends Itm  
I give and bequeath to Thomas .....Grandsonne and ..... lawfull issue and .....  
Executors and assignes of such issue all my estate interest ..... tearmes of years  
which I (had?) ...../..... of my said late husbands will of in and ..... the ..... or  
.....in Gigglesweeke aforesaid the same (*half a line gone*) upon condition that the  
said Thomas shall give to his Brother William Paley twenty pounds out of the same  
within a twelve moneth after the said William be one and twentie yeares or if hee  
refuse soe to bee then I give the same moitie to the said William his Executors and  
assignes Provided allwayes that if the  
said Thomas Paley my grandsonne die without lawful issue of his bodye that then my will  
is and I give the same wholly to William Paley his brother and to his Executors and  
Assignes and as concerninge my worldly (goods) and other personal estate wich God hath  
blessed me with First whereas I have bought and purchased of Richard Brayshey of this  
towne one barne in Giggleswicke with itt appurtinces and have alreadye paid for the same  
Eight and twentie pounds And yett the assurances taken in the name of Thomas Paley my  
grandsonne my will is that the said assurances shall (hold good). And for the Eight and  
twentie pounds paid for the same my (will) is that the same shall be borne out of my  
(whole) goods And whereas my grandsonne Wiliam Paley is to have two parts of his  
fethers goods both by my consent and his fethers my will that he shall have  
the same two pts accordingly and that my Grandsonne Thomas shall have the other third  
pte wherein hee shall accept the husbandrie geare as they shall be praised, And for my  
pte of goods and rights my will is that my grandsonne William Paley shall have the one  
halfe fully to his owne use owne uses and out of the other halfe my will is that the charges of  
my funerall and of the probacon of my will & and my legacies hereafter sett  
downe shalbe deducted and the residue that shall remayne over and above I give the same  
wholly to my grandsonne William Paley And I doo freely give and bequeath these legacies  
hereafter followinge to the persons hereafter menconed and named that is to say to Elizabeth  
Wattkinson daughter of my chosen Mathew Watkinson Foure pounds and to his sonne  
Leonard Watkinson Fortie shillings Item I give to everie one that I am godmother unto  
twelve pence a peece Item I give to William Lawson Ten shillings and to Thomas Crofte  
sonne of Christopher Crofte Ten shillings Item I give to my sister in lawe Elizabeth  
Frankland widowe my best gowne, my best, and one Lining smock And to Anne

Watkinson wife of my chosen Mathew one Redde pettiecoat and one other lyninge Smocke, And to their daughter Elizabeth one little blewe coate. Item to Margarett Wildman the wife of George Wildman my new Redd petticoate, Item I give to Francis (Howsonne?) widow my second gowne and my better cloake And my will is that all these legacies shall be paid within one whole yeare next after my decease. Item my will is and I doe desire that these heirlooms, to witt, the table, chist cupboard(ds), bedd, bedsto(cks) and other furniture belonging to the bedd and (twelve?) peeces of pewter and one..... of (Tinn?)spoones and (five) pewter porringers all and may remaine and continue att (the?) dwellinghouse or in the p..... accordinge to the bequest and legacie thereof given by Jane Paley my late deceased sister in Lawe and Alsoe my will is that the said Thomas Paley shall have the best? of the houshold estates within his porcon to be (accounted) after the rates that they shall be apprised unto And I doe make and ordaine my trustie and well beloved freind William Bankes and my chosen Mathewe Watkinsonne to be joint Executors of this my last will and testament These beinge witnesses William Lawson Christopher Crofte, John (Howson?)

*3 lines latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**HENRY PALEY 1679 Ref.Borthwick.York.vol.58 fol. 147  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Henry Paley of Giggleswick in the County of yorke yeoman being sicke of body but of perfect remembrance praised be God Almighty, I doe hereby express and make this my last will & Testament in manner & forme Following; Imprimis I doe recomend my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker hoping through the merritts of Jesus Christ my onely saviour & Redeemer to have free pardon & remission of all my sinns And as for my body I leave to the earth from whence itt was taken to be buried att the discretion of my Executrix as hereafter named and appointed; And as for my temporall estate & goodes which God Almighty hath beene pleased to blesse me withall I doe bestow as Followeth; Imprimis I doe give unto my sonne William Paley all my houses & Landes which was my fathers to enter in and upon the said houses & landes att or within six months after my wife Alice Paley decease if soe be that he shall or may be (at that said time of my aforesaid wives decease) the age of one & twenty yeares; Alsoe I will that if my said wife Alice Paley shall live att after my said sonne William Paley attaine to the age of twenty one yeares he shall but enter to one halfe of the said houses and Landes aforementioned dureing her naturall life, And I will that my wife shall have my house which I now dwell in with halfe of my said Landes accordingly proportionable dureing her naturall life aforesaid And I will that my said sonne William Paley shall enter to the said house and Landes which my said wife may possess as dureing her said naturall life att her decease he paying as Followeth, Item I will that he pay unto my daughter Isabell Paley twenty poundes; And alsoe I will that he shall pay unto the child that is in my said wives wombe twenty pounds if itt please God that itt shall live, And if either of these said my children shall dye before they attaine to the age of twenty one yeares the said survivor shall have & receive the said forty poundes of my said sonne William Paley, And I will that all my debts and funerall expenses to be paid out of

my whole estate, And as for the rest of my goodes and Chattells undisposed of moveable or unmoveable of what kinde or nature soever they be I doe give unto my wife Alice Paley, whoe I doe make and appoint my sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament; In Witnesse whereof I have herewith sett my hand & seale this sixteenth day of March Anno RRs Caroli scdi dei gratia Angl. Scotie Franc et Hibnis tricesimo scdo Anno dni one thousand six hundred seaventy nine Henry Paley sealed signed in the presence of us Tho. Wildman Willm Windsor his marke Matt Falthropp Et vicesimo sexto die mensis octobris Anno 1680

*2 more lines Latin*

*RRs - Regni Regis - in the reign of king*

**JANE PALEY 1622 Borthwick v37 f264**

In the name of God Amen the third day of June in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred the twenty and two I Jaine Paley of Giggleswick in the county of York spinster sick in body but of good and perfect memory god be praised therefore do make and ordain this my lat will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all former wills. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer assuredly trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of my saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends.

And as concerning my leases viz. of the house wherein John Sigswicke dwells in Giggleswick and likewise of the quarter lands which I had of Elizabeth and John Knowles I give the same and all my estate interest and term therein to my nephew William Paley and to Thomas Paley his son and to their executors and assigns for and during all the terms of years yet to come in the same leases.

Item I give unto the said William and Thomas my bed and cupboard with the table and my chest all standing in the parlour of the said William and my desire is the same may remain there and be accounted as heirlooms at the house to them and their posterity.

And as concerning my lease of the fourth part of Newfeild for which I paid three score and five pounds first I will that Elizabeth Payley my sister in law continuing in her widowhead and her said son William my nephew shall have the profits thereof until Thomas Payley son of the said William do accomplish his age of one and twenty years, and then I give the lease thereof and all my estate and interest therein to the said Thomas Payley son of William and to his executors and assigns upon condition that he shall give and pay therefore to William Paley his younger brother that price (abating twenty marks) which I gave for it. This to be paid at three Andrew days next after the said Thomas shall come to his age of one and twenty years by equal portions. And if the said Thomas shall refuse so to do, or be in default of his said payment then I give the same lease and estate to the said William Paley son of William and to his assigns (if he be obedient and dutiful to his father and will follow

his wishes for his marriage or other preferment) and if he will not then I give it to the said William Payley the father and his assigns to dispose thereof as in his discretion he shall think fit.

Item I give out of my other goods to my cousin Richard Braishay of the Yeate 20s. To Richard Lunde son of William Lunde 20s. to Ellen Howson my god daughter 10s, to Anne Paley my goddaughter 10s. Item I give to William Lawson 20s and to him the said William and to Frances Lawson his wife to and for the use of the said Frances or of her children twenty nobles. Item I give to Ann Lawson daughter of the said William Lawson 10s. Item I give to Jennett Bayne(?) my brother maid servant 10s.

Item to Thomas Woodhouse twenty shillings and to his sister Katherine 20s. Item I give to Alice the wife of Francis Chippingdale six shillings eight pence. These legacies to be paid within a twelve month next after my decease. And for everyone that has or shall have any money of mine in their hands at my decease I will they shall have abated so much of the whole sum as the use or consideration growing due for one year will amount unto (if they will pay the residue at the day when it shall be due) but if any of them break their day then to have no abatement but to pay the whole sum that shall be due.

The rest of my goods not bequeathed I give them to the said Elizabeth Payley my sister-in-law and to her said son William Payley provided that if she the said Elizabeth shall be married again hereafter then she to have no benefit at all by this my will or any legacy herein contained but the same to redound wholly to the said William Paley anything before mentioned notwithstanding. And I make and ordain the said William Paley to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament these being witnesses: William Lawson, Elizabeth Payley, Thomas Lawson and Thomas Carr.

*Gigleswicke*

**RICHARD PALEY 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Apl 1700  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Richard Paleye of Settle in the County of Yorke Grocer Being Sick & Weake in body but of perfect & Sound memory thanks be to God for the same Doe make this my Last Will & Testament Revokeing and disannulling all other Wills by me heretofore made & declareing this to bee my Last Will & testamt. Imprimis I Commit my Soule into the Hands of Almighty God hoping through the merritts & Mediation of his sonne Jesus Christ to have full pardon & free Remision of all my Sinns & Being Willing to dispose of & Settle the temporall Estate with which it hath pleased God to bless me withall do give bequeath & dispose of as followeth, Impr my Will & mind is that all my just debts & funeral expences bee well & truly first paid by my Executrix hereafter menconed And as for the remaindr of my Reale & p(er)sonall Estate I give & bequeath as followeth (That as Whereas I am sensible that Agnes my now wife is with Child) I therefore give & bequeath & it is my Will & mind that if the Child now in the Womb of my sd Wife shall Live and attaine to the Age of twenty one yeares shall have possese & enjoy two parts in three equally to bee divided of my Whole reale & p(er)sonall Estate & Debts oweing me (My just debts &



funrall Expences being first pd) the third part remaining I give & bequeath to Agnes my now Wife, And in Case the child now in the Womb of my Wife shall happen to dy before such Child shall Attaine the Age of twenty one Yeares then my Will & mind is that my whole Estate as well reale as personall shall bee & remaine unto my sd. Wife, And allso my Will & mind is that such Child as abovesd shall bee mentayned by my Executrix out of the meane pfitts of my Whole Estate till such time as the sd Child shall attaine the Age of twenty one yeares if such Child so long lives And lastly I nominate & Appoynt Agnes my Loveing Wife to bee Sole Executrix of this my last Will & testamt. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale this twenty first day of February in the twelft yeare of his present Matyes (*Majestys*) Raigne ov. England etc Anno Dom 1699

Sealed signd published & declared to be the last Will & testamt of the sd. Richd. Paleye in the presence of us

Richd Paleye

Wm. Paley  
John Wildman  
Will. Paleye  
Jn: Paleye jurat

A True & pfect Inventory of all & Singular the Goods cattels & chattels & Credits Belonging & due to Richard Paley late of Settle in ye County of yorke Grocer Deceased att the Time of his Decease

	li	s	d
Imprimis his purse Horse & Apparell	20	00	00
Itm: Goods in the Shopp	75	15	03
Itm: goods in ye Chamber over ye Shopp	00	11	00
Some small Husbandry Geare	00	05	00
Goods Debts in the Booke	88	10	06
In Lent Money	17	09	00
One Messuage Barne & Garden lying & being att Kettlewell lately Belonging to one Thomas Layland of Kettlewll	04	10	00
One House & severall shoppes standing & Being att the East End of toll Booth in Settle	66	00	00
More in booke Debts	08	03	06
Sum:	281	04	03
Debts oweing by ye decd Debts oweing to severall persons & funerall Expences	198	07	00
Sum:	82	17	03
In bad debts	28	08	00

Appryrsers

Wm. Paley  
John Skirrow  
Leo Bolland  
John Wildman

**ROBERT PALEY 1652 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.57 fol. 24**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the Fourth day of November in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty two I Robert Paley of Tipperthwaite in the parish of Giggleswick and County of Yorke being sicke in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following revoking hereby All wills by me formerly made First I commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker and Creator trusting assuredly through his mercye and by the merits of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have full pardon and remission of all my sins and my body to the Earth whereof it was framed to be buried in my Parish Church yard of Giggleswicke att the discretion of my frinds And for my Temporall goods and estate I give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth First itt is my will and minde that my debts and Funerall expences shall be paid out of my whole goods Alsoe it is my will and mynde And I doe hereby give and devise unto John Paley my Eldest son And to his Executors and Assignes all my messuages houses and grounds att Tipperthwaite, and all other my grounds commons and mosses with the Appurtenents within the Township of Gigleswicke (except that house and garth late Thomas Crofts and all my writings Concerning the Same) yet neverthelesse upon Condition here under expressed That is to say that my sayd son John Paley his Executors Administrators and Assignes shall permit and suffer Elizabeth my wife her Assignes quietly to have hold and enjoy All my sayd messuage houses and grounds for and during the tearme of Thirteen yeares next after my decease for and towards the releife maintenance and education of her selfe and Robert Isabell and Alice Paley my three youngest children Alsoe itt is my will and mynde that my sayd Son John Paley his Executors or Assignes shall att the end of the sayd Thirteen yeares enter into and have two parts in three equall parts to be devided of all my sayd messuages houses grounds and premises And that Elizabeth my sayd wife shall have and quietly enjoy the third part of my sayd messuage houses grounds and premises during the terme of Fifty yeares if my sayd wife doe soe long live And if my sayd wife shall dye before the end of the sayd Thirteen yeares then I will that my sayd Son John Paley shall enter to and have my whole messuage grounds and premises conditionally that he shall maintaine and keepe my sayd three youngest Children as abovesayd Alsoe it is my will and minde that (after my debts and Funerall Expenses be discharged) my said wife Elizabeth shall have one full third part of all my moveable goods creditts and personall estate And the other two parts thereof I doe give unto Robert Isabell and Alice Paley to be equally devided amongst them my three youngest Children And the same to be put forth for there uses as they attaine there severall ages of Eighteene yeares and there whole portion to be payd as they attaine there severall ages of twenty one yeares and if any of them dye before they attaine the age of twenty one yeares then there parte to remaine to the Survivors or Survivor Alsoe I will that my sayd son John Paley, in further Consideration of the sayd messuage grounds and premises shall pay unto my Son William Paley Fower pounds and alsoe to my Son Roger Paley Fower pounds within one yeare next after he shall enter to the sayd two parts of the messuage and premises Alsoe I will that my Executors shall pay unto Edward Coward my Son in Law the sum of Three pounds upon Condition that the sayd Edward shall upon receipt of the sayd sume and as his actt and deeds deliver to my sayd Executors a generall acquittance and absolute

release for and clayming any title or right in or to any parte of my goods or estate or any promise by me to him made, Alsoe I doe nominate and appointe Elizabeth my wife and John Paley my son to be joint Executors of this my last will and testamt Supervisors hearof I doe nominate Thomas Lawson and Bryan Cookeson (?) of Giggleswicke whome I doe intreate to see this my last will and testamt truly performed my trust is in them reposed In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Robert Paley his marke Witnesses hereof Thomas Carr his marke Thomas Wilson Thomas Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ROBERT PALEY 1671 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 53 fol. 29  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Robert Paley of Tipperthwaite, within parrish of Giggleswicke and County of yorke Batchelor being sicke and weake of body but of good and pfect remembrance (laud and praise be unto Almighty God) doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and form Following vizt First and principally I doe Commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting through the meritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer I shall be made partaker of and an Inheritor of the Kingdome of heaven; And my body to Christian buriall to be interred in the pish Church or Church yeard of Giggleswicke aforesaid at the discretion of my mother and freinds And as for my temporall estate wherewith the Lord hath endowed me I give and bequeath as Followeth; (that is to say) I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Banckes my naturall mother all my Messuage and tenement situate lyeing and being att Tipperthwaite aforesaid together with all and singuler profitts comodities & appurtenances thereunto belonging being of the ancient yearely rent of two shillings to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth Banckes my mother and her Assigns forever; Item I give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth Banckes my mother all my whole right title & interest I have in a pasture or pastureing Close lying on the backe of a place called Hunthwaite; To have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth Banckes and her Assignes for ever paying & discharging my funerall expenses Lastly I make and ordain the said Elizabeth Banckes my mother whole and sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament In witnesse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand marke & seale the eight day of December in the twenty third yeare of the Reigne of our sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God King of England Anno Domini one thousand six hundred seaventy one Robert Paley marke Witnesses hereof William Banckes Christopher Tatham marke Lawrence Tatham marke Francis Tatham marke Tho. Remington;

*4 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS PALEY 1621 Borthwick v36 f705**

In the name of God amen the one and twentieth day of January in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and one I Thomas Paley Elder of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance

god be praised therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to earthly burial at the discretion of my friends.

Item my will is and I give, devise and bequeath the one half of the Quarter Lands Close and my lease and estate thereof to Elizabeth my wife and her assigns to use and dispose of at her pleasure for and during the term of years yet unspent of my said lease. And as concerning my worldly goods first I give out of the same these legacies following that is to say to my sister Jane Paley the sum of four pounds. Item to Isabell Paley my daughter-in-law twenty shillings. Item to Thomas Paley and William Paley my two grandchildren either of them two gimmer lambs and after that these legacies and my due debts which I owe be paid and discharged I will that the residue of my goods be divided into two equal parts and I give the one half thereof unto Elizabeth my said wife and the other half thereof to William Paley my son.

And I make the said Elizabeth my wife and William my son the joint executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses John Banckes, William Hinde, William Lawson and Thomas Carr.

*Gigleswicke*

**THOMAS PALEY 1668 Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 50 fol. 397  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Paley of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman being sick in body but of sound and pfect Remembrance doe make this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Following: First I Comend my Soule into the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and Redeemer And my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, Secondly my will and minde is that my debts and Funerall Expenses be payd Forth of my goods and personall Estate, And in case they will not extend to pay my sayd debts and Funerall Expenses then my will is that my three Closes Above Roome houses in Gigleswicke Called great Leonorthwaite Closes with one laith or barne therein standing and the little Close The sayd Closes and sheepgates being all now in my possession, or soe many or soe much of them as will pay the Remainder of my sayd debts and Funerall expenses which my goods and psonal estate will not Amount unto to pay, be sould For the paying Forth of my sayd debts and Funerall expenses: And my will and mynde is And I doe hereby Authorish my executors hereafter named to sell the sayd Closes and sheepgates as Above att the discretion of my brother William Paley & of Lawrence Lawson of Gigleswicke Aforesayd whom I desire to be supervisors of this my last will and testament as my trust is in them And as For my dwelling house barns stables outhouses and the Remainder of my Leasehold Lands Closes and pasture grounds whatsoever I give and bequeath the Moyety or one half thereof to my eldest sonne William Paley and to his Executors Administrators and assigns during all such tearme and tearmes of yeares as I have therein: And the other moyety or halfe part thereof I give unto Margaret my wife For the tearme of her \natural life/ And after her decease her sayd Moyety to remaine to my sayd sonne William Paley They the sayd William Paley my sonne and Margaret my sayd wife paying Forth of the same unto my younger Children Isabell Margaret Thomas Elizabeth Ellen James and Mary Paley each of them Five and twenty pounds in Manner Following That is to say To my daughter Isabell Twenty Five pounds within one yeare next after my decease And to my daughter Margaret

Twenty Five pounds within two years next after my decease, And to the residue and rest of my younger Children Twenty Five pounds a peice as they shall Accomplish ther severall ages of one and twenty yeares or be married with the Consent of my sayd wife, ther mother if shee be then liveing: And likewise they the sayd William my sonne and Margarett my sayd wife bringing upp and Maynetaineing my sayd daughters until they Accomplish ther severall ages of sixteene yeares: And alsoe paying and Allowing yearly For two whole yeares next after my decease unto my sayd sonne Thomas whoe is now A Student or Scholar in Christs Colledge in Cambridge For his education there the Annuall sume of (Fifteen) pounds if it please God that he Continues soe long in the sayd Colledge: And if it happen that any of my sayd younger Children dye before they Accomplish their sayd age of one and twenty yeares or be marryed as above Then the legacie or Childs part or portion of Twenty Five pounds of him or her soe dying to remaine and Come to my Executors and my surviving daughters to be equally devided Amongst them And I doe nominate and appoint my sayd sonne William and my sayd wife joynt Executors of this my last will and testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the Four and twentieth day of January in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and eight: Thomas Paley: Published signed and sealed in the presence of the ward surviving being First Interlyned Brian Crokeson Lawrence Lawson William Paley

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS PALEY 1669/70**

**Borthwick Craven/Prog. vol.50 fol. 273 mf 969**

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Paley of Langclif being wake and sicke of body yet of good and pfect memory praised be God of Might and Mercy for ye same doe make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I give command and beequeathe my Soule in to the hands of my maker trusting therrough ye sole mercyes and merrits of Jesus Christ my Savioure to have remisson and forgivenes of my Sinns and by ye vertu of his Precious blod shed Reserrection and assention fully to injoy him in glory Committing my body to ye Earthe from whence it came To bee buried att ye discretion of my freindes And for my Temporall esstayte I give and beequeathe in manner and forme following And first my mind and wish is first That my debts and accomptes and recknonings bee cleared my funerall expenses paide I Give and beequeathe unto my wife All my Goods moveable and Cattells Inward and Outward And I Give unto my Tow Sonns Thomas Paley and John Paley eyther of them forty poundes and due to me att this psent place & upon specialltie And if it shall happen or soe pleas God that eyther of them shall dye beefore they receive or Give a discharge for ye same Then my mind and will is that it shall goe and redound to ye Survivor of them And I hereby appoynte Ann Paley (jurat) Sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seale this third day of January in ye yeare of oure Lord God one thowsand Six hundred Sixty and Nine

Witnesses hereof

Jurat

John Paley

m ed

Thomas Kayley TK

Tho. Constantine  
Leonard Carr

*Langcliffe* modern spelling

**THOMAS PALEY 1657 Ref.Borthwick.York v.43 f35**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen The eight day of June In the yeare of our Lord according to the Computation of the Church of England One thousand six hundred Fifty seven, I Thomas Paley of Paley greene in the parish of Gigleswick and county of York being..... And feebly in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commit and willingly resign my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and creator trusting through his mercy and by the merits of Jesus Christ my only redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and remission of all my sins, and my body to the earth whereof it was framed to be buried at my parish church of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends for..... all worldly and temporal goods and estate, I do give devise and dispose of the same as followeth, first it is my will and mind that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods Also whereas by my Indenture under my hands and seal, bearing date the first day of May last past, I have granted assigned and set over unto Thomas Paley my eldest son and to his executors and assigns all that my messuage or tenement at Paley greene with all it appurtenances of the ancient yearly rent of Thirtie shillings four pence, And all other grounds Commons and pastures, within the parish of Gigleswicke; whereof I am now or was at the making of the same Indenture, lawfully possessed for all which said premises is (reserved?) the yearlie Rent of Seven \shillings/ eleaven pence half pennie payable for Moore (rent) & in Consideration of all which said Messuage Tenement and premises, my said son Thomas Paley, hath promised and undertaken, to paie the sum of one hundred pounds to such person or persons & at such tyme or tymes as by my last will and Testament, I shall give & appoint the same to be paid, Now I doe by this my last will Confirm & ratifie the same Indenture, And I will that my said son Thomas shall have all my said Messuage Tenement grounds & premises to the use of himself his Executors & Assigns; according as in the same Indenture is expressed, Now I do hereby give & bequeath the said sume of one hundred pounds unto Robert Paley my second sone, & I will that my said son Thomas shall pay the same one hundred pounds, unto my said sone Robert or his assigns; within two years next after my decease Also I give unto my daughter Ann Paley Threescore & ten pounds to be paid out of my good & personall estate Also I give unto Thomas Paley, Robert Paley & Ann Paley my youngest children, all my right title interest & proprietie of in & unto those closes called Town closes within Lawkeland, the same to be equallie divided amongst my said youngest Children, Also I do give unto everie one of my grandchildren five shillings a piece, Also I give to my daughter Agnes five shillings, & to my daughter Ellen five shillings, And concerning all the rest of goods & Chattells not disposed of I give devise & bequeath the same unto my said sone Thomas Paley, And I doe make nominate & appoint my said son Thomas Paley executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written Witnesses hereof Thomas Harrison Jnr. Brian Cookeson.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM PALEY 15<sup>th</sup> April 1629 Borthwick v 41 f4**

In the name of god amen the twentieth daie of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred twentie & nyen I William Paley of the Crosse in Giggleswick in the Countie of yorke yeoman beinge at this time visited with sickness and disease but of sound & perfect memory praised bee god doe make and ordaine this my Last will and testament in manner & forme followinge, That is to say first and principally I comend and comitt my soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye god my maker & redeemer assuredly trustinge that through the merritts & precious blood shedding of my saviour Jesus Christ my sinns shalbe forgiven and that my soule shalbe made ptaker of eternall blisse in the kingdome of heaven and my bodie to be buried at the discrecon of my Loveinge mother and other my freinds. And whereas I have by my deed indented under my hand and seale bearinge date the fifteenth day of Aprill instant demised granted assigned and sett over to Robert Franckland of Essington William Bankes of Giggleswick Richard Brayshay of the same and Mathew Watkinson of Rathmell in the said County yeomen & to their executors and assignes all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenancs situate Lyeing and beinge in Giggleswick aforesaid now in my possession And all houses edifices barns buildings gardens Lands meadowes pastures comons and other appurtenancs thereunto belonginge And likewise all other my groundes lyinge within the towne fields, precincts & territories of Giggleswick aforesaid and now alsoe in my possession. To have and to hold to them their executors and assignes for and duringe all such terme and termes as I have in the premisses by force of any Lease or Leases grants assignments or other estates whatsoever to the end that they shall stand thereof possessed in Lawe as freinds in trust and upon special confidences to act for the uses intents and purposes specified in the said deed and I doe request them my said freinds in trust to accept of the same estate for the good estate of my self and my two children Thomas Paley and William Paley and of their issue & posteritie And whereas it is ment & declared in the said deeds that my said sonne Thomas shall enter into the said premisses after my decease payeing unto his said brother William such some of money as by my Last will I shoulde appoint him I doe now sett downe and appoint that my said sonne Thomas shall give and pay to my said sonne William the some of Twentie pounds when the said Thomas shall accomplish his age of twenty one yeares. And further also my will is And I doe desire my said sonne Thomas that if it please god my sonne William shall hereafter live abrode either as scholer in the universitie or in other service in the \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\* and that hee shalbe minded at any time to come over and visit his freinds here in these partes That then my said son Thomas shall make him welcome and grant him the best entertaynement hee cann both for man and horse dureing his abode here with such Love and respect as may become one brother to shoue to another in Like kind. And as concerninge my moveable goods which I have joyntly with my mother my will is and I give demise and bequeath two partes thereof (the whole beinge divided into three parts) to the said William Paley my younger sonne for and towards his better preferrment. And out of the other third part my will is that my funerall expenses mortuary and charges of probacon of my will shalbe taken & deducted. And alsoe I give out of the same third parte to my Loveinge freind William Lawson of this towne ten shillings & to Frances his wife fower shillings and to his three daughters every of them two shillings. And I give to Nicholas Franckland and Leonard Watkinson either of them one Gimmer Lambe and to every other of my godchildren twelve pence a piece. And the rest and residue of the said third part I give it to the said Thomas Paley my elder sonn. And I doe appoint the said Elizabeth Paley my mother to bee the sole executrix of this my Last will and testament. And I do comitt the tuicon & government of my said two children and of their goods estates and other rights to the said Elizabeth Paley my mother and to the said Robert Franckland my brother in Lawe for and during the mynorities and nonages of my said children. And I doe desire my said fower freinds in trust to bee

supervisors of this my will These being witnesses William Lawson Richard Paley Thomas Clapham and Henry Houghton.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM PALEY 1661 Ref. Borthwick, York vol.45 fol.283**

Transcribed by S.Gordon

January the sixth Anno Dom 1661

In the name of God Amen I William Paley of Knight Staineforth being in perfect memory and soundness of mynde and in pretty good health of body prayed be God for the same yett beinge grown Ancient and Full of dayes and certainly knowinge that the tyme of my desolution accordinge to the Course of nature Cannot be Far off and that it is the duty of every man in tyme of health to sett his house in order. I doe hereby make this my last will and Testament in manner and Forme as Followeth, First I comitt my soule into the Mercifull hands of Almighty god my maker in steadfast faith and Full assurance of the pardon and Remission of all my sinns by and through the precious death and bloodshed of his sonne Jesus Christ my onely lord and Saviour to whome with the holy ghost be all honor glory and prayse given of all Creatures both in heaven and in earth for ever and ever Amen. And For my body when it shall please god to Call me to his blessed kingdome I doe freely Comitt to the earth and to Christian buryall in the parish Church or Church yard of Giggleswicke there to be sollemly interred with such rites & Ceremonial as are appointed by the Church of England and accordinge to the useage of the place att the discretion of my Executor hereafter to be named accordinge as is befittinge A person of my rancke and Condition, And for the defraying of which Charge I give unto my sayd Executor tenn pounds to be by him bestowed or soe much thereof as he in his discretion shall think fitt about my buryall, More over after my just debts and Funerall expenses discharged I give to my three Children now liveing viz John Paley Bridgett Franckland and Ester Lackland Five pounds a peece Alsoe I give to every one that I am grandfather unto meaning onely my Childrens Children and not more Five shillings apeece to be payd to them within one whole year after my decease takinge from each of them an acquittance whoe are able to give it accordinge to law And for those whoe are att under age to pay it to there parents or guardians whose discharge or acquittance shall be sufficient for my Executor. And lastly I doe hereby appoint my sonne John Paley sole Executor of this my Last will and testament to whose care and good Conscience I comitt the Execution hereof and to whom I bequeath the Residue of my goods unbequeathed In witness whereof I (have) upon the back side hereof set my hand and seale the day and yeare above written, William Paley, In the sight and presence of us Tho: Clapham John Paley,

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Stainforth " "*



**WILLIAM PALEY 1669 Ref.Borthwick,York. Vol.50 fol.382**

In the name of God Amen, I William Paley of Gigleswicke in the Countie of yorke gentl being infirme & weake in body but of good and pfect memorie praised be God for the same doe make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in manner & forme Following, First I Commend my (soule) into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker & Redeemer & my bodye to be buried att the discretion of my Executors hereafter named desireing this (same) maybe decentlie interred without any vaine pomp or needlesse Charges, And of those worldlie goods and estate wherewith God hath blessed me, I give & dispose of the same as followeth, And First my will and minde is that my debts be paide forth of my whole goods and personall estate, Item whereas by one deed of (uses) official or bargaine and sale Lawfullie Executed bearing date the seaventh day of May in the fifteenth year of the Reigne of our now sovereigne Lord King Charles the second over England made betweene Matthew Topham of Middleham in the said Countie gentl on the one partie and Thomas Warde of North Coate gent William Topham of Hebden Thomas Paley and Lawrence Lawson of Gigleswicke all in the said Countie yeomen on the other partie as Feoffees in trust or trustees to and for certain uses intents provisoes limitations & purposes therein expressed for the settling of Messuage or tenement in Middleham aforesaid called & known by the name of the Starr and one stable and other appurtenances to the same belonging, It is provided, That immediatelie after the decease of the longer liver of the said Matthew Topham and of Ellen his now wife William Topham sonne of the said Matthew Topham or Cordelia his wife or the heires or issue of their two bodyes, or Thomas Topham of Hebden aforesaid & his heires, or which of them the said Messuage or tenement and premises shall of right come to, to be possessed or enjoyed according to the true meaning of the said indenture (and for whose uses the same was made and executed) shall pay or cause to be paide to me the said Willim Paley my Executors Administrators or Assigns the just & whole sum of sixtie pounds of lawful money of England without any further drift or delay And for default of the payment thereof accordinglie that then the said trustees and their heires and the survivors of them and his heires shall stand and be seized of the said Messuage tenement and premises to the use of me the said William Paley my heires & Assigns until the said sixty pounds with lawful consideration and expences aboute and for the same for and dureing the time of such default made be well and truly paid to me the said William Paley my Executors Administrators or Assigns, according to the true meaning of the said Indenture, as by the said Indenture may more fullie appeare Now my will and minde is and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my two youngest daughters Margarett and Dorothie Paley to either of them twenty pounds a peece parte of the said sixtie pounds payable as above, and the remainder of the said sixtie pounds being twentie pounds, I doe hereby give and bequeath unto Issabell Topham daughter of the said William Topham my sonne in law to be paide her with interest when she shall attaine the age of one and twentie yeares or be married, And I doe also give unto them all my title and interest in the said Messuage tenement and premises, And all the benefitt and advantage of the said indenture & for the or every of their severall parts or shares of the said sixtie pounds and consideration and expenses for and aboute the same as above, And if it happen that either of my said daughters dye before she accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares or be married then I hereby give the parte or share of the said sixtie pounds of her soe dyeing to the survivor of them, And if both my said daughters Margarett and Dorothie shall fortune to dye before they attain their several ages of one and twentie yeares, or before they be married then I doe give both their partes and shares of the said sixtie pounds to my other Children Cordelia Issabell and Henry to be equallie divided amongst them, And if it shall happen the said Isabell Topham shall dye before she attaine the age of one and twentie yeares or before she be married, (then I give) the said twentie pounds soe bequeathed as above unto her mother Cordelia Topham, (also) I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my son Henry Paley his Executors & Administrators; The house att the East end of the Church in Gigleswicke aforesaid wherein I (now live) together with the barne stables turfe house Swinecoates & garden thereto adjoineing & belonging, which said house being a dwelling house was heretofore in the possession of one William Lawson deceased, Alsoe I give unto my said

sonne Henrie one Close of arrable and meadow ground called by the name of the (Rake?) Acre lying near unto the schoole in Gigleswicke aforesaid and to his Executors and Administrators together with three partes of one pasture close called the (.....feild?) in four parts to be devided lyeing within the townshipp of Gigleswicke aforesaid and adjoining to certaine Closes called the Capplerigggs, together alsoe with one (croft inclosed?) called Olivere Croft which I lately bought of Richard Thompson of Skirethorns and Elizabeth his wife withall my interest and title therein lying alsoe in Gigleswicke aforesaid dureing such tearme or tearmes of yeares as I now have in the said house Closes and Croft or in any of them he or they paying forth of the same all such rents and payments as are imposed upon the same, and my said son Henry to enter to the same when he shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares, And if he dye before he attaine one and twentie yeares of age then I give the said dwellinghouse with the appurtenances and all the said Closes croft and premises to my daughters Cordelia Issabell Margaret and Dothie Paley to be equallie devided amongst them Item I give and bequeath unto my said sonne Henry Paley and to his heires and Assigns forever, All that Cottage or tenement in Gigleswicke aforesaid called Lund House with the garden Adjoining to the backside thereof the same being by me newlie built taken in and fenced and alsoe one little turf house on the backside thereof and my said son Henry to enter to the same when he shall accomplish the age of one & twentie yeares, And if it fortune my said sonne Henry dye without issue lawfullie begotten then I give and bequeath the said Cottage turfehouse & garden to my daughters Margaret and Dothie Paley their heires and Assigns forever, Alsoe I give & bequeath unto my daughter Issabell Paley the sume of fortie pounds, And to my two daughters Margaret Paley and Dorothe Paley either of them fiftie pounds a yeere the last two Legacies or bequests to be paide to the said Margaret and Dorothe when and as they shall accomplish their severall ages of one and twentie yeares or be married and to be paide henceforth of my personall estate not herein particularly bequeathed; And if it shall happen that either of my said two daughters Margaret and Dorothe dye before she accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares or be married then my will & minde is that the fiftie pounds soe as above bequeathed, to her so dyeing shall be paide to my daughters Cordelia & Issabell and Legacies to the best advantage of my said Children, And I doe hereby desire (Mr.) Stephen Husband of Bentham to be assisting to my said Executors especially in the recovering of my just debts to whome also I give twentie shillings therewith to buy him a ring, And if it shall happen that any of the said Legacies or portions soe as above bequeathed to my said Children or anie parte of them shall by law fall to and be invested in my said Executors for want of further limittig and disposeing of the same then I have herein allieade limited and disposed or for want of apt and fitt words to limmitt and dispose of the same; I doe hereby declare that my will and meaning is that the Legacies or portions soe falling to be ..... by the death of any of my said Children or otherwise in my said Executors and everie parte thereof shall remaine and be paide to my said younger Children Henrie Margaret and Dorothe Paley or the survivor of them, And that my said Executors shall have noe benefitt therebie, In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the eighteenth day of September Anno domini one thousand six hundred sixtie nine, This will being two sheets of paper William Paley sealed and signed, and published and declared, by the within named William Paley to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us Lawrence Lawson Thomas Braishay William Paley

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM PALEY 1694 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Jan 1695  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I William Paley of Stainforth Under Bargh in the County of Yorke yeoman being sicke & weake in body but of perfect mind and memory thankes bee to Almighty \God/ & calling to mind the uncertaintie of this life & being mindful

to dispose of & Settle the Temporall estate with which it hath pleased Almighty God to blesse me doe make & ordayne this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme following revokeing and disanulling all other former Wills or Testaments whatsoever made by me Imprimis I give & bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting by his mercy & through the meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour & redeemer my sins will bee forgiven me And my body to bee Burryed in Christian manner in the Parish Church of Gigleswicke att the discrecon of my Executors hereafter menconed and as to my temporall & personall estate I give bequeath & dispose as followeth Imprimis It is my Will & mind that the Messuage & tenemt. barne stable turfhouse Cowhouse two Gardens & all the closes or pcells of ground called Overgarth & one Croft lying att the head thereof Nether flainsey & Over flainsey & one house therein standing the Highfield one pcell of ground lying under Teanley the Round Ing two pcells of ground lying behind the Garth the Pindermyre Close the Sandyholme the H(ore).becke Garth Nooke Close Thackwood Close & one dale in Thackwoods Isabill Hagg and one pcell of ground lying in Fosbanke & all those severall pcells of ground lying in the Townfields contayning two acres & halfe one acre bee the same more or lesse Forgroomes Close & one little Close near thereunto adjoining Hayes Close & the house therein Standing Halfe pte of the Great Tongue the little Tongue three acres & halfe one acre in one pasture called Sand Close Eleaven beast Gates or Cattell gates in one pasture called Cattrigg Close two beast gates or Cattell gates in one pasture called the Moore head & all & singular other the houses buildings Lands grounds moors wasts hereditamts. & appurtences whatsoever to the same belonging all the said premises are menconed & expressed in one Indenture of Demise bearing date the Seaventeenth day of October One thousand Six hundred Sixty Eight made betweene Anthony Foster of Rathmill in the County aforesd Gentl. & Agnes his wife of the one parte and me the said William Paley of the other parte and alsoe all the Messuages Lands & tenements Cattellgates in stinted pastures Wasts libertys profits priviledges hereditaments & appurtnces whatsoever to the same belonging Situate lying & being att Winskill & now sett & to Farme lett unto Emrye Hudson my tennant & now in his actuall possession & all my full & whole estate of in & unto the same or of in or unto all and singular the abovemenconed premises & every parte & parcell thereof together with all my goods Cattell Chattells household stuffe utensills & Implemts. of household to bee & remayne to my Executors hereafter menconed to & for the uses & purposes hereafter menconed (that is to say) that my Will & mind is that all the goods Chattells & premisses aforesaid bee sold & disposed of to the best advantage soe soone as conveniently can bee for the raiseing of what money they \shall extend to/ & in the first place my Will & mind is that my just debts & funerall expences bee payd & discharged out of the same and after my debts and funerall expences payd my Will & mind is that my children sonns & daughters hereafter named called William Henry Richard Agnes John Thomas & Mary shall bee made equall with my son Robert in theyr porcons out of the estate beforemenconed that is to say that they shall each of them have in the first place Seaventy five pounds a piece .. equall to my son Robert who hath allready had Seaventy five pounds allowing & deducting out of the same all such Sume & Sums of money as I payd towards putting them to Apprentices & what other money any of them has had & recd towards theyr preferment since they or any of them have beene out of theyr apprenticeship & traded for themselves that is to say my son William Forty two pounds my son Henry Fifty pounds my son Richard (Twentie?) pounds and my son John Twenty Nine pounds & my son Thomas Twenty pounds all which said severall sums of money last menconed is to bee allowed &

reckoned to bee towards making up & raising of the said sumes of Seaventy Five pounds & alsoe my will & mind is that after my children last menconed have each of them had & reced the said sume of Seaventy Five pounds a piece that then the rest residue & remainder of all the money raised out of my whole estate bee equally devided amongst Robert William Henry Richard Agnes Thomas John & Mary; Item my Will & mind is that my executors hereafter menconed shall pay or cause to bee payd unto Robert Henry John & Thomas all theyr parte or proporcons of money as shall bee due unto them within Five whole years next after my decease; and alsoe pay unto my son Thomas yearly & every yeare the Sume of Five pounds for maintayning him with apparell & expences during his apprenticeship wich sd yearly sume of Five pounds is to bee payd out of the meane profits of the Land & not to bee allowed in his porcon; and alsoe doe pay unto my daughter Agnes the yearly sume of Four pounds during the terme of three years next after my decease & att the end and expyracon of the sd terme of three years all her parte or porcon of the money due to her to bee payd in full of her childs porcon Item my Will & mind is that my daughter Mary shall have all the money due to her for her childs porcon payd by my executors when she shall attaine the age of Twenty one or Twenty Two years & in the meane time my executors to pay her the yearly sume of Four pounds out of the meane profitts of the Land Item my Will & mind is that all my right title & Interest which I have in upon & throughout all those pastures called Langcliffe Scarr Close & the Scarr Close for & according to Thirty shillings ancient rent bee sold & disposed of by my executors & to bee equally devided amongst my children foresd Item my Will & mind is that if any of my children aforesd called Robert Henry John Agnes Thomas & Mary should happen to dye before they attaine the ages of Twenty one yeares or should dye before they money due unto them or any of them by this my last Will & Testament & leave noe Issue of theyr bodys Lawfully begotten that all such sume & sumes of money as should have beene payd unto them shall bee equally devided amongst the Survivors of them & my executors Item I give & bequeath unto my daughters Elizabeth Foster & Isabell Lund Five shillings a piece in full of all childs porcons: And lastly I doe hereby nominate & appoynt my two sonns William \jurat/ & Richard \jurat/ Paley to bee Joynt executors of this my last Will & Testament to whom I give & bequeath Five pounds A piece over & above theyr equall shares & proporcons of money due to them the sd Five pounds to bee recd out of my personall estate first after my debts & funerall expences bee payd & discharged & they to have & receive the meane profitts of all my Messuages Lands tenements & other the premises \for five years/ above menconed & I doe hereby desire my eldest son Anthony Paley & my son John Paley to bee Feoffees or friends in trust hop(eing) they will see this my last Will & testament duely performed by my executors before menconed according to the true intent and meaneing thereof As Wittnesse my hand & Seale this Third day of December Anno R.Rs.Rd. Willimi & Marie nunc Angl etc Sexto Anoque Dom 1694 Seald Signd \published/ & Delivrd in the presence of us the same being first Stampd according

to the late Act of Paliamt  
these words for (five years) being first interlined  
Thomas Clapham  
Will. Whitfield  
T: Lawson jurat  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

William Paley

**WILLIAM PALEY 1694 Inv. Ref. Borthwick.York Jan 1695**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods debts Credits Cattell & Chattels of William Paley of Stainforth under Bargh in the County of york yeoman late deceased apprizd by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this Twenty first day of December Anno R.R & R Willim & Maria nunc.Angl etc. Sexto Anno Dom 1694

	Li	s	d
Imprimis his purse & apparell	05	0	0
Item one Bay Mare bridle & sadle	03	15	0
Item one young Gray Mare	02	15	0
Item one little hefer	02	10	0
Item one Oake presse one old Chaire & one old Chist standing in the little Chamber in the old end of the house	0	5	0
Item one hay Cart one Turfe cart one paire of spoked wheels one paire of Clogg wheeles & other husbandry geare & old huslement & wheele timber	01	10	0
Item for Hay	0	10	0
Item for two old Arkes	0	8	0
Item one paire of bedstocks standing in the New parlour one feather bed one paire of sheets one paire of Blanketts one Red Rugg one Coverlett one long bolster two little bolsters with Curtains & vallans belonging the same as they are now standing & belonging ye sd bedstocks	02	0	0
Item one little Trundle bedstead	0	3	4
Item one long table & the frame that it stands on & two forms belonging the same & two little Joyned stooles	0	13	4
Item one Oake Chist & one Joyned chaise	0	13	4
Item one Wanded chaire & Quishin		6	0
Item one Webb of Line Tow cloth	0	10	0
Item one dozen & a halfe of Napkins two table Cloths five paire of sheets	0	10	0
Item one long chist in the passage	0	2	6
Item one long table in ye parlour Chamber & the frame & forme belonging the same & the Carpett	0	14	0
Item four covered chairs & two Covered stooles	0	14	0
Item Eight sett Quishins	0	8	0
Item one paire of old Oake bedstocks in ye little Chamber & one old chaire	0	8	0
Item in the maids Chamber two old chists & one old stoole	0	2	6
Item one Arke in the old end	0	10	0
Item one paire of old bedstocks one old chist & one old spinning wheele	0	6	8
Item one old brass Clocke	0	6	8
Item Eight sacks	0	12	0
Item one old Cupboard one old table a frame five old ash shelves & two old paire of bedstocks untestered	0	2	6
Item fiteene pewter dishes two Laidles six pewter plates			

three pewter porringers & one warming pann	1	13	4
Item one paire of Rakes one dropping pan	0	3	4
Item two pewter Candlesticks two pewter flagons one Tankard & one salt	0	2	6
Item four silver spoones one two (eared?) silver Cupp one silver taster & one boule	1	15	0
Item twelve old spoones & one smoothing Iron	0	1	0
Item all the houses Messuages Lands & Lease Lands wth th appurtenances situate lying & beeing wthin the township Precincts & Territorys of Stainforth aforesaid	200	0	0
Item all the houses Messuages Lands Lease Lands & (tenem) wth thappurtenances situate lying & being att Winskill	120	0	0
Item all the gates of Langcliffe Scarr belonging the deceased	20	0	0
Item due from his son Anthony by specialty	200	0	0
Debts due to the deceased without specialty Thomas Carr of Gigleswicke oweing	1	4	0
Due from William Paley of Gigleswicke	0	6	0
Due from Anthony Paley his son	1	10	6
Due from Robt. Foster	20	0	0
Due more from Anthony his son	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	595	6	6
Debts oweing by the deceased			
To Robt. Foster by bond	41	16	0
To John Stackhouse by bond	20	12	0
To Mrs. Ellen Dawson by bond	8	18	0
Due to the deceaseds children by Wm. Sedgsiones Will	30	0	0
Due to severall persons in finall sums of money by shop bookes & other debts	15	9	0
For Funerall expenses	<u>19</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>
	136	9	0

**WILLIAM PALEY 1701 Ref. Borthwick, York. Bundle June 1701  
Transcribed by S. Gordon (Will missing)**

An Appraisement made the fifteenth day of May Anno Dni 1701 of all the goods and Chattells of Wm Paley late of Gigleswick Decd by us whose names are subscribed as followeth

	li	s	d
Inpris his purse and Apparrell	01	15	00
Itm in Chests and beds	01	10	00
Itm in pewter	00	15	00
Itm in Brass	00	12	00
Itm in Linnen	01	00	00
Itm in Chaires and stooles	00	09	00
Itm in Beefe Bacon and meale	00	18	6
	06	19	6

Apprizers  
John Windsor  
William Preston  
Thomas Carr  
Ri Akinson

Date 3 July 1701 (Jnry?)

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ROBERT PARKINSON Inv. 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York.March 1690(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of all & Singular the goods Chattell rights debts & creditts which were Robert Parkinsons late of Settle in the diocesse of yorke deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this thirtieth day of January Anno R;R:s & regine Willim & Marie Angl etc. secundo Ann.oque Dom 1690

	£	s	d
Inprimis his purse & apparrell	10	0	0
his riding furniture	0	6	8
One mantion house one stable & one garden being Long lease	50	0	0
One Barne & one Orchard	30	0	0
household goods & meale & malt	21	19	4
Hay Corne & all husbandry geare	23	9	0
Fower Oxen & two Kine	14	0	0
70 sheep	12	0	0
two geldings one old maire & one Colt	11	0	0
one Swine	0	10	0
all the shopp goods	85	19	8
<u>in good debts</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>319</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>
in bad debts	35	5	0
Debts owing by the Deceased	100	0	0
Funerall expences	10	0	0

Wm. Paley  
John Skirrow  
John Browne  
Henry Hardacke

RRs - Regni Regis

**THOMAS PARKINSON 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Nov 1650**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen \the sixe and twentieth day of June 1648/ I Thomas Parkinsonn of Stainforth under bargh in the County of yorke Husbandman sicke of body but in pfect remembrance first I give my soule to Almighty god and my body to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Gigglesweeke at the descresion of my wife and frends. Inprimis I give to my wife Elizabeth my whole estate \and to be in full power to sell either house garden or anything whatsoever/ for 60 years if shee live so longe and all my goods moveable and unmoveable and all my debts and funerall expences to be paid out of the whole; Ite I give unto Lawrence Swainsonn battcheler and Richard Armitstead sonn of James Armitstead (after the desease of Elizabeth my wife) all my Houses and gardens in Stainforth aforesaid with the appurtances thereof, and all liberts there unto belonginge and they the said Lawrence and Richard is allotted to pay unto Thomas Parkinsonn and George Parkinsonn of Esintonn sons of John Parkinsonn – 40s within one yeare aftere they the said Lawrence and Richard doe enter unto the said Houses and gardens Ite I give unto Lawrence Swainsonn one great Chichte (*chest*), Ite I give to Richard Armitstead one bedd, and Lawrence Swainsonn is to be in choise either to give \or take/ when the said houses gardens falls

*Ends here*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ROBERT PAYCOCK of Cowside 1668**  
**Borthwick vol 49 fol 142 mf 968**

Memorandum at or about 20th day of March 1667 Robert Paycocke of Cowsyde in ye pish of Giggleswicke and Dioces of York being somewhat sicke of bodie but of good and pfect memorie intending to make his last will and testament did dispose of his wordly (*sic*) estate as followeth

Inpms I give unto Margaret my wife all my goods and lands whatsoever dureing her naturall life Ite(m) after her decease I give unto my sone Timothy one parcell of ground called Banck Ings another parcell of ground called Parracke with foure cattell gates in Gorrbeck to him and his heires for ever he paying thirtie pounds which I have formerly charged uppon ye same Item I give to my three Daughters Anne Mary and Elizabeth paycocke one parcell of ground called Myres and another parcell called brown banke to them and their heires for ever they paying 30 li (?) forth of the same to Henry Walker of Kirby Malhamdale Item my will is that my daughter Mary should have 4 ... more (?) than her other sisters because I borrowed formerly of her theis he uttered in ye psence of credible witnesses

Jurat  
Thomas Pailay

(Robt. Paycock nup. de Cowside 27 October 1668)

*Giggleswick modern spelling*



**JOHN PEELE 1692 Ref. Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1694**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen, this last day of December in the yeare of our Lord God, One thousand six hundred ninety two I John Peele of Stainforth under bargh in the parish of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke gent being some what infirme in body but of good & perfect memory praised bee God for the same doe make and ordayne this my last Will and Testament in maner and forme following hereby revoking & makeing voyd all former and other will or wills by mee heretofore made And first & principally I comend and comitt my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and through the merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my saviour my sinns shall bee forgiven And that my soule shall bee made partaker of everlasting happinesse in the Kingdome of heaven and my body to bee buried in decent maner att the discretion of my friends and Executrix hereafter named And as to the temporall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me I give And dispose as followeth And first my Will and minde is that all my Just debts and funerall expences shall bee paid out of my whole estate Item my will and mind is And I do hereby fully give grant assigne and Confirme unto Richard Armitstead my father in Law Thomas Clapham of Winskall in the parish of Gigleswicke aforesaid and William Peacocke of Lawkland in the said County thyem (*them*) and their heires and to the survivor & survivors of them and his heires All my Messuages Lands free rents and Tenemts. and all other my estate as well reall as personall within the parish of Clapham or elsewhere in the County of yorke **To hold to** them their heires and assignes for ever or for such Terme or Termes as are unspent & to come in the same or any parte thereof and that according to the Custome used where the said premises are , To and for the uses intents & purposes hereafter in these presents expressed and to and for none other use intent or purpose whatsoever (That is to say) that by virtue hereof they the said Richard Armitstead Thomas Clapham and William Peacocke and the survivors and survivor of them and his heires shall soe soone as conveniently they can sell assigne and convey all or any part of my said messuages Lands Tenemts. or other my estate whatsoever for the payment of all my Just debts Item my will and minde is That after all my just debts bee paid the residue and remainder of my estate whether in money or Landes shall be equally devided amongst my wife Anne and Mary & Agnes my daughters, and that my said wife shall receive and take the meane proffitts of the premises until such time as my said children shall attayne their severall ages of twenty one yeares Item my will and minde is that if either of my said children depart this life before they attayne their said severall ages of twenty one yeares that then her parte or portion of my said Estate shall goe to the other of my said children that shall survive, And in case it shall soe happen that both my said children shall depart this life before they attayne the said age of twenty one yeares Then my will and minde is that my said wife shall have and enjoy to the use of her selfe her heires Exec. Admin and Assignes for ever all the remainder of my Messuages Lands Tenements and free rents that shall remaine unsold after the payment of my debts, or if all the said estate bee sold then shee and they to have the remainder of the money that shall bee raised out of the sums after payment of my just debts as aforesaid Item my will and minde is that the said Richard Armitstead Thomas Clapham & William Peacocke shall have all the reasonable charges that they or any of them shall expend or pay out

allowed out of my whole estate, And lastly I doe nominate Constitute and appoynt my said wife Anne \jurat/ sole executrix of this my last will and Testament As Wittnesse my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

Seald Signd & published in the presences of

Anthony Wharfe

Richard Iveson jurat

Richard Downham

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Winskill " "*

An Inventory of all the (goods) & Chattles of John Peele of Stainforth under bargh decd apprised by us whose names are hereunder subscribed this second day of June Anno Dm 1694

Inpr. his purse & Apparell	03	00	00
It. foure Cows and Two Calfes	14	00	00
It. One Mare & one fole	02	00	00
It. Tables	01	05	00
It. Three Chists & one deske	01	00	00
It. Two Arkes	00	16	00
It. a Presser	01	00	00
It. Bedstocks	01	00	00
It. Beding	05	00	00
It. Brasse & pewter	02	10	00
It. Panns	01	10	00
It. Chairs & stools	01	00	00
It. Meale & Malt	02	10	00
It. Beefe & Bacon	00	10	00
It. Wood vessell	00	10	00
It. One Salting tubb	00	08	00
It. Carts & Wheelles	02	00	00
It. Plough & ploughgeere	00	06	00
It. Clogg boards	00	03	00
It. Rackes & spit	00	03	00
It. an Iron backstone	00	05	00
It. one Cheese presse	00	01	06
It. one side Sadle	00	06	06
It. Napkins & Table Cloth	00	10	00
It. Husslement	<u>00</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>00</u>
	42	00	00

Richard Armitstead

Thomas Clapham

William Peacocke

Edmond Sanders

One originall .....

at Sealing there were two, both in parchmt

**CHRISTOPHER PRESTON of Settle Dec. 1621 Borthwick v37 f29**

In the name of God Amen: the fiftē day of december in the yeare of our Lord 1621 I Christopher Preston of Settle in the Countie of york husbandman being sick in bodie, but whole of mind and of good and pfect remembrance (praised be god therefore) doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Inprimis I doe bequeath my soule to Almightye god, and my bodie to be buried in Giggleswicke Churchyard.

Itm I give to Willm Preston my sonne to the use of Robte Remmington and Jane his sister foure gimer lambes. Item one gimer lambe to Christopher Preston. Itm I give to my sonne Richard halfe an acree called (davie?) holme be it more or lesse and halfe an acree called Halsteads be it more or less and he to pay my sonne John twentie shillings yearly for four years upon St. Martins day the Bishopp in Winter next after my death the first payment to beginne. Itm whereas John Stevenson oweth me sixteene pence, Itm Margaret Taytam tow shillings four pence to be paid before Christmas next, Itm John Lupton six and forty shillings two pence to be paid at mid-summer next Itm John Lupton six and fourtie shillings tow pence to be paid at Midsomer next ensuing these with the rest of my goods shall be divided amongst my sonnes Henry, Thomas, Richard and John if Thomas be livinge, if not then to be devided among the other three Henrie, Richard and John. Itm my sonne Henrie oweth me eighteene shillings six pence. Itm he oweth me sixteene shillings. Itm my debts and funerall expenses shalbe paid out of the whole. Itm my sonne Willm shall relieve my Children yf they stand need beinge unnavoided. Itm I make my sonnes Willm and Henrie to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

These beinge witnesses Robert Moorehouse Thomas Moorehouse Thomas Siggswicke and Mathew Siggswicke.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**MARGARET PRESTON 1621 Borthwick v36 f704**

Memorandum that whereas one Margaret Preston the daughter of Christopher Preston late deceased being in her lifetime visited with sore sickness as then did remain in the house of William Remington of Settle her brother-in-law, she the said Margaret being a young woman unmarried did dispose and give by word of mouth all that her portion being at her own disposing and in her own hands in this manner as followeth First I give to my brother William Preston his second daughter five shillings. Also I give to my brother Henry Preston his eldest son five shillings and to William Remington my brother-in-law his children either of them five shillings, and all my apparel And the residue of my portion I give to my sister Jennett wife of the said William Remington and I put my said brother William Remington in trust to receive(?) this my portion and discharge the legacies above written according to my direction reserving to himself all my apparel the remainder of all my portion so given by me to the said

Jennett Remington wife of the said William. Witnesses hereof Stephen Wilkinson,  
Giles Tennand, Thomas Knowles, Richard Jackson and William Atkinson

**MARGARET PRESTON 1637 Borthwick bundle Apl 1638**

In the name of God Amen. the fift day of December 1637 I Margaret Preston of  
Mearbecke in the county of Yorke spinster sicke in body but of good & pfect minde &  
remembrance prayesd be almighty god Therefore doe make and ordaine this my last  
will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I comend my soule into the  
hands of allmighty god my maker trusting assuredly through the meritts death &  
passion of Jesus Christ my alone saviour to be made ptaker of eternall blise in the  
kingdome of Heaven for ever. And my body to be buried wthin the pish Church yard  
of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. Secondly my will & mind is that my  
debts & funerall expences be paid discharged & pformed out of my whole goods by  
mijy executor under named Item I give and bequeath to Roger Preston my younger  
brother eight pounds of lawfull English money. Item I give & bequeath to Elisabeth  
Preston my sister Forty shillings of like money Item I give & bequeath to William  
Preston & John Preston my brother Richard his sonnes to either of them thirty  
shillings Item I give & bequeath to Isabell Preston my aunt a broune savegard\* wch  
was my mothers beste a paire of bodies\*\* a red waist cote two coils\*\*\* wch is  
wrought wth silke a silke belt an apron & my best neck cloth Item I give & bequeath  
to my brother Richards wife, Anne Preston my best red petticoate wch was my mothers  
alsoe my best robe(?) and two linne smoks Item I give and bequeath to Elisabeth  
Preston my sister two of my best waist cotes, a broune savegard a red petticoate & my  
best hatt. Item I give & bequeath unto my brother Richard Preston all the rest &  
remainder & remainder (*sic*) of all my goods & credits whatsoever, Item I make my  
said brother Richard <sup>Jur</sup> Preston executor of this my last will and testament./

Witnesses herof.

Isabel Preston her marke X  
Thomas Knowles <sup>Jur</sup>

Margaret Preston  
her marke  
M

\* *savegard* - outer skirt or petticoat worn by women to protect their dress when  
riding

\*\* *body* - (C16th) sleeveless bodice / part of dress down to waist

\*\*\* *coil* - form of headdress?

*Giggleswick*  
*Mearbeck*

**MARGERIE PRESTON 1691 Admin. Ref.Borthwick.York. May 1692 Bundle  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A True Inventory of the Goods or Household stuff of Margery preston of Giggleswick  
deceased Apprized by us whose names are Subscribed this 24<sup>th</sup>. of March Anno Dni.  
1691

	£	s	d
Imprs. her purse & Apparrell	0	5	0
Itn. one Bed & Beding	00	03	04
Itn. 1 Counter or old Cupboard & a Square Table	00	04	00
Itn. 1 old Dishboard 2 Stooles & other odd Huslemts	00	02	06
Itn. A Range & Reckoncrook	00	01	06
Itn. The Legacie given her by Ellen Paley of Yorke	02	10	00
sume	03	06	04

James Fawcett  
 Robt. Green his mke                      Apprs.  
 Will. Bradley  
 Robt. Coate

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

### **RICHARD PRESTON of Giggleswick 1657**

#### **Ref. unknown (R. Postlethwaite)**

To be buried at my parish church of Giggleswick. Debts and funeral expenses of my whole goods. To Margerie my wife one third part of all movable goods and she to enjoy all that part of my house from the range wall eastward, and the east side of my garden from the east corner of my chamber window to the great thorn in the north side of the said garden; and one third part of my grounds under the Scarr for life; she also to have and enjoy all my grounds at Stangrams and Brackenbarr close for life -- she is to maintain my three youngest children Margaret, Mary and Joseph Preston till they are 21. To my daughter Margaret Brackenbarr close. To my daughter Mary my parcel of ground at Stangrams next to Brackenbarr. To my son Joseph my other parcel of ground line near Stangrams Sike. All the above three legacies at the death of my wife. To my son Michael Preston the above-mentioned east end of my dwelling house and the east part of my garden and my laith or barn next to John Cotes immediately after the death of my wife. If Michael, Margaret, Mary or Joseph die before the age of 18 then their legacies equally between my children born or to be born of the body of my said wife by me.

To William Preston my eldest son my grounds under the Scarr reserving one third part for my wife for life; also my close called Crookes paying out of the same to my daughter Frances Preston £20 within one year of my death, and also paying to my daughter Elizabeth five pounds for the use of her and her children and to my daughter Anne five pounds for the use of her and her children. These last two legacies are to be paid within two years. For default of payment the close called Crookes to my three daughters equally. My son William Preston is to have all the west end of my house from the range wall westwards and all malt houses and all other houses between my dwelling house and the aforementioned laithe; the west side of my garden and my laith in the back called Lower Laith; my close called Tenter close -- on condition William Preston by deed convey and assure to John Preston and Richard Preston my younger sons all that dwelling house, barn, laithe and croft late John Burton's in Giggleswick to be done within 30 days of my decease -- if he defaults all the west end

of my house to John and Richard. To Ellen my daughter out of my goods not disposed six pounds if she come within seven years to demand the same in her own person or the same to be equally divided between the Elizabeth and Ann my daughters. To my son Michael 20 nobles towards finding him with clothes during his apprenticeship. To my son Joseph 20 nobles. To my son John seven pounds. To my son Richard five marks. To my daughter Frances four pounds. To my daughter Mary five pounds. To my daughters Elizabeth and Anne four great pewter dublers which were their mother's. To Marjorie my wife a square table, a desk and a counter which were her father's. My wife Marjorie and my son William to be joint executors and I do wish them to bestow my funeral expenses at my son Wilson's (?) his mark

Witnesses Thomas Clapham Hugh Stachouse Brian Cookeson

**RICHARD PRESTON of Giggleswick 1673 clothier  
Borthwick vol. 58 fol. 147**

In the name of God Amen I Richard preston of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke Clothier Although sickly in body butt of good & pfect memory praised be the Lord do make this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme Followeing viz. First I bequeath my soule into the handes of God trusting through the merritts of Jesus Christ that the same shall be saved; And my body to be disposed on in Christian buriall att the dyscretion of my wife & freinds And it is my will that before the devision of my goodes all my debts funerall expences and all other .....charges .....dently thereunto be discharged And paid out of my whole personall estate And it is my will and I doe hereby give all the reversion of my estate unto my wife Alice Preston after the payment of these legacies Following; to my children before mentioned after each of them do come to the age of twenty and one yeares & not before viz Inprimis I give to my sonne John Preston foureteen poundes Item I give to my sonne Thomas Preston foureteene poundes Item I give to my sonne William Preston foureteen poundes; Item Item I give to my daughter Anne Preston foureteen poundes And it is my will that if any of my above mentioned children dye before they do attaine the age of twenty one yeares that then such legacie or legacies be equally devided among the .....And Lastly itt is my will AndIdoe hereby nominate and appointe Alice Preston my wife sole executrix of this my last will and Testament trusting that she will ..... and truly execute the same as my trust is in her And I doe hereby disannull ..... other (wills whatsoever) formerly made by me by these presents, In Wittnesse whereof .....my last will & Testament Sett my hand & seale The First day of May in the twenty ..... yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by ..... King of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the faith..... Lord God one thousand six hundred seaventy three Richard Preston his marke Sealed Signed and delivered in the sight & presence of us Francis Read .....Preston Willim Briggs

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**RICHARD PRESTON 1688 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb. 1692**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the twenty Sixth day of September in the fourth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James over England Scotland France & Ireland King defender of the Faith etc. and in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand Six hundred eighty and eight I Richard preston of Mearbeck in the parrish of Gigleswicke & County of yorke yeoman being Somewhat infirme of body but of Good & pfect memory praised be God for the same, doe make & ordaine this my last Will & Testamt: in manner & Forme followinge (hereby revokeing all former & other Will or Wills by me heretofore made) That is to say first & principally I Comend & Comitt my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker & Redeemer assuredly trusting that through the merritts & mediation of his deare Sonne my Saviour Jesus Christ my Sinns shall be foregiven (and that) my Soule shall be made partaker of everlasting happiness in the kingdom of heaven, And my body to have a (Christian) buriall at the discretion of my friends & Executors hereafter named, And as to my Temporall or psonall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me; I give & bequeath the same as followeth; Imps. I give & bequeath unto Roger preston and Elizabeth preston my naturall Sonne & daughter equally betwixt them to their owne (personall?) use & behoofes forever All such Sume or Sumes of money as are due & oweing mee from my late sonne John preston of Mearbeck deceased or any other pson or psons whatsoever by force & virtue of any bill or bills bond or Bonds Specialtyes or otherwise in whatmanner the Same is or may be due & are oweing; Itm I doe hereby likewise give & bequeath unto the said Roger preston and Elizabeth preston equally betwixt them All my goods Catles & Chatles (onely such household goods as I have already given the Said Elizabeth by Deed of gift excepted) to the onely (personall) benefitt & behoofes of the said Roger preston & Elizabeth preston their Executors or Admins. forever, And lastly I doe hereby nominate Constitute & appointe the said Roger preston my Sonne Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In witsse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale the day & yeare first above written:

Signed published & declared to be the last Will  
& Testament of the said Richard preston in the presence of us and  
Attested in the presence of the said Richard preston by us  
Accordinge to the Form of the Statute in that Case lately  
made & provided:

his marke  
Richard R Preston

Law Knowles jurat  
Stephen Nelson jurat  
William Anderson jurat

**RICHARD PRESTON Ref.Borthwick.York. Feb 1692 bundle**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of all the goods Cattells & Chattels moveable & imoveable of Richard Preston of Mearebeck in the pish of Gigleswicke & County of yorke late

deceased apprized by us whose names is here under written this Eleaventh day of February 1692

	£	s	d
Imp. His purse & apparrell	01	10	00
Itm. Three Cows one Hefter six calves one mare one filly & manure	04	10	00
Hay & Corne	01	00	00
three Bedsteads & Bedding two tables & one Cupboard	02	05	00
One Chist two Arkes Brasse & Pewter & wodden vessell	01	10	00
Chaires stooles & all other huslement in the said house	00	15	00
Carts wheelles & all other huslement of husbandry geare	00	05	00
In Bills & Bonds from John Preston to Richard Preston deceased	277	06	00
In all	289	01	00

Wm. Tennant    Henry H \his marke/ Huton  
Law: Knowles    William Anderson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**RICHARD PRESTON 1695 Admin. Ref. Borthwick.York. Bundle Mar 1695/6  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A True and pfect Inventory of the Goods & Chattells of Mr. Richard Preston late of Settle Deceased apprized the day of Anno R RS Willim Merry nunc Engl. Etc. Septimo Annoque Dom 1695 By us whose names are hereunto Subscribed

	Li	s	d
Imprimis His purse & Apparrell	12	00	00
Att Yeoman Barne			
One paire of Stears	5	00	00
Two Oxen	8	00	00
Two Younge Oxen	10	10	00
Two Younge Oxen	8	10	00
Two Heffers in Calfe	4	10	00
Two little Stears	3	05	00
Two Younge Heffers	3	05	00
One Blacke Heffer	1	15	00
One Brand Cow	3	10	00
Two Blacke Heffers	5	00	00
Nineteene Ewes & A Rame	8	00	00
Forty yards of Hay	7	00	00
A pcell of Oats & Barly	5	00	00
One Arke	1	00	00
One Turffe Carte & wheels & an old coupe	1	00	00
One Old Mare & A Horse & geare & other Implements of Husbandry	0	13	04
Att Tanner Barne			
One Brand Cow	3	05	00



One Brand Heffer	2	10	00
One other Brand Cow	3	10	00
Thirty yards of Hay	3	07	06
Oats Barly Threshed & un threshed	4	10	00
One Arke	01	00	00
A Carte & two paire of Wheelles	01	00	00
Turfes	00	10	00
Hay in the Stable Loft	04	00	00
Eleaven Ash boards	00	03	08
An Old Chest & Chesse presse	00	06	08
One Bay colt	04	00	00
A Sorrell Mare	02	10	00
One Old Horse	00	10	00
One Younger Colt	02	10	00
An old paceing horse	00	10	00
Three Hackney Sadles & Brydles	00	10	00
Three Load Saddles	00	02	00
Two Carte Sadles two Barkehams & three paire of Trappings & three paire of Haims	00	03	00
Twenty Five planks & boards (in) jists & other wood in the Chamber over the SwineCoate	01	10	00
One Garden Spade one backband & one Sickle & Haims two Coale Sacks & a forke	00	03	00
One Wantay one Overlay & A paire of Lanniells ( <i>lanier?</i> )	00	00	09
Four Sacks	00	04	00
Six Flaggs	00	04	00
One Hogg	01	10	00
In the Parlor			
Two Yocks & Bows one Harrow & (tran?)tree & 5 Raiks	00	05	00
Three Teams 3 Swingletrees & one Threape	00	08	06
One Coulter Share & plough staffe 4 Bows & one paire of traces	00	04	00
Meale & Beans & one Arke	05	02	00
Maul(t) Beefe & Bacon	03	10	00
Two little Oake Chests	00	04	00
One still Firepan & 2 wax Candles sticks	00	10	00
Seaven Boxes one Straw tubb one Hoggs head Nine Barells & A little voyder	00	06	00
Two Spinning wheels & Sackwebb	00	03	06
One table & Chaire & A salting tubb & A Trunkle# bedstead	00	08	00
A paire of Bedstocks & Bedding	02	04	00
In ye Maids Chamber			
A Bedde & furniture	02	10	00
two Oake Chests 2 Boxes & A trunkle	00	16	00
In ye passage			
two oake Cloath presses A greate Oake Chest one other Chest A Standing Deske A little table & A Trunke	03	10	00
Linnen			
Six Dozen of fine Napkins	03	12	00

Six Dozen of Huggabacke Napkins	01	16	00
One Dozen & ½ of plaine Canvas Napkins	00	06	00
(Five?) fine Table Cloaths	00	15	00
Nine Courser table cloaths	01	00	00
A paire of Diper Cloaths	00	10	00
Eighteene paire of Linn sheets	06	00	00
Thirty one paire of Canvas sheets	05	00	00
Three Towells	00	03	00
One large Holland Sheete	01	00	00
Sixteene paire of Pillow bears	01	10	00
In ye Hall Chamber			
A paire of Bedstocks & Bedding	03	00	00
One Arke	00	05	00
Two Oake Chests A Square table One Greene	01	08	00
Stoole, One Screene & 4 little Boxes	01	10	00
In ye Parlor Chamber			
Two Cubbards one long chest A paire of (M)idle boards (Crabbs) Axletrees two Scuttles one Chaire & other of allwood	04	00	00
In ye little Chamber			
One paire of Bedstocks & Bedding	01	02	06
One Table one Stand 3 Chairs 2 stools A fire shovell one Fender & A Lookeing Glass & window Curtaine (r)edd	06	00	00
In ye Kitching Chamber			
A paire of Bedstocks two Feather bedds & other furniture	02	00	00
Another Bedd with furniture	02	00	00
One Liveray Cubbard One Chest 2 stands & 2 little tables	01	06	08
One Wanded Chaire six Covered Chairs one Cloase stoole A Lookeing Glass & fire shovel & Tongs	00	03	04
In ye Clossett			
One Deske & Boxes			
Wheate	01	06	08
In ye (Stoar) house			
A paire of Beddstocks A Feather bedd & other Bedding & Furniture	01	10	00
Earthen ware white plate Glasses Glassecases 3 Chairs & one Presse	01	00	00
In ye Cellar			
Seaven Barrell two Gimlins Frames shelves two stools & Bottells	01	10	00
In the Milke house			
two Tables two side Frames two dishboards two shelves & Earthen vessels	01	05	00
In ye Parlor			
One paire of Beddstocks & Bedding 3 old Chests one Side table one other old Bedd 2 Arke sides one forme & other old things in ye Same room	02	00	00
In ye Hall			
Two long tables one forme six joynt Chairs & Quissions one greene stoole one Fire Iron & an Iron Girdle	03	00	00
In the Staire Case Four Spigatt Potts	00	02	06
Brewing Vessell & other wood vessels	02	00	00
In ye Brewhouse			

Two Dresserse & A dishboard	00	10	00
In ye Kitching			
Brewing Vesell Brasse potts pans Candlesticks Morters & Laddles	04	00	00
One Clock & Case & A jacke	02	00	00
Spitts racks Dripping panns Fire shovells tongs warming pann Forks Scuers Axe Choping knife briggs (tinns) shears toasting Iron Cockle pan 3Chafeing dishes Bake boards smoothing Irons Fire Iron recancrooke Salt pys & other Iron things pewther	02	10	00
Two Tables six Chairs one long Settle one Chest 3 joynt Stools one Stand 3 Shelves one paire of (C?)ems	05	10	00
Silver plaite Spoons 2 tumblers & other plaite	01	10	00
Linnen & Harden yarne	05	00	00
Window Curtains & Iron (b)edds in the Kitchen & Kitching Chamber	00	10	00
One Bakeing Stone & 3 Laddles Goods standing in the white house	12	07	06
All other Husslements of Household Stuffe & Husbandry geare	00	05	00
White House & certaine pcell of Lease Lands Mortgages	700	00	00
Ley Pas ( <i>Ley Pasture</i> )	050	00	00
A Noble rent on ye Pastures	15	10	00
Two gates on Scaleber	10	00	00
Newfields	66	00	00
Threalam	07	10	00
Ridding	20	00	00
Bull Ingg	03	06	08
Two Improved Closes above Lodge	018	00	00
A pcell of Common on Bawshaw	00	10	00
Cundell house	40	00	00
Hophill in Langcliffe	05	00	00
Tully house in Gigleswicke	25	00	00
Newhouse the onsett barne & Stable & Gardens	200	00	00
Parkinson & (K)idds shops & Chamber	050	00	00
Goods in Cundall house	00	10	00
Book debt	30	00	00
Hare Cloth	01	00	00
	1482	12	07

Wm.Paley  
Roger Crumbleholme  
Thomas Preston  
T. Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ROGER PRESTON 1609 Borthwick v31 f543**

In the name of god amen the seventh day of June AD 1609 I Roger Preston of Mearbecke and of the parish of Giggleswick in Craven being sick in body but of perfect memory praised be almighty god purposing and intending the peace of my wife and children after my death do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. And first I commend my soul into t'hands of almighty god my

heavenly father verily believing by the merits of the death and passion of Jesus Christ to be saved and my will is that my body be honestly buried at the discretion of my friends. Secondly I revoke all former wills whatsoever heretofore I have made. Item I give to Elizabeth my wife her third of all my goods whatsoever according to Law. Item I give to my children William Preston, John Preston and Agnes Preston their filial portions of my goods according to their right provided that my daughters already married shall be contented with those goods and portions which they have already received. Nevertheless I give to every one of my children's children alive at this present (*sic*) 6s 8d. Also whereas I have diverse debts owing to me as specified by bills bonds promises and otherwise my meaning is and I ordain hereby that all those said goods shall go to those of my said children William John and Agnes. The rest of all my goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give to my son John and to my daughter Agnes that is to say I give two parts thereof to my said daughter Agnes and one part to my said son John. And for this my last will and testament I make my son William Preston executor. These being witnesses William Preston, Hugh Lawson the younger and Christopher Shute.

*Giggleswicke*

**WILLIAM PRESTON of Mearbeck 1631 Borthwick vol. 41 fol. 661**

In the name of God amen The xx<sup>th</sup> day of October Anno domini 1631 I William Preston of Mearbeck in the parish of Giggleswick and County of York yeoman sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance (praised be Almighty god therefore) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my only Saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick. Item my will is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid discharged and performed out of my whole goods by my executors undernamed. Item I give and bequeath unto Isabell my now wife for a further augmentation of her winter four pounds of lawful English money yearly and every year to issue and go out of my lands and inheritance situate in Settle in the said country during the pure widowhood of the said Isabell my now wife and if the said lands in Settle do not amount unto four pounds yearly my will is that the same shall be supplied and made out of my personal estate by my executors undernamed. And if the said lands do amount unto more than four pounds yearly then I give the surplus thereof to my nephew Richard Preston which four pounds yearly as is aforesaid I give unto my said wife Isabell over and before such estate as I have made unto my said wife since our intermarriage of a parcel of ground called Coate Garth in the aforesaid. Item I give to my niece Margaret Preston my brother John Preston his daughter £10 of like money. Item I give to my niece Elizabeth Preston £10 of like money. Item I give to my nephew Roger Preston two kine. Item I give unto the said Margaret and Elizabeth my nieces either of them one brass pot. Item I give the one half of all the rest of my goods and half of all my credits to my wife Isabell in full satisfaction of all her third part. The other half of my said goods moveable and unmoveable and also the other half of all my credits unto my said wife Isabell in full satisfaction of all her third part of all my said goods and credits. Also I give and bequeath all the other half of my said goods moveable and unmoveable and also the the other half of all my credits to Richard Preston my nephew. And I also give and bequeath unto the said

Richard Preston and his heirs for ever all my lands and inheritances houses barns and buildings whatsoever with all and singular their appurtenances situated at Mearbeck Settle or elsewhere except in these presents given and bequeathed. Item I give and bequeath to the said Margaret Preston one chest which I bought in the west. And I give unto the said Elizabeth my niece one chest which chest did belong to Margaret Preston my late deceased wife. Item my will is that immediately after my decease my said nephew Richard Preston shall give unto Isabell my now wife meat drink lodging washing and bedding in my now dwelling house at Mearbeck if the said Isabell my said wife and the said Richard can agree so to do or so long as they can agree to dwell together and no longer in lieu of the said four pounds yearly to issue and go out and be payable unto the said Isabell out of my said lands in Settle aforesaid for the time being during her pre widowhood. Item I make the said Richard Preston my nephew and my said wife Isabell joint executors of this my last will and testament. Item I give to my niece Margaret Cookson one cow which is at Long Preston. Item I give to the children of Richard Hynes two lambs at Midsummer. Item I give to the children of John Midleton one lamb at Midsummer. Item my will is that my said nephew Richard Preston shall have the said full one half of all my said goods moveable and unmoveable and half of all my said credits upon condition that the said Richard his executors administrators or assigns shall truly pay and discharge unto Isabell my said wife the aforesaid four pounds of lawful English money or meat drink lodging and washing if they can so agree to accept of it yearly during her widowhood as is aforesaid and if he make default in paying the same then the said legacies before given to the said Richard shall be utterly void and of none effect because I have estated my said lands in Settle already upon the said Richard and his heirs out of which lands I had purposed the said four pounds should have been yearly paid to my said wife Isabell. Item I desire Anthonie Knowles my brother in law Thomas Browne to be supervisors of this my last will and testament Item upon the same condition my will is that all my cattle immediately after my decease shall be kept at Mearbeck until the first day of May next with such further hay straw and grass as is now provided without any charges of my said wife Isabell. Witnesses hereof Anthonie Knowles William Preston and Thomas Browne

*Kine - the milking cows in a herd*

*original spellings: Gigleswicke, Setle, Mearbecke*

**WILLIAM PRESTON of Giggleswick 1669**  
**Borthwick vol. 50 fol. 498**

In the name of God Amen I William Preston of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke yeoman being sicke of body but of sound and pfect memory, doe make this my Last will and Testament In manner and forme Followinge First I Com(it) my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty god, my maker and Redeemer, and my body to be buried att the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, and for those worldly goods and estate wherewith god hath blessed me, I give and dispose thereof as Followeth, First my will is that my Debts and funerall expences be paid forth of my whole goods, Alsoe I give unto my sister Elizabeth Kirton, and unto Mary the wife of Christopher Burrell of Richmond five pounds apeece to be paid unto them within one yeare next after my decease, Alsoe I give unto Margarett and Anne als agnes Kirton

Daughter of my Brother in Law Christopher Kirton five pounds a peece, to be paid unto them when and as they shall accomplish (there) severall ages of twenty yeares And in case either of the said Daughters of my Brother Kirton shall happen to dye before she accomplish her said age of twenty yeares then I give the five pounds of her soe dyeing to the surviveing Daughter, alsoe I give unto my sister Anne now the wife of Stephen Frankland five pounds to be paid her within two yeares next after my decease alsoe I give unto Richard Margaret and Elizabeth Wilson Children of my said sister Anne five pounds apeece to be paid unto them as they shall accomplish there severall ages of twenty yeares, and in case any of the said three children of my said sister Anne shall fortune to dye before they accomplish there age of twenty yeares then I give the five pounds Legacye of him her or them soe dyeing to the survivor or survivors of the said Children, of my said sister Anne, Alsoe my will and mynde is, that my Executrix shall keepe the said Richard Wilson with coveinent meat drinke Lodginge and washinge for and dureing one whole yeare next after my decease, alsoe I give unto my Brothers John and Richard preston five shillings apeece, alsoe I give unto the Children of my cosen William preston, of Litton where now living, two shillings and sixpence apeece, alsoe I give unto my wife Bridgett preston whome I doe hereby nominate and appoynt sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament, all my houses Barnes stables turfe houses Lands Leasehold Lands goods debts Cattells and Chattells moveable and unmoveable; and all my reall and psonall estate whatsoever she payeing forth of the same all my just debts and funerall expences and the sevall legacyes hereinabove by me given and bequeathed And I doe alsoe hereby revoake make null and voyd all former wills by me heretofore made In wittness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand & seale the one and twentieth day of January Anno Dm one thousand six hundred sixty and eight, William preston, published Sealed and signed in the (presence) of Lawrence Lawson William Paley

**WILLIAM PRESTON Admin. 1691 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle July 1691  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of all & Singular ye goods cattell & Chattell rights debts & creditts which were William Prestons late of Settle Decd in ye Diocesse of yorke made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this third day of July Ano Dom 1691

	Li	s	d
In primis his purse & apparell & ridding furniture	2	10	0
It One Mare	4	1	0
It all houseold goods & A parcel of Bookes	17	7	5
Ite all ye goods in the shopp	210	0	0
Ite one Mantion house stable with the appurtncs being Long lease	35	0	0
Ite in good & bad debts	52	5	3
Sum total	321	03	08

Wm Carr  
Robert Towler  
James Baynes  
Jo: Richardson

**ANTHONY PROCKTER 1638 Ref. Borthwick Bundle Jan 1638 Microfilm 1719**

In the name of god Amen upon the nineteenth day of January 1638 I Anthone Prockter of Settle within the parish of Giggleswick and in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance I praise god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul in to the hands of Almighty god trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick.

Item I give unto Thomazin my daughter five pounds out of my goods. Item I give unto Elsobeth my wife the third part of my tenement and lands during her life natural if she keep her self sole and unmarried and also I give unto my wife the third part of my goods my debts and funeral expenses paid out of the whole. Item I give unto Robte Prockter my son all my houses, tenements and lands to him and his heirs forever, my wife's right excepted as before is mentioned. And if he die without issue lawfully begotten of his body then my will is that it shall remain unto Tomzin my daughter and to her heirs for ever. Item I give unto my son Robte two parts of my goods my debts and funeral expenses paid out of the whole. And I do make and appoint Robte Prockter my son and Elsobeth \jur/ my wife to be my joint executors of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses hereof Roger \jur/ Armetstead [his mark], William \jur/ Hall, Michael Foster Tho: \jur/ Cockman.

PS Item my will is that every grandchild that I have shall have one ewe and one lamb to be delivered at midsummer after my death.

*(Have not been able to track any children of Thomasina or Robert so he may have meant "god child" )*

*Settle spelt Setle in will  
Giggleswick spelt Gigleswickel*

**ALICE PROCTER of Cleatop, Settle 1611 Borthwick v 32a f 292v and r**

In the name of god amen the 22nd day of August in the year of our Lord god 1611 I Alice Procter of Cleatop within the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York widow late wife of Robert Procter gentleman deceased knowing death to be the end of all flesh and most certain but the time and hour of death most uncertain having a desire to make myself ready by all possible means as god shall call for me out of this frail life being often summoned and warned thereunto by sundry infirmities and diseases in my weak body do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul bought and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ into his hands praying god to be merciful unto me and to forgive my sins for the said Christ his sake hoping that when my soul shall take her leave and remove out of this body it shall be received into the hands of god and rest in peace with the souls of just and perfect men who are already departed hence in the true faith

and fear of god. My body I commend to the earth from whence it came to be buried within the parish church of Giggleswick aforesaid or otherwise as god shall dispose of it at the discretion of my executors, desiring that it may be laid so near unto my husband as conveniently may be, being fully assured it shall rise again at the last and general resurrection. And as concerning those goods whereof god has made me steward for the time I do first hereby revoke both in law and in deed all former wills by me thereof made and now my will is thereof as follows. I give and bequeath to the poor people of the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid six pounds 13 shillings and four pence and to the poor people of the parish of Long Preston 40 shillings which sums I will shall be paid to the church wardens of the same parishes and at their discretions distributed amongst the poor people there within three months next after my decease. Also I give to my brother Mr Henry Procter and to his wife either of them 20 shillings And to every of his children 20 shillings and to my brother Allan Procter 20s and to his wife 10 shillings. Also I give to Hester Nuthall wife of Richard Nuthall 40 shillings. Also to Mr Jonas Ratcliffe fellow of University College in Oxford 40 shillings. Also to Mr Samuel Radcliffe fellow of Barsenose (*Brasenose*) College in Oxford 40 shillings. Also to his brothers Joseph Radcliffe and Jonathan Radcliffe either of them 40 shillings. Also to Debora Belfield wife of Mr Belfield 40 shillings. Also Priscilla Radcliffe her sister five pounds. Also I give to Mr George Radcliffe and Elizabeth Radcliffe children to my brother Nicholas Radcliffe of Thornehill either of them ten shillings. Also to Edith Topcliffe wife of John Topcliffe of Snayth 40 shillings. Also to my brother Mr Alexander Radcliffe 20 shillings. Also I give to my sister Ciciley Greenwood wife of Mr James Greenwood £30. Also to Tomasine Gibson wife of Mr Gibson parson of Marton £10. Also to Mr Charles Greenwood 40s and to his sister Margaret Greenwood 20s. Also I do give to Robert Procter the son of my brother in law Allan Procter my farthest bed in the West chamber and all the furniture to it belonging. Also I give to Anthony Procter my brother in law one cupboard in the buttery the sideboard in the hall and the board over it. Also the feather bed and mattress whereupon I now do lie and one chest that was my brother Richard Procter's. Also I give to Calebb Procter son of Allan 20 shillings and to every of the rest of the children of the said Allan besides Roberts and Calebb 10 shillings apiece. Also to Mr Henry Radcliffe and Thomas Radcliffe brothers to Mr Savile Radcliffe either 20 shillings. Also to my godson Henry Claphamson 10 shillings. And to every of the rest of my godchildren one lamb or the value thereof in money. Also I give to Alice Procter my goddaughter my stand bed in the parlour. And to Tomasine her sister 20 shillings. Also I give to the said Anthony Procter my best horse. Also to Thomas Watson son of Mr Anthony Watson three shillings and 4d. Also I give to William Lawson parish clerk of Giggleswick 5d in money and my best horse or mare next to that which I have given to Anthony Procter. Also I give to the servants that shall be my household servants at the time of my decease the sum of £40 to be distributed amongst them to every one after their desert in the discretion of the executors hereafter named. Also to Richard Claphamson servant to William Lawson three shillings fourpence. Also my will is that every of my said servants shall have their whole years wages paid them how much so ever the year be unexpired at the time of my decease. Also I give and bequeath to the governors of the free Grammar School of Giggleswick aforesaid £10 to be employed by them at their discretion for the use of the said school and scholars. Also I give to Alice Lawson daughter of Richard Lawson of Langcliffe 10 shillings. Also to John Bankes Robert Moorehouse and Hugh Stackhouse every of them 20 shillings. Also to Margaret Parker daughter to Mr Shutte 20 shillings. Also my request and desire is that in case god call me out



of this life at Cleatop, or elsewhere, so near that Christopher Shutt may conveniently travel to the place of my burial that he will then be pleased to preach and for that his pains and kindness he be well rewarded at the discretion of my executors. The rest of all my goods and cattells not bequeathed my debts and funeral expenses first being discharged I give and bequeath to the said Mr Richard Gibson parson of Marton and to my said brother Anthony Procter equally between them. And I make the said Richard Gibson and Anthony Procter joint executors of this my last will and testament. Willing yet further that if any shall murmur or be discontented at this my will or anything herein, then they to have no benefit of any legacy hereby given. And in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand mark the day and year first above written. In the presence of John Bankes Hugh Stackehouse Robert Morehouse and William Lawson

*Latin text*

*Cleatoppe*

*Cleatopp*

*Gigleswicke*

**ANTHONY PROCTER of Settle 1696**  
**Borthwick Bundle September 1696 Craven Deanery**

In the name of god Amen I Anthony procter of Settel in the parish of Gigelswick and in the County of yorke yeoman being sick of body yett of perfect memory praised be god for the same, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following that is to say First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker hoping through the merites of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to receve full pardon and remission of my sins and my body to the ground to be buried at the discreshon of my wife and freindes and as for my temperall estate I bequeath and dispose of it as followeth

First my will and mind is that, that one parcel of land lying on threlam (*Threaplans?*) after my mothers deceas shall be sould and also my barne and the west part of my orchard to .... with the side of the back lathe dore, shall be sould towards the paying of my just detes.

Itam my will and minde is that my Sonn Anthony shall have that rest of my said housis and landes that remaines when my said detes is discharged

Itam my will and minde is that my said wife be whole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all other willes maid by mee

In witness whearof I have heareunto set my hand and seal the 18 day of May to this my last will and Testament and in the eight year of our sovarand King William now of Eyngland and in the year of our lord 1696

his mark

Anthony prockter

John Kidd John Lucas Roger Armitstead William Hall

[In R. Postlethwaite copy - Elizabeth Procter of Settle relict and sole executrix appeared September the seventh 1696 -- made her mark.]

May ye 26: 1696:

The Appraizment of the Goodes and Chattells of Anthony Procter of Settle late deceased made by .... whose names are hereunto subscribed

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparrell		13	4
Bodystead of the house one cupboard		6	8
Two tables		4	0
Two Chaires		1	6
Brass and pewter		6	6
Loft ,one Ark		3	6
One bed and furniture		5	6
Two Chestes		5	0
One Mare		6	8
Carte & wheeles		4	6
One stee			9
with other huslements		3	6
and Measures	1	0	0
	04	01	05

William Hall, Jo[seph] Lucas his marke Robert Towle Leo[nard] Kidd his marke  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**EDMUND PROCTER 1611 Borthwick v31 f769**

In the name of god amen upon the xvij th daie of October 1611 I Edmund Procter of Knight Stanford within the parish of Gigleswicke and countie of yorke sicke in my bodie but of perfect remembrance I praise god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following First I commend my soule to almightie god trusting assuredlie through the precious bloudshedding of Jesus Christ my onlie saviour to be saved and to my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Gigleswicke Also I will that my debts and Funerall expenses be paid Forth of my whole goods Item it is my will and mynde that Agnes my wife shall have her thirde of my goodes and my children their porcions And for my owne porcion I give thereof to Roger Procter my sonne xxx li And if it fortune that my sonne Roger do die out of this mortall life before he come to lawfully yeares of age Then it is my will and mynde that his porcon of goods and my my foresaid legacie shalbe equalle divided amongst my three daughters viz Ellen Jane and Cicile And if any of my said three daughters Ellen Jane Cicile shall die out of this mortall life before they come to lawfull yeares of age then it is my will and mynd that her and their porcon soe dyeing shall remaine and come to thother of them lyving Itm I give and bequeath unto William Procter my nephew all my p'te of the ashe wood lyeing in the Northwood at Newhall which is between John Foster and me And whereas I am indebted unto my three daughters Ellen Jane and Cicelie the some of five pounds whereof three pounds is in thandes of Thomas Foster younger of Winscaile and xxx s iiij d in thands of Thomas Preston of Stainforth and I give to my said three daughters Ellen Jane and Cicelie one stone of woll to be taken forth of my whole goods to make upp the said somes unto five pounds equallie amongst them to be divided Itm I give to my said three daughters five markes a peece to be taken of my parte of the goods as will extend thereto Itm I

give to the poore of the parish of Giggleswicke xiiij s iiii d Itm I desire my Father  
Thomas Procter Anthony Procter my uncle my cosin Miles Wetherhede and  
Christopher Tennant of Beggermoundes to be supervisors hereof and to helpe my wife  
and children And I make and appoint my sonne Roger Procter my sole executor of  
this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof Richard Paley George Swainson  
William Pailey and Brian Bainbrigge

Latin text

*Knight Stainforth  
Giggleswick*

**FRANCIS PROCTER 1650 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Jan 1650  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen; upon the third day of January in the yeare of our lord: One  
thousand six hundreth and fifty: I Francis Procter of Stainforth under bargh in the  
County of yorke Tyler; sicke in body yett of pfecte mynde and memory I prayse god  
for the same I doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme  
followeing; Ite I Commend my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty god  
trusting assuredly through the precysous blood shedding of Jesus Christ my onely  
saviour: to be saved and my body to be buried in the Church or Churchyard in  
Gigglesweeke at the discesion of my frends; Ite I give and bequeath unto Allice  
Craven of Stainforth daughter of Thomas Craven of the same Stainforth; ~~Ite I give~~ the  
some of five pounds; Ite I to (*sic*) Richard Craven sonne to the said Thomas five  
pounds Ite I give to Roger Craven likewise sonne to the said Thomas Craven five  
pounds; Ite I give and bequeath unto Willim Procter of Settle sonne to John Procter of  
Settle the some of five pounds Ite Fortty shillings to John Procter of Stainforth  
Grande Childe to John Procter of Settle; Ite I give to my nevy Thomas Procter of  
Lakeland tenn pounds Ite I give frances Bankes of Settle eldest daughter forty  
shillings; And all the rest and remainder of my goods not given and bequeathed; I doe  
give and bequeath the same to Tho: Craven jurat of Stainforth under bargh whome I  
doe hereby noiate(*nominate*) and apointe to be my executor to discharge my Funerall  
expences and likewise \all/ the leagacies; within twelfe monthes after that the mony  
growe due and also I do hereby revoke and dissannull all former wills, whatsoever  
these being witnesses of the same

Francis X Procter  
Marke

James Foster  
Law: Swainsonn \jurat/

**MATHEW PROCTER 1629 Ref. Borthwick., v41 f138**

In the name of god Amen the ninth day of February AD one thousand six hundred  
twenty and nine Mathew Procter of Rathmell in the County of York husbandman sick  
in body the day and year above said but of perfect mind and remembrance did make  
and ordain his last will and testament nuncupative as follows. First he did give and  
bequeath his soul to Jesus Christ his saviour and redeemer and his body to be buried

in the churchyard of Giggleswick, Item his will was that his moveable goods should be divided into three equal parts whereof his will was that his wife Elizabeth for her widow right should have one third part his two children Thomas and Judith one other third part and for the dead part it was his will that his wife should have the one half thereof and his said two children the other half thereof. And as concerning his tenement, his mansion house, garden, croft and his barn thereupon builded, B...trie headland in Rathmell aforesaid, and certain other ground near Ribble with divers other emoluments profits and appurtenances in or near Rathmell aforesaid then or late in the tenure of the said Mathew Procter and granted to the said Mathew from John Catterall late of New Hall in Rathmell aforesaid deceased Esquire by his Indenture of lease dated the seaventeenth day of February in the eleventh year of the reign of our late sovereign Lord James over England king ....the said Mathew did give and bequeath all the said tenement, mansion house, garden, croft, barn Buertrie headland and all and singular the premises mentioned in the said indenture of lease together with the said lease for and during all the rest residue term and time of one hundred years, which was then to come and not spent comprised contained or mentioned in the said Indenture to Elizabeth his wife to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Elizabeth his wife her executors Administrators and Assignes And he did make nominate and appoint the said Elizabeth his wife sole executrix of this his last will and testament Witnesses hereof John Frankland and Robert Carr William Preston and Thomas Browne.

*Rathmell spelt Rawthmill in will*

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke in will*

#### **ROBERT PROCTER 1644 TNA Prob 11/192**

**In the name of God Amen;** The six and twentieth day of June in the nyneteenth yeare of the raigne of our Sovreigne Lord Charles by the grace of god of England Scotland France & Ireland king defender of the faith etc Annoq[ibus] d[omi]ni 1643. I Robert Procter Clerke being weake in bodie but of p[er]fect and sound memorie doe hereby make and declare my last will and testment in manner followeing viz First I comend my Soule to allmightie god my maker hoping and surely trusting by the merrits of my lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to inherit eternall life in blisse w[i]th him and his elect in the kingdome of heaven; and my body I comitt to th'earth to be decently buried: And for my worldly estate I doe give & dispose of that as hereafter is declared viz I give to my brother Henry Procter twenty pounds in money To my brother Luke Procter Clerke tenn pounds in money To the Children of my brother in Lawe John Browne and of Ruth his late wife tenn pounds in money by equall shares to be devided amongst them and to be payed unto them out of twenty pounds in money wch Mr Brestoe(?) parson of Barton in the County of Warwicke oweth me; And th'ther tenn poundes being the residue of that twentie pounds I give to my two Sisters named either by their husbands Key(?) to be equally devided betweene them, the one of which husbands is dead, and the other yet living. I give and release to my brother in Lawe Anthony Wharfe the sume of tenne poundes in money which he oweth mee and for which he gave me a note in writeing under his hand. I give to my sister Sheppard five pounds in money. I give to my Aunt Lawson widdowe fiftie shillings in money And to my Aunt Preston widdow fiftie shilling in money. I give to my Unckle Michell Sowden five Pounds in money w[hi]ch Thomas Wildie oweth

me. I give to Marie Chambers daughter of Joseph Chambers of the Citie of Coventry Clothier five pounds in money: All w[hi]ch moneys soe given my will is shalbe payed w[i]thin twelve months next after my decease. I give alsoe to my very kind Frend Willm Panting Clerke five pounds in money And to Thom[a]s Jones Clerke Fortie shillinge in money To the poore of Trinitie Parish in Coventry thirtie shillings in money: And to the poore of the parish of Giggleswicke in the Countie of yorke thirtie shillings. And I give to John Cox Clerke one of my best gownes: All the rest of my goods Cattles Chattles debts and worldly estate whatsoever I give and bequeath to my sonne in Lawe Henry Davenport of the Cittie of Coventrie Clothier whom I hereby constitute Executor Of this my last will and Testament. And in Testimoney thereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and putt to my seale the daye and yeare first above written one thousand six hundred Fortie three. Rob: Procter Subscribed sealed & published in the p[re]sence of Bridgett Panting Henry Panting Tho: Boyd.

**Probatum fuit Testamentum** suprascriptum apud London Coram dilecto Subd[i]cto iuro Nathaniele Brent .... leg... doctoris Curia ..... Prerogative Cantuariensis Magistro sive Custode legitime Constituto tertio die Mensis January Anno d[omi]ni iuxta cursum et Computaconem Ecclesia Anglianae Millesimo sexagesimo quadragesimo quarto Juramento henrici Davenport Executoris in huiusmodi Testamento nominat Cui comissa fuit administrato omnium et singularum bonorum Jurum et Creditorum dicti defuncti de bone et fideliter administrando eadem Ad sancta dei Evangelia vigore Comissionis in da parte ... .... Jurat.

*Giggleswick* - modern spelling

**WILLIAM PROCTER of Settle 1695**  
**Craven Deanery Borthwick bundle May 1695**

In the Name of God Amen I William Procter of Settle in the County of yorke Batchelor being somewhat sicke of body, but of good & perfect memory, praised be God for the same, doe proceed to the makeing of this my last will and Testament in manner & forme following, And First of all I give and bequeath my soule in to the hands of Almighty God my maker, hoping through Jesus Christ my redeemer to have free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & Transgressions, & as for my body to be burried or interred at the discession of my executors whome I shall hereafter Nominate & appoint, & as for my Temporall estate which it hath pleased God to Bless me with all I dispose of as followeth & first I give and bequeath unto my Executors full

power to sell all & every of my estate, Right, title or interest whatsoever I have within the Townshipp a parish of Hunsingore with all the appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining by what name or names soever either Houseing a land or any thing that doth belong to me be called & knowne, & for what moneys as my said executors shall sell the same for I dispose of as followeth & first it is my will & mind that all my debts & funerall expences be or whatsoever Charges my said executors shall be put to in the selling or setling of my estate or performing of this my last will & Testament be paid out of the whole sune Item I give unto Thomas Preston my God son five pounds, also I give unto Dorothy Serjeantson my God daughter the sune of Five pounds to be paid to either of them when they shall accomplish the age of one & Twenty years & during their nonage I will that my

Executors shall pay them 12d per pound per annum towards their education Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Batty my Master one young filly Item I give unto Alice Batty & Mary Batty to either of them Tenn shillings, and for the rest of the money yt remains yt my executors shall receive for my estate, after my debts & funerall expences, & other Charges my executors is Confind...(?) those Legacies which before I have given be paid, I give equally amongst those six Children which I is uncle to, Elizabeth Mary & Isabel Sharpnea(?) daughters of my Brother in law Stephen Sharpnea & Mary his wife, and & (*sic*) to Edward Hicke son to my Brother in law Edward Hicke deceased & Isabel his wife, & to Two Children of my Brother in law William Beilby, & Jennet his wife whose names I know not, & to be paid to them, all Severaly, as they shall (all) come to the Age of one and Twenty years, & dureing their nonage I will that my executors shall pay unto them or their parents Twelve \pence/ a pound \yearly/ for their severall legacies towards their education, and the first payment of Twelve pence a pound as \yearly/ consideration to be paid at the end of Twelve months after yt my executors have setled my estate that it can be knowne what these Six Childrens parts & porcons will be, and also the rest of the aforesaid legacies I have given to my God Children for their consideration as aforesaid to begin at Twelve months and after my executors have setled their affairs according to this my last Will & Testament, & I doe Nominate & appoint Richard Preston & Thomas Serjeantson joynt executors of this my last will & Testament, hereby revockeing all other will or wills by me formerly made, In Testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Tenth day of May Anno Domini 1695

(*very shakily*) William Procter

Sealed & confirmed in the sight & presence of Richard Riley her marke Margret M  
Mariner

Inventory May the 15th 1695

	£	s	d
Purse and apparel	1	0	0
one bedstead		10	0
one ark		10	0
loose wood and huslement in the house		5	0
house, land and lease	60	0	0
one young filly	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	63	5	0
Debts owing by the deceased			
to Robert Overend	10	16	0
to William Beilby	3	13	0
to William Moore	2	5	10
to Thomas Batty	1	7	0
to Richard Preston	1	10	0
to Thomas Serjeantson		15	0
to John Camm		6	0
to Dr Robinson		7	7
to Richard Paley		7	0
to William Pailford		1	9
to Elizabeth Sidgwick		1	0
to William Armistead		6	0
to funeral expences	5	6	5
to Stephen Sharpnea		7	0

apprised by Stephen Hamerton, Richard Armistead, Thomas Clark his mark, James Wilson

**CHRISTOPHER REDGEY Admin. 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Jul 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory of the goods and Cattalls of Christopher Redgey late of Lancliff deceased as they are Apprized and valued this twenty fourth day of May Anno Domini 1690 By us whose names are under written

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse and Apparrell	00	15	00
Item Bedstocks and Bedding	03	00	06
Item three Chests one Ark one Box	01	00	00
Item three Tables		06	08
Item wood vessells	00	06	00
Item one yron pott with crooks three pairs	00	08	00
Item in Pewter	00	15	00
Item two frying pans	00	01	00
Item two Chaires two stooles	00	02	00
Item one pair of briggs one pair of Tongs	00	01	00
Item one Smoothing Yron	00	01	00
Item one parcel of Wood with some utensills of husbandry	01	07	06
Item Malt and Beans	00	13	04
Item three Sacks	00	05	00
Item six Cushions	00	02	00
Item one pair of Looms with materialls	01	03	04
Item three	07	00	00
Item five sheep	01	00	00
Item one horse	01	13	04
Item one Swine	00	06	08
Item in Turfes	00	02	00
Item in meal and Beefe	00	15	00
Summe is	21	04	04

Anthony Armitstead

Hugh Corke

William Carr

Richard Lawson

Spent at the funerall of      li      s      d  
the deceased                      02      00      10

**WILLIAM REDGEY 1690 Admin. Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Jul 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true and pfect Inventory of all the goods Cattells, Chattells Credits and debts of William Redgey late of Lancliffe deceased as they are Apprized this twney fourth day of May 1690: by us whose names are hereunder written

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse and Apparrell	01	10	00
Item twenty five sheep	05	00	00
It one horse	02	00	00
It one Cart and wheelles	00	06	08
It one Ark and one Bed	01	00	00
It one Chist and one Box	00	10	00
It in Malt	12	00	00
It one kiln hare with some small things	01	00	00
It Debts oweing to the deceased	04	10	00
It one house and garth with halfe a Rood of Land	17	00	00
Summe	44	16	08

Debts which the deceased did owe	15	16	00
Summe after deduction	26	00	08

Anthony Armitstead  
William Carr  
Hugh Cooke  
Rich: Lawson

*Subtraction incorrect should be £29 :.00 : 8*

**JOHN RELFE ADMIN 1691 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1691  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular the goods & Chattells which were John Relfes late of Settle in the Diocesse of yorke Deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this first day of May Ano R.R. & regine Willim & Maria Angl etc. tertio Anoque Dom 1691

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse & apparrell	0	7	6
Item one pcell of ground within the Towneshipp of Settle being Long lease	2	10	0

Wm. Paley  
Thomas Carr  
Thomas Relfe  
Jo: Richardson



**THOMAS REMINGTON 1656**  
**TNA PROB 11/277 (screen page 33)**

(listed as Kemington but correction requested)

**In the name of God Amen** The tenth day of May In the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred fiftie and six I Thomas Remington of Feizor in the parish of Giglesweeke and Countie of Yorke yeoman, being now old, and knowing that I must die and not live and being now in perfect mind and memorie, God be praised for the same, And being willing to set my house in order and leave my children in peace and love I doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. Revoking and making all former wills heretofore made by me whatsoever First and principally I commend my soule into the mercifull hands of God Almighty trusting faithfully through the mercie of God and obedience and sufferings of Jesus Christ my Saviour and the sanctification of his holy spirit to have free forgiveness of all my sinnes and to be made an Inheritor of the blessed kingdome of heaven. And I doe commit my bodie to the earth, and to be buried in the parish Churchyard at Giglesweeke at the discretion of my friends. And for my Customarie estate which I have in any customarie lands within the Lordship of Awstwicke and Leases which I now have within the parishes of Gigglesweeke and Clapham I give grannt and bequeath them unto Anne Foster wife of Christopher Foster my sonne in law, her children and Assignes for and during all such estate as I have in the same And for my moveable goods It is my will and mind that my bed now standing in my parlour as I laid in the same, and my long table and Liverie Cupboard standing in the same Parlour, and long table standing in the bodiestead of my house and the Lesser Cupboard standing in the same, one great salting tubb and two Arkes called the meale Arke and the mault Arke shalbe and remaine at my house as heireloomes so long as the said house shall remaine in my blood but no longer And for the other Cupboard it was bought for my daughter Anne And so it is my will and mind that she shall have the same. And whereas after the death of my wife I did put into the handes of my two sonnes in law Christopher Foster and Robert Lawson (now deceased) Either of them one hundreth poundes which I doe hereby freely give unto them. Also it is my will and mind that my executor hereafter named shall satisfie and pay unto Christopher Foster my sonne in law one hundreth pounds, And to be paid within three yeares next after my decease Provided alwayes that if the said Christopher Foster shalbe indebted unto me at the time of my death any money That so much shall shall (*sic*) stand for payment unto him in the said hundreth pounds. And whereas the said Robert Lawson my late sonne in law at the time of his death was indebted unto me the summe of fiftie pounds, which is in the hands of Elizabeth his late wife I give that fiftie pounds unto her Also I give and bequeath unto her thirtie pounds more To be paid unto her within three yeares next after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto Thomas Lawson her sonne twentie pounds. And for the residue of all my goods, Credits and debts owing unto me at the time of my death I doe give it wholly unto William Foster my grandsonne And I doe appoint, ordaine and make the said William Foster wholly executor of this my last will and testament And for the better testimonie hereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and put my seale with my owne hand the day and yeare abovewritten Tho. Remington, Witnesses hereof Oli(ve)r Thornton hugh Stackhouse William Beecroft

**This will** was proved at London before the Judges, for probate of wills and grannting of Administrations lawfully authorized the three and twentieth day of June In the

yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred Fiftie and eight By the oath of William Foster the grandsonne of the said deceased and sole Executor therein named, To whome Administracon of all and singular the said deceaseds goods Chattells and debts was grannted and committed He being first legally sworne well and truly to administer the same.

*Giggleswick* modern spelling  
*Austwick* " "

**WILLIAM RENARDSON 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Mar 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

February the ...: 1690

I William Renardson of Oxlewarth in the pish of Giggleswick being infirme in body but of good and perfect memory prased be all mighty god, to ye same do prosede to ye making of this my will and Testyment in maner and forme following revoking and making voyd all other wills by me formerly made and first I ... comit my soule in to ye mersifull hands of all mighty god my Creator hoping thurgh the mercy of Jesus Christ my redemer to have fre pardon and full remission of all my sinns and my body to the earth where of it was framed to be bereid att the descression of my wife as concerning my worldly goods I dispose of them as followeth First I will that my funerall expencis and just debts be payd out of my whole goods Item I give unto Isabell \my wife/ all my moveable goods and the (nue?) Closie commonly called Rawshabanke and one Close called (Nues?) nooke and the moss except one per of Loumes called ye littell Loume(s) in the North side of the house \which I give unto John Middelbrouck/ Likewise I give unto hir one other Closie called Adam Close duering hir life natterall and after hir decease I give it unto William Houghton James Jacke Christopher Jacke Ann Armistead Margreat Rawnsou Susana Rawson to be equally devided amongst them, And I do nominat and apoynt Isabell jurat my wife sole executrix of this my last will and Testyment In witnes whereof I have sett my hand and seale the day and year first above written

Sealed and published

in the presence of us  
with this wurd enter  
lined wi(s)e, and which I give  
unto John Middlebrouck ye  
youger

his marke

Richard **R** Middlebrouck  
his marke

William **R** Middlebrouck  
Thomas Harr? jurat

his Marke  
William Renardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

An Inventory of all the goods and Chattels ..... belonging to William Renardson late of Oxleworth (in the) parish of Gigleswick and diazis of yorke deceased att the time of his death prised and valued the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord 1690 by us whose names are hereunder written

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purs and apparill	1	10	0
Item Three ould Kyne tow little heffers	6	00	0
It one ould Mare	1	00	0
It in hemp yarne	2	10	0
It Oatte meale (the....	1	00	0
It one pare of loumes and meturales belonging to	0	10	0
It one pare of ould bedstocks and beding one .... ould arke tow ould Chist	0	10	0
It brase pewder and wood vessel chare and stoulse	0	13	4
It in hay	0	15	0
It Backstone touns recincrouk frying pan with the rest of the huselment of the house	0	4	0
It tow little horsstes	7	00	0
Sume	21	12	0

Debtes owing by the deceased

Imprimis to William Middelbrouck	4	6	0
Thomas Renardson	2	12	6
Thomas Jacks	1	00	0
Thomas Katter	0	10	6
Thomas Robinson	4	0	6
Katteran Carr	2	6	8
John Middelbrouck	0	4	6
Funerall expences	2	10	0
Thomas Carr	2	00	0

his marke  
Francis FT Catam          James Jacqives  
Cristopher Jacqives      Thomas Carr

**ISABELL RENOLDSON 1691 Ref. Borthwick.York. Bundle Jan 1692/3  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen The Twenty nynght day of October 1691 I Isabell Renoldson of Stackhouse in the pish of Gigleswicke and County of yorke Widdow-being weake and sickly but in perfect memory praysed be Almighty God for the same doe make this my last will and Testamt in Manner and forme following hearby revoeeking and making voyde all other wills by me formerly made And first I doe Committ and willingly resigne my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Redemer to have free pardon and full remission of all my sins and my body to the earth whereof it was framed

Now as for my worldly goods I dispose of them as Followeth  
 Impris I doe give unto William Houghton my sonne in law one shilling  
 It I doe give unto John Midlebrooke the younger one shilling It I doe give unto  
 Richard Rawson sixpence It I doe give unto James Jackes my Nephew one payer of  
 Blanckits one Rug the best I have and one Lynn sheete It I doe give unto James  
 Jackes and Christopher Jackes my Nephews all the rest of my bedding both Wolling  
 and Lying to be devided equally betwixt them It I doe give unto My sister Allice  
 Jackes my best Wastcote and best pettycoote Ite I doe give unto My sister Allice  
 Jackes three shillings It I give unto Mary Renoldson one pinbackcoote my best under  
 wastcote and one payer of bodyes It all the rest of my wolling clothes I doe give unto  
 my sister Allice Jackes and my sister Elizabeth Rawnson equally to be devided  
 betwixt them It I doe give unto Allice Jackes my sister one doning of my lining  
 clothes which shee likes best and for all the rest I give them to be devided betwixt my  
 sister Allice Jackes and my sister Ellizabeth Rawnson And as for all the rest of my  
 estate both land and lease moneys and what ever else besides undisposed of I doe give  
 and bequeathe unto James \jurat/ Jackes and Christopher \jurat/ Jackes my Nephews  
 and Kinsmen to them their heires Executors Adminsts or Assignes, And I doe appoint  
 them to be my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Wittnesse where  
 of I have hearunto set my hand and seall the day and year above written

Wittneses

her marke  
 Isabell X Renoldson

Thomas Clapham  
 Henry Browne  
 Tho: Carr jurat

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*doning= outfit, from don - to put on*

ISABEL RENOLDSON - Inv. Ref. Borthwick.York. Jan. 1693 bundle  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

An Inventory of ye goods & Chattels moveable & Imoveable of Isabell Renoldson of  
 Oxleywarth# in the pish of Giggleswicke lately Deceased Apprized vallued by us  
 whose names are here under written

	£	s	d
Impr. her purse & Apparrell	01	6	8
Ite. one payre of bedstocks & bedding	00	10	0
Ite. one old Chist	00	6	6
Ite. In Brasse & pewter	00	1	0
Ite. one Little psell of Lease Land	06	0	0
Ite. In money	16	0	0
	£	s	d
Summa tot.	24	4	2

Thomas Carr  
 Christopher Renoldson  
 Richard \his marke/ Midlebrooke  
 Thomas Carr

Apprizers

Item Funerall Expences 03 00 0

*(Oxleywarth – now Wham in Giggleswick- A will for Isabell Renoldson of Stackhouse may be same person)*

**MARGARET RENOLDSON**  
**Admin. 1683 Ref.Borthwick.York.BundleJuly 1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

August the 20<sup>th</sup>. 1683

An Inventory of all the goods of Margaret Renoldson late of Oxley=warth deceased in the parish of Giggleswick and Diocess of Yorke Apprized by us whose names are here under written as followeth

	li	s	d
Imprimis her purse and apparrell	00	10	00
The (rest?) of her houshold goods	02	10	00
Summe	3	00	00

Thomas Carr  
 William Renoldson  
 Tho; Carr  
 Tho: Reynoldson

*Oxley-warth – Wham*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN RICHARDSON 1691 (Admin) Ref.Borthwick.York. June 1692 bundle**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Apprizmt. made of the Goods & Chattells of Mr. John Richardson late deceased this twenty third day of Jany Anno Dom 1691 by us subscribed

	Li	s	d
In the Bodystead his purse & apparrell	03	06	08
	Li	s	d
Imprimis one Table & Cupboard	01	00	00
It one Longseate one fourme & one little table	00	06	08
It one Glass Case one little Table one forme & 3 chaires	00	04	00
One Clock one warming pann & other brass & iron utensils	01	00	00
All pewder ( <i>pewter</i> )	00	15	00
One pair of bellows lanthorne & other matepialls in the body stead	00	03	04
In the Parlor			

Imprimis One paire of bedstocks bedding & hangings	01	00	00
It one truckle bed & bedding	00	05	00
It one round Table 4 chairs & quishins ( <i>cushions</i> )	01	00	00
It Two Chists & one Seeing glass	00	10	00
One deske & Chairs in ye study	00	02	00
Tables wood vessel & other things in the buttery & Celler	00	10	00
One Iron pott & panns & other things in the brewhouse	00	13	04
In the Chamber over parlor			
It one Livery Cupboard & plate upon it	00	05	00
Six chairs & one long chist & one round Table	00	10	00
In the Chamber over the bodystead			
It one paire of bedstocks & bedding	00	15	00
It two chists 3 desks & severall boxes	00	10	00
In little Chamb: over the bodystead			
It bedding on one bed one little Table & one Ark	00	10	00
In the Meale Chamber			
It old things	00	03	00
It All sorts of Linnen	02	00	00
Husbandry Geare	01	00	00
2 Geldings	03	00	00
4 Kine	08	00	00
3 heifers	04	10	00
1 Why Stirke & one Ox calfe	02	00	00
1 Hogg	00	10	00
Hay & Corne	01	10	00
Meale	01	00	00
Turves & Coales & other Huslemt. not apprized in the house	00	10	00
Debts due by Specially			
From Hugh Hall	05	00	00
From Michaell Lawson	07	00	00
From Anthony Procter	10	00	00
Severall Lease Lands purchased by the deceased	100	00	00
Bookes & Booke debts	02	00	00
	161	09	00

C: Lawson Wm. Paley  
R:Preston Michaell Richardson

Debts due from the deceased	li	s	d
Imprimis to Martin Lodge	06	00	00
Item Funerall expences	14	00	00

*matepialls - materials*

**ELIZABETH ROBINSON 1629 Ref. Borthwick vol 40 fol 69**

In the name of god amen the last day of July in the year of our lord god 1629 I Elizabeth Robinson of Giggleswick within the County of york widow being sick in body yet of good and perfect memory god be praised for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting through his bounteous and everlasting mercy and for the merits and passion of Jesus

Christ to be saved and to be inheritor of everlasting life and I do will my body to the ground from whence it came and the same to be buried in the church or church yard of Giggleswick my parish church at the discretion of my executors and friends. And as concerning my worldly goods whereof I am now owner and whereof the lord has blessed me my will and mind is to dispose of them as follows: First my will and mind is that my debts funeral expenses and other rights belonging to the church shall be paid forth of my whole goods. Item I give to my brother William Yeadon of Eller rawe within the parish of Clapham five pounds. Item I give to Thomas Yeadon his eldest son 20s Item I give to my sister Cicely Frankland of the greene sell(?) in the parish of Slaidburn forty shillings. Item I give to George Leeminge of Giggleswick forty shillings. Item I give to Jane walne wife of Nicholas walne of the parish of Slateburn my best gown. Item I give to William Carr of Giggleswick forty shillings which he owes me and which I promised him heretofore that I would give him at my decease so as he would pay us for the same during my life according to the ....., Item I give to the poor of this town of Giggleswick ten shillings. And as for the rest of my goods of what nature sort or condition whatsoever the same be I do give and bequeath the same to John Yeadon younger son of my said brother Willy yeadon and I do appoint the said John yeadon as executor of this my last will and testament These being witnesses George Leeminge, Willm Frankland, Willm Foster.

*Giggleswick spelt Giggleswicke*

**JOHN ROBINSON 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Jul 1699  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this Twenty fifth day of May in the Eleaventh yeare of the Raigne of our sovraigne Lord William the Third by the Grace of God ..... England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith etc. Annoque Dom 1699. I John Robinson of Settle in the County of Yorke yeoman being weak in body but of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory (praised bee God for the same) & knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth & being desirous to setle things in order doe make this my last Will & Testament in maner and forme following (That is to say) First and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator, assuredly beleiveing that I shall receive full pardon & free remission of all my sins & bee saved by the precious death & meritts of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ & my body to the earth from whence it was taken to bee buried in such decent & Christian maner as to my Executors hereafter named shall bee thought meet and convenient and as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath sent mee my Will & mind is the same shall bee employed and disposed as hereafter by this my Will is expressed Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Robinson my son All these my Lands Tenements hereditaments and premises whatsoever lying & being in Setle aforesaid which I formerly purchased of one – Midglay— during his naturall life & after his decease to the heire Male of the body of the sd. Thomas Robinson lawfully begotten & for want of such Issue I give & bequeath the same unto Benjamin Robinson my Grandson and to his heires and assignes forever, hee the said Benjamin Robinson paying out of the said estate the sume of one hundred & sixty poundes unto the daughter or daughters of my son Thomas Robinson equally \to bee/ divided amongst them within Twelve Monthes—next after hee the said Benjamin Robinson shall enter unto the same & for non-payment of the said sume of One hundred & Sixty poundes the daughter \or daughters of the said Thomas Robinson/ to enter upon the said Estate. Item I give & bequeath unto my said son Thomas Robinson all those my lands & (*obliterated*) herbage & grasseing lying within the parish of Long preston (*obliterated*) & to

his heires & assignes forever whether the same bee freehold or Long Lease, Item I alsoe give unto my son Tho: Robinson the Eastend of my Orchard & Garden lately purchased of one Holgate & halfe an Acre of turbarry lying in a place called Cockett Mosse \for the terme of his naturall life as aforesaid/ Item I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Robinson my Grandson all those my Messuages Landes and Tenements which did \lately/ belong unto Holgates Inheritance which I lately purchased (excepting the East end of the Orchard before herein given unto my son Thomas Robinson) & to his heires & assignes forever, and alsoe one parcell of Land lying on a place called Fearom & one other parcell of Land called & knowne by the name of Sandholme & one little parcell of Land lately purchased of one George Paley lying \nere/ the Milne doore and alsoe all that my herbage grasseing & pastureing & all those Sheep gates & Cattlegates lying & being on Bankes High Skarr & Scaleber & with all the aptances whatsoever thereunto belonging & ap(er)teineing within the Township of Setle & alsoe I give & bequeath unto the sd. Benjamin Robinson halfe an acre of Turbarry lying in a place called Cockett Mosse Item it is my Will & mind that the estate given to my Gransdon Benjamin Robinson and the \sd/. Benjamin shall bee imployed & disposed of att the discretion of my son Thomas Robinson (except the said Benjamin Robinson bee mindfull to learn ye Trade of an Apothecary with his father Joseph Robinson then my son Joseph Robinson to have the disposall of his estate dureing his minority. Item I give & bequeath unto all my Grandchildren the sume of Twenty poundes apeice to bee paid to them by my Executors as they shall severally accomplish the age of Twenty one yeares & if any of the sd. Children shall happen to dye or depart this life before they shall accomplish the sd. age of Twenty one yeares his hers or their porcon to goe & descend to the survivors of them Item it is my Will & mind that after all my \just/ debts & funerall expences bee paid & discharged I give & bequeath all the rest of my psonall estate unto Joseph Robinson & Thomas Robinson my sons & doe hereby appoint them \joynt/ Excecs of this my last Will & Testament revoaking & by these psentes disannulling all former & other Will or Wills Testamt or Testamts by me heretofore made whatsoever either in word or writeing & doe hereby order & appoint this onely to bee my last Will and Testament. In witsesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day and yeare above written  
 Sealed signed & delivered after ye interliniacons of these words  
 (or daughters of the sd. Thomas Robinson and these words (for the tearme  
 of his naturall life as aforesd. J Robinson

In the presence of  
 John Kidd? Jurat  
 William Kidd  
 Mar: Richardson jurat

*Settle modern spelling*

An Apprizement of the Goods & Chattells belonging to John Robinson of Settle late deceased this first day of June Anno Domi 1699

	li	s	d
Imps. His purse & apparell	15	00	00
Item boards in the Chamber & Couper Timber	02	05	00
Item Wheel Timbr & Timbr in Holgate Stable	02	12	00
Item Timbr in ye old Barn & wthoutdoors	02	10	00
Item Work tools in ye shop & goods in the shop lofts	03	00	00
Item debts due due by speciality; from Wm. Lawkland & Wm. Armitstead	09	00	00
Item from Giles Skirrow	10	12	00
Item from Mr. Atkinson	07	00	00
Item from Tho. Harrison	03	15	00
Item from Peter Wigglesworth & F: Glover	80	00	00
Item from Robt. Carr	06	00	00
Item from Edward Slater	05	00	00



Item from Tho: Brayshaw	05	06	00
Item from John Prockter & John Robinson	40	00	00
Item from Robt. Bond	10	00	00
Item from Law: Armitstead & Ann Green	10	00	00
Item from John Armitstead	03	15	00
Item from James Varlow & James Procter	20	00	00
Item from John Twiztleton	05	00	00
Item from John Wildman	20	00	00
Item from Henry Hill	10	00	00
Item from C... Lawson & Serjeantson	10	12	00
Item from Mich: Bullock & John Battersby	50	00	00
Item from Wm. Armitstead	21	04	00
Item from Robt. Nicholson	04	12	00
Item from Robt. Carr more	06	00	00
Item from Wm. Paley	10	00	00
Item from John Morsland	31	10	00
Item Debts due by book without speciality ; from James Armitstead	33	00	00
Item from Henry Kendall	16	00	00
Item Other debts due by book which may amount unto	50	00	00
Total	503	13	00

Apprizers  
John Kidd  
John Moore  
Tho: Batty  
Mar: Richardson

The Inventory of John  
Robinson's goods etc

**RICHARD ROBINSON – 1692 Inv.(Admin) Ref.Borthwick.York.June 1692  
bundle  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventory of all the goods and Chattels lately belonging to Richard Robinson of Over Settle Deceased, made and Appraized by us whose names are subscribed this seventh day of June Anno Dom. 1692

	£	s	d
Imprimis his Purse Apparrell and Riding furniture	0	6	8
It. one Table	0	2	6
It. one Cow	01	6	8
It. one pcell of ground	15	0	0
	16	15	10

**THOMAS ROBINSON 1698/9 Ref.Borthwick.York. Apl 1699  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God Amen the Thirteenth day of February Annoque Dm one Thousand six hundred Ninety Eight I Thomas Robinson of Settle in the pish of Giggleswicke & County of yorke Skinner being sick & weake in body but of good &

perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to minde the uncertaine estate of this Transitory life; and that all flesh must yeie unto Death when itt shall please God to Call doe make Constitute ordaine & declare this my last Will and Testament in Manner & Forme Following Revokeing all former & other Will or Wills by mee heretofore made and declared either by word or writeing and this to be taken for my last Will & Testament & noe other and First being penitent for my sins past most humbly desireing forgiveness for the same I give & Comitt my Soule to Almighty God my Saviour & Redeemer, in whome, and by the Meritts of Jesus Christ I trust & beleive assuredly to be saved, And my Body to be buried In such place & Manner where itt shall please my Executrix hereafter named, And now for the Settleing my Temporall Estate, and such Goods, Chattells, & debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon mee, I doe give and dispose the same In Manner & Forme Followeing (That is to say) First I will that all my just debts I owe unto any pson or psons whatsoever shall be well & truly Contented & paid or ordained to be paid within Convenient tyme after my decease by my Executrix hereafter named; Item I give & bequeath unto Katherine Robinson my daughter the Sume of Thirty pounds which said sume my Minde is shall be paid unto her when & as soone as she shall attaine the Age of Twenty & one yeares, but if itt shall happen my said Daughter shall dye before she attaine the Age of Twenty & one yeares that then the said Thirty pounds I give solely to Elizabeth my now wife & Executrix desireing her to maintaine & provide for my said Daughter as she shall see occasion; Item I give & bequeath unto Watkinson Batty, Son of John Batty, of Settle aforesaid Hardwareman my little Bay horse Imediately to be delivered unto the said John Batty for the use of Watkinson Batty, his Son after my death; And Lastly all the rest residue & remainder of my reall & psonall estate I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Robinson my wife desireing her to see this my Will pformed and likewise nominateing appointeing & electing my said Wife sole Executrix of This my last Will & Testament; In Wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand \& seale/ the Day & yeare above written

Thomas Robinson

Signed Sealed published & declared to be the last Will & Testament as abovesaid all former & other Wills being hereby revoked; and the Testator in pfect Memory In the Presence of us

Leo:Bolland  
Robt. Hustwick jurat  
Robert Yates

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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A true and perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods debts Creditts Cattell & Chattells of Thomas Robinson of Settle in the County of York Skinner late decd apprizd by us whose names are hereunto Subscribed this Twentieth day of February Ano RRS Willim nunc Angl etc. undecimo Annoque Domi 1698/9

	li	s	d
Imps his purse & Apparell	02	10	00
One bay Horse bridle & Sadle	00	05	00
In the Buttery Chambr. one pair of bedstocks	00	02	00
two Chests & one little Table	00	02	03
In the middle Chamber Three Chests & one Table	00	04	00

One pair of old bedstocks & one old Cup-board	00	00	04
In the parlour chamber one pair of bedstocks	00	01	00
In the parlour one Table	00	02	00
In the dining room, one little table & one Long Settle	00	00	06
In the new end of the house one pair of bedstocks wth Curtains & bedding belonging to the same	00	10	00
Brasse & pewter	00	08	00
Ten Chairs	00	03	00
One bed & bedding	00	05	00
Linning	00	03	04
Two desks & one stoole & one little Table	00	01	00
One House with the Appurtenances belonging the same	28	00	00
Hay	00	15	00
One Cart & one pair of Wheels	00	04	00
Turfes & other Huslemt	00	03	04
Moneys owing by severall psons	04	00	00
Totall sum	37	19	09

Apprizers  
John Batty  
Tho. Bullock  
John Windsor  
Wm. Palaye

### **THOMAS ROME 1626 Borthwick v39 f129**

In the name of god amen. The 24<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord god 1626. I Thomas Roome of Giggleswick in the county of York yeoman being at this time visited with sickness but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following That is to say First I commend my Soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits of my Saviour Christ to be an inheritor of eternal bliss in heaven. And And (*sic*) I commit my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends.

And whereas I have by deed indebted bearing date with these presents given granted aliened, bargained sold in feoffe and confirmed unto Thomas Carr of Giggleswick afore said, Henry Foster younger of Stainforth under Burgh and to Roger Armitstead of Settle in the said county yeoman and to their heirs and assigns for ever all my messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in Giggleswick aforesaid now now (*sic*) in my tenure and occupation of the ancient yearly rent of thirteen shillings and four pence. And all and singular houses edifices lands buildings stables yards garths gardens lands meadows pastures feedings intakes new improved ground commons common of pasture and turbary, ways paths, wastes, waters and water courses, liberties, easements, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said messuage and tenement belonging. To have and to hold the said messuage tenement and premises with the appurtenances to the said Thomas Carr, Henrie Foster and Roger Armitstead their heirs and assigns for ever as by the same deed with Livery and seizin thereupon executed may appear Now I do by this my last will and testament confirm the same deed and the estate thereby made to be good and effectuell in law to the said Thomas Carr, Henrie Foster and Roger Armitstead their heirs and assigns forever yet nevertheless I doe hereby witness and declare that I did make the same deed and estate the said Thomas Carr, Henrie Foster and Roger Armitstead their heirs and assigns upon special

trust and confidence and by intent and purpose to enable them thereby to sell the said messuage tenement lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances therein with as much speed as conveniently they can and for as much money and at as good a rate as they can obtaine and procure for the same. And for the moneys that they shall raise and procure by the sale thereof I desire and request them according to that trust which I repose in them and according to their promise and undertaking to me at the time of this my last will and testament that the same shall be disposed of as follows:

That is to say that the sum shall be reckoned and accounted amongst my other goods, chattels and debts due unto me. And that after my debts and funeral expenses shall be discharged and paid out of the whole, the rest and residue shall be divided into three equal parts. And that Isabell my wife shall have one third part thereof to her own use and to dispose thereof freely at her own pleasure. And for the other two parts my will and pleasure is that all my children shall every one of them have an equal part saving that Henrie Roome my son and heir shall have so much more than any of the rest as in the discretion of my said friends shall be thought fit. And I desire my said wife to join with my said friends in the sale and conveyance of the premises. And I allow unto them their reasonable charges to be expended about the same. And my will is that the profits of the premises in the meanwhile shall be employed and got towards the relief, maintenance and keeping of my said wife and children. And I make and ordain Isabell my said wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, these being witnesses John Bankes, William Lawson, James Falthropp, Christopher Falthropp and Michael Lawson.

*Gigleswicke  
Stainforth under barghe*

### **ALICE SAILBANKE 1623 Borthwick v 37 f 361**

In the name of God amen upon or about the eight daie of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundred twentie and three I Alice Sailbanke of Stainforth under bargh in the countie of yorke spinster being sicke in her bodie but of perfect minde and memorie god be praised for the same did make her last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme Following First she did bequeath and comend her soule into the mercifull handes of Almightye god trusting assuredlie through the merittes of Jesus Christ her onelie Saviour to be saved and her bodie to be buried in the parish church of Gigleswicke Also her will was and she did give to Richard Sailbanke her ..... fower shillings in the yeare during his naturall life and to be paid unto him quarterly ..... quarter of a yeare twelve pence Also her will was and she did give to Alice Sailbanke daughter of James Sailbanke the some of tenn poundes and one greate Arke now standing in the said James his dwellinge howse and one petticoote and the one half of all her pewder and brasse Also she did likewise give to Anne Sailbanke daughter of the said James the some of tenn poundes and one chist and one pann and her best gowne and hatt and the other half of her pewder and brasse Also she did give to the said Alice and Anne all her lynin clothes to be equallie divided betweene them Also she did give to Margaret Kidsonne widowe sixe shillings eight pence and one gowne Also to Richard Kidsonn sixe shillings eight pence to Thomas Kidson sixe shillings eight pence to Robert Kidsonne sixe shillings eight pence to Jennet Kidsonne sixe shillings eight pence to Elizabeth Kidsonne sixe shillings eight pence to Alice Kidsonne sixe shillings eight pence to Anne Kidsonne sixe shillings and eight pence and to Sara Kidsonn tenn shillings and

one petticoote and an upperbodie and sleeves and a paire of shoes Also she did likewise give and bequeath to James Airetonne sonne of John Aireton of Paythorne fower shillings to Richard Airtonn fower shillings to John Airetonne fower shillings to Alice Airetonn fower shillings and to Anne Airtonn fower shillings Also she did give to Thomas Ivesonn sonne of Richard Ivesonn deceased one gimber lamb Also to Marie Lakeland daughter of Robert Lakeland one gimber lambe Also to Alice Lakeland daughter of Robert Lakeland deceased one gimber lambe Also to Jane Jackmanne wife of Roger Jackmann two shillings And also all the rest and Remainder of her goods not bequeathed and given she did give and bequeath to James Sailbanke her brother whom she did make and appoint to be her Executor and did likewise will the said James being her executor to paie and discharge all the said legacies and her funerall expenses These being witnesses Lawrance Coultonn Thomas Foster and Thomas Sailbanke

*Latin text*

**JAMES SAILEBANCKE 1643 Ref.Borthwick.,York Bundle Dec 1649 MIC 1742  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen upon the Fiftenth daie of december Ano Dni one Thousand six hundred Forty three, I James Sailebancke of Stainforth underbargh in the County of yorke husbandman, sicke in body but of good and pfecte memory praise god for the same, doe make this my last will & testament in manner and forme following, Revoking all other \former/ wills; First I commend myself into the mercifull hands of Almighty god trusting assuredly throug the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to bee saved & my body to bee buried in the pish Church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my frends, Allsoe my will & minde is, And I doe give to my sonne Robert Browne & Alice his wife & to their Children lawfully begotten, All that my mansion or dwellinghouse And all my messuage houses lands & tenements situate lying and being in Staineforth under Barghe aforesaid, in Lewe of his wives portion and in Consideration of paying all my debts & legacies; Allsoe my will and minde is that my sonne Robert Browne shall pay to my sonne Josias Towler Twenty pounds in Consideration & in full satisfaction of Tenne pounds given to his wife Anne, by Alice Sailebank my late Sister deceased, to bee paid within one whole year then next after my decease Allsoe my minde is that my sonne Robert Browne shall pay to my sonne Josias other Twenty pounds which is pte of his wives portion that is behinde & unpaid, within one whole yeare then next after my Decease Allsoe my will & mind is that my sonne Robert shall pay to my sonne Josias Twenty pounds \more which is the remainder of his wives porcon/ which shall be paid at Martinmas Anno Dni 1645, Allsoe my minde is that my sonne Robert Browne shall pay to Matthew Towler Fivety pounds which is behinde & unpaid And alsoe to John Carr & Thomas Foster seaventeene pounds Eight shillings which is behinde & unpaid; And alsoe there is seaven pounds oweing to my sonne Robert Browne; Allsoe I give to Three Children of my sonne Robert Browne, every one of them, A yow, And alsoe to two Children of my sonne Josias Towler eyther of them - A yow, Alsoe, all the remainder of my goods & Cattles not bequeathed & given, I give & bequeath Them, to my sonne Robert \jurat/ Browne, whome I doe nominate & appointe to bee my executor, of this my last will & testament

marke

James X Sailebanke

Wittnesses

jurat

Thomas Foster

Richard Foster

jurat

Robt. Foster

*Giggleswick – (modern spelling)*

*Stainforth*           "           "

**MARGARET SETTLE 1667 Ref. Borthwick vol. 49 fol 482  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Margaret Settle of Swinestead in the parish of Giggleswicke and County of yorke widow being sicke in body butt in pfect memory blessed be God, doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my Soule to God hopeing in the merritts of Christ Jesus to have the pardon and forgivenesse of my sinnes And for my Temporall estate First I give and bequeath unto Thomasin Bullocke my Elder daughter Foure pounds Also I give unto my younger daughter Jane Settle Twenty pounds to be paid her when she come to age and in the meane tyme my will and mind is that the said Jane have Twenty shillings yearly and every yeare for her maintenance that then she may give my Executor a full discharge. Alsoe I give unto Thomas Settle my sonne all the rest and remainder of my goods and chattills the same Thomas Settle paying the Legacies within named my debts and funerall expenses and further I make and constitute my said sonne Thomas Settle sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witnesse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and Seale this Sixteenth day of January Anno Dom. One thousand six hundred Sixty Seaven Margaret Settle her marke Sealed Signed and delivered in the psence of us Thomas Carr Arthur Catterall

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Margaret Settle is probably the daughter of Jane Taylor - see will of J T of 1664  
(Margaret relict of Robert Settle)*

**THOMAS SETTLE 1632 Borthwick v42 f167**

In the name of god Amen december the Eight One thousand six hundreth thirty two Thomas Settle of the Lodge in the parrish of Giggleswicke beinge sicke of body but of good and perfect memorie did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme followinge First hee Committed his soule into the hands of Almighty god and his body to bee buried in the Churchyard of Giggleswicke Then hee bequeathed his goods as followeth First hee gave to his mother two sheepe And to Augustine Wrea the younger two sheepe and to Thomas Settle sonne of John Settle fower sheepe and to Anne Lawson daughter of Thomas Lawson the younger fower gimmer sheepe and To Two children of Thomas Knowles either of them one sheepe and to William

Lawson Twenty shillings which is in the hands of John Robinson of Troden and in the hands of John Peele and to Rowland Remards sonne and Anne Lawsonn other seven shillings which is in the same men's hands and to Jennet Wharf forty one shillings and six pence which is in the hands of Thomas Ruley (Rubey?) and to Richard Tomsons eldest sonne a gimmer hogge and to John Settle his best Jerkin dublit, britches, stockinges and shooes; and to Richard Batman his greene Jerkin and his greene britches. And to Christopher Wilkinson his worst Jerkin, doublett britches, stockings and his Cloggs. And to Augustine Wrae the elder a payre of stockings a payre of shooes and a dublitt and to John Cooke a shirt and two bands and to his mother his best hat and a payre of gloves. And the rest of his goods after his funerall Expenses weare discharged hee gave to John Settle and Thomas Lawsonne and hee appoynted them the sayd John \jur/ Settle and Thomas \jur/ Lawsonn ioynt Executors of this his last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Hugh \jur/Lawson William Lawsonn Margarett \jur/ Wrea

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS SETTLE 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Feb 1696  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the twenty nint day of September 1696 I Thomas Settlet of Swainstead in the parish of giglesweeke being infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be all mighty god doe make this ..... my Last will and Testament in manor and forme following hear by revo and making voyd all other wills by me formerly and first I do comit and willingly resine my soule into ye hands of All mighty god my creator hoping through the mirirts of Jesus Christ my redemer to have frepardon and full remion of all my sinns and my body to the earth whear of it was framed to be buried att the discretion of my wife, And as concerning my worldly goods whereas with god hath blessed me I dispose of the same as followeth, First I will that my debts and Funeral expencis be payd out of my whol goods, And first I give unto Jane my wife all my (ayncient ?) estat att Swainstead till my sone Robart shall accomplish the age of twenty six years she maintayning him with meat drink and apparill, and then my will and mind is that hee shall enter to tow parts of it and the other part after the deceas of his mother, Item I give unto Jane my wife all my bought ground except on close which I purched of John Brown, till my three sonnes Thomas John and Charles \shall co(me)/ of twenty one years of age and my will is that as they come to that age they shall have out of that ground fifty pound a pece; and my will is that if Robart my eldest sone be willing \to pay/ to them fifty pounds a pece as they come to that age hee is to have that ground, Item I give unto Jane my wife that other close wich I purched of John Browne till my tow doughters Jane and Elizabeth shall come to the age of twenty one yeares, and then my will is that if my sonne Robart be abell to pay unto them tenn pound a pece hee shall have that close, if not my will is that my tow daughters shall have it Item I give unto Margret my daughter forty pound to be payd when she shall come to one and twenty years of age by my excequatrix Item I give unto Jane and Elizabeth thirty pound a pece to be payd to them as they shall come to the age of twenty one yeares by my exator and all the rest of my goods and Chattell un disposed of I give unto Jane my wife and I doo make

Jane my wife sole executricke of this my Last will and Testament in wittnes where  
of I have sett my hand and sceal the day and year first above written

Sealed and published

the paper being first stam(ped)

his marke

in the presence of us

Thomas **T** Settall

with these words inter (lined) in the eightent line (shall come)

and in the one and twenty, to pay

Stephen Carr jurat

Thomas Bradley

his marke

Henery? **H** Browne

Tho: Carr jurat

*Settle modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

An Inventory of all the goods and Chattels of Thomas Settle Laite of Swainstead in  
the pirish of ginglewick in the deiaces of yoarke husband man deceased vallued and  
prized the Sixe day of november in the yeare of oure Lord 1696 by us whose names  
are underwritten as Followeth

	li	s	d
Imprimes his purse & apparill & riginge furniture ( <i>riding</i> )	10	0	0
Itt. 6 Steares	17	0	0
Itt. 9 kine	18	0	0
Itt. 3 heffers	7	0	0
Itt. 6 sterkes	10	0	0
Itt. 5 Calfes	2	0	0
Itt. one bull	1	10	0
Itt. in sheepe	8	0	0
Itt. meares and horses	10	0	0
Itt. ottes and barley	10	0	0
Itt. in heay	8	0	0
Itt. meale and moalte	1	0	0
Itt. Cartes and wheales	1	0	0
Itt. yockes and teames	0	10	0
It. one gavelacke one hack & Hammers with the rest ...	0	10	0
Itt. Spades forkes Shovels and Steese	0	6	0
Itt. one harrow and Cart gear	0	4	0
Itt. Peattes	0	10	0
Itt. in wooll	1	0	0
Itt. in bedstocks & bedinge	3	0	0
Itt. in Chists and arkes	3	0	0
Itt. one Cobard and tables	2	0	0
Itt. Chaires & stules and formes	0	10	0
Itt. Secxes ( <i>sacks?</i> ) & pockes & one winding Cloth	1	0	0
Itt. A spinning wheel & seves riddles & s(t)uthes*	0	4	0
Itt. Pannes and puuder ( <i>pewter</i> )	2	0	0



Itt. in wood vesell	1	0	0
Itt. one disbord & Lowes( <i>loose?</i> ) bordes	0	4	0
Itt. one frining( <i>frying?</i> ) pann one backstone touns recring Croucks & briggs with the rest of the husselments of the house	0	10	0
debtes owing by bonnds	20	0	0
	140	18	0
debtes owing by the deceased	10	0	0

Thomas Carr  
Thomas Bradley  
Henery Browne  
Stephen Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*\*To stooth is to lath and plaster (Wm Carr, Dialect of Craven)*

**CHRISTOPHER SHUTE 1626      Borthwick Archbishops Register vol. 312  
fol. 252**

**mf 1992**

In the name of God Amen the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord God 1626 for as much as it is the duty of every Christian man to set his house in order before he die to the end posterity may enjoy his goods in peace I Christopher Shute the ..... Minister of Jesus Christ pastor of the congregation of Giggleswick within the diocese of York being weak in body but of perfect memory I praise God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. And first of all I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my heavenly father where of his eternal loving mercy through Jesus Christ as I verily believe elected me unto eternal life through his son Jesus Christ the redeemer of my soul by whose death and passion I assuredly believe to be saved. And I will that my body be buried in the church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends in hope of my resurrection to eternal life. And my desire is to have a sermon preached at my funeral. Also I hereby revoke all former wills whatsoever And as concerning the worldly goods which god has given me I give unto my wife Catherine (and) her heirs of all my goods and unto her by the custom of the prince of York. And I also give unto my said wife all my houses lands tenements leases and grounds now in my possession together with the free use occupation and possession thereof to have hold use and enjoy the same unto the said Catherine and her assigns during her natural life according to an agreement made in writing between me and my son Robert deceased. And whereas I have granted Mid[d]le hunthwaite (?) Caplerigg close and Eshton close unto my three sons Nathaniel Josias Timothy and to their heirs and assigns Now my will is that my said sons shall enjoy the same according to my said grant. And whereas William Crooke of Drighlington does owe me £100 by agreement in consideration of the donation and advowson of the vicarage of Giggleswick I lately sold to him my will is that my five children Nathaniel Josias Timothy Margaret and Mary shall have the same wholly to themselves and for better maintenance of their children. Also I give to my three sons aforesaid and to my two daughters their filial portions of the rest of my goods by law appertaining unto them. Also I give the two volumes called the Arts and monuments (?) of the Church to my

wife Catherine and her assigns and to Agnes the rest of my books to my said sons Nathaniel Josias and Timothy Provided that my said two daughters may have such books of them in English as are fitting for them. Also I give to the poor people of the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of my wife and children. Also I give to my brother Henry Shute my best black gown and my best cloak save one and I forgive him all the money which he owes me. Also I give unto my grandchild Catherine all my houses lands and grounds thereunto belonging now in my possession together with 6s Comon through the Moors and Commons of Giggleswick lordship to have and hold the same to her and her executors and administrators ..... and immediately after the death of my said wife Catherine according to agreement made(?) unto my said son Robert Shute deceased . Item I give to every one of my grandchildren five shillings And my will is that my son in law Edward Parker shall out of his legacy give to his son William five pounds over and beside the five pounds which I gave him before. Item I give unto every one of my godchildren 12d. Item I give to every one of my servants which shall be my servants at the day of my death six shillings eight pence the rest of my goods my debts legacies and funeral expenses discharged I give to my said wife Catherine and natural children aforesaid equally to be divided amongst them. Item I give to my nephew Robert Shute ..... I wish my wife and children to be careful that ....

brought [up] and that she may occupy those lands and tenements which do belong unto her. And whereas I have by my deed indented bearing date which this my last will and testament .... the considerations therein specified granted aliened bargained and sold to William Brooke of Drighlington in the said county of York yeoman and to his heirs and assigns for ever the Advowson ..... Patronage and disposition of the vicarage of Giggleswick aforesaid with all rights emoluments profits commodities and other appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold the said premises to the said William Brooke his heirs and assigns to the only use and behoof of him the said William his heirs and assigns for ever as hereby may appear. Now(?) I do by these presents approve ratify and confirm the said grant alienation bargain and sale of the said Advowson ..... Patronage and disposition and of all other the premises mentioned and intended to be granted by and in the said deed. And I do in like manner by these presents give ... and limit and bequeath all the said premises with the appurtenances to the said William Brooke his heirs and assigns to the uses aforesaid according to the true meaning of the said deed. And of this my last will and testament I make my wife Catherine sole executrix. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above mentioned. Witnesses hereof Henry Claphamson Richard Foster

*Latin text*

**KATHERINE SHUTE of Giggleswick widow May 1 1628 Borthwick volume 40 folio 198 (entered in index as volume 20)**

In the name of God Amen I Katherine Shute of Giggleswecke in the County of Yorke widdowe sicke in bodie but of good & perfecte memory I praise god doe make & ordayne this my last will & testament in manner & forme following Firts I bequeath

my soule to Almighty god my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried where it shall please god & my friends to appoint. .... Whereas Mr William Nowell of Capleside & Mr Henry Claphamson of Giglesweeke doe owe me either of them twenty powndes my will is & I doe give & bequeath the same unto my sonnes Nathaniell, Josias & Tymothie & to my grandchilde Katherine Shute the said two twenty powndes equally to be divided amongst them vizt. to every of them ten powndes when the same cometh due And whereas the said Mr Nowell and Mr Claphamson are to pay me for the use of the said somes the some of twenty shillings either of them my will is & I give the said two somes of twenty shillings soe accrewinge & growinge due unto my grandchild Christopher Parker & to my cosen Robert Claphamson sonne of the said Henry Claphamson equally to be devided. And whereas Christopher Kellett oweth unto me forty shillings my will is & I doe give five shillings thereof to the said Christopher Kellett & to the fower children of my brother Toppam twenty shillings equally to be devided & to Richard Jacks five shillings & to my nephew Thomas Newhouse five shillings & the remainder beinge five shillings to Smithson wife of Kettlewell. Item to every childe to whom I am godmother twelve pence And whereas I lent a cowe to Christopher Brayshay my will is & I give the same cowe to the children of the said Christopher equally amongst them. Item I give to the two children of my sonne in lawe George Stockdayle twenty powndes equally betweene them. Item I give unto William Parker my grandchild fower powndes & to Mary Parker, Josias Parker, Margarett Parker & Nathaniell Parker my grandchildren twenty shillings equally to be devided. Item I give to my grandchild Thomas Parker sixteene powndes Item to the sister of William Windsore I doe give six shillings Item I give unto the poore people of the parish of Giglesweeke the some of three powndes to be distributed in manner & forme followinge unto the poore of Rathmell six shillings eight pence To the poore of Settle vj s viij d To the poore of Langcliffe vj s viij d To the poore of Mewith vj s viij d & to the poore of Giglesweeke xxxiiij s iiij d Item I give to the poore of Gressingham xxxiiij s iiij d Item I give to the wife of Richard Johnson vj s viij d Item I give unto my daughter Margarett wife of Edward Parker one waynescott bedd with vallance, curtaines, featherbed & other furniture thereunto belonginge with my best gowne & all other my wollen clothes. Item I give the two books of Martyrs & my kirtle & chiste to my daughter Mary wife of George Stockdayle. And whereas I have demised all my groundes & howses att Gigglesweeke to severall persons my will is & I doe give the rest thereof when they become due unto my two sonnes in lawe Edward Parker & George Stockdayle out of which my will is that Joan Parker daughter of the said Edward shall have v s. Item I give to Mary the wife of Henry Claphamson of Giglesweeke v s in lewe of the losse of the corne & hay which her husband bought of me. Item I give to Margarett the wife of Richard Preston v s. Item to a servant boy of my cosen Claphamsone xij d which I promised (*which I promised* - repeated) him when he was ..... Item I give to my daughter Parker six yards of linnen cloath And to my grandchild Rebecca Stockday two yards of the same peece of linnen cloath. Item I give all my linnen to my two daughters Margarett Parker & Mary Stockdayle equally to be devided. Item whereas it was promised att the saile of the vicarage of Gigglesweeke that a ribb should be putt upp wher the same was decayed in the east end of the said howse my will is that my three sonnes & my two sonnes in lawe shall do the same out of the legacies given to them. Item all the rest of my goodes unbequeathed (my funeral charges paid) I give to my two grandchildren James Parker & Rebecka Stockdayle equally to be put for their most benefit .Executors of this my last will & testament I make my said sonne in lawe Edward Parker & George Stockdaile desireth them to performe the same accordinge

to these my said bequeste witnesses hereof John Bancks Robt Banckes William Parker

*6 lines Latin*

Giggleswick  
Cappleside  
Gressingham/Grassington?

**WILLIAM SIDGESWICKE 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1691  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this twenty fowerth day of September in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred ninety I William Sidgeswicke of Stainforth under bargh in the County of yorke yeoman being somewhat infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised bee God for the Same doe make & ordayne this my last will & testament in maner and forme following hereby revoking all former and other Will or wills by mee heretofore made And first and principally I comend and Comitt my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and throughe the merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour my Sinns shall bee forgiven and that my Soule shall bee made partakers of everlasting happinesse in the Kingdome of heaven and my body to bee buried in Decent maner at the discretion of my friends & executor hereafter named And as to the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give and bequeath as followeth And first my will and minde is that my just debts Legacys and funerall expences bee payd out of my whole estate Item I give to Isabell Paley wife to William Paley of Stainforth aforesaid the sume of Tenn pounds Item I give to Elizabeth Foster wife to Robert Foster of Stainforth aforesaid twenty shillings to bee payd at twelve months end next after my Decease Item I give to Anthony Paley eldest Sonne to the said William Paley the sume of Five pounds to bee payd within twelve months next after my Decease Alsoe I give to William Paley Robert Paley Henry Paley Richard Paley John Paley and Thomas Paley Sonns of the said William Paley three pounds tenn shillings a peice when they shall attayne theyr severall ages of twenty one years if then living & I departed this life otherwise not till twelve months after my Decease & if any of them happen to depart this life before they shall attayne theyr said severall ages of twenty one years then his or theyr Legacy soe dying shall bee equally divided amongst the rest of the said William Paleys younger children that shall attayne theyr said severall ages of twenty one years Item I give to William Banks and Ruth his wife the sume of forty shillings to bee payd within twelve months next after my Decease Item I give to Dorothy Banks of Greene twenty shillings to bee payd within twelve months after my Decease Item I give to William Banks sonne of the said William Banks twenty shillings to bee payd within one year next after my Decease (if then hee shall have attained the age of Twenty one years & be living Item I give to Thomas Weatherherd twenty shillings to bee payd him one year after my Decease Item I give to William Ward of Settle fifteene shillings to bee payd at twelve months end next after my Decease Alsoe my Will is that Symon Battersbie & Stephen Pickhawr shall have theyr last years Consideracon abated when they pay in theyr severall debts if they pay Consideracon duely till then & not otherwise Item I give to

Isabell Lund wife to Richard Lund Agnes Paley & Mary Paley daughters of the said William Paley twenty shillings a peice to bee payd within the space of one year next after my Decease if they shall then have attained theyr severall ages of twenty one years & bee living And lastly I doe nominate Constitute and appoynt the said William Paley sole executor of this my last will & testament In Witsesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & year first above written

Sealed Signed & published

in the presence of us

William Foster of Stainforth

William Armistead

Jo:Richardson jurat

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William X Sidgeswicke

A true & pfect Inventory of all the goods Chattells rights debts & creditts of William Sidgeswicke of Stainforth in the Diocesse of yorke yeoman late Deceased made this thirtith day of May Ano Dom 1691 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse and apparrell	2	10	0
Debts due by specialty			
Stephen Pickhawr by bond	10	0	0
Roger Armitstead per bond	4	4	8
Simon Battersby by bond	20	0	0
James Swinglehurst per bond	5	6	0
Stephen Carr per bond	5	6	0
Roger Carr per bond	2	2	4
James Carr per bond	2	2	4
James Carr per bond	3	3	6
Richard Armitstead per bond	5	6	0
John Knowles per bond	10	12	0
Bryan Deane per bond	3	3	6
	73	16	4

Richard Iveson

Robert Foster

Roger Craven

Christopher Metcalfe

**JOHN SIDGSWICKE 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle June 1696 (Admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Aprill ye 13<sup>th</sup>. 1696

An Inventory of all the Goods & Chattells of John Sidgswicke of settle deceased, And made by us whose names are subscribed

	li	s	d
Impr his purse and apparrell	05	00	00
Ite. In ye shop one pcell of White & Colered Stockins	10	00	00
Ite. Foure dozen of Sheepe Leather	01	16	00
Ite. Three Stone of Woole	02	06	00
Ite. Goods in ye Workehouse Horses furniture with other odd things	02	00	00
Item Nineteen duzon of Sheep Leather	08	00	00
Item Twelve Horse Skins	01	00	00
Item In the bodystead of the House, 4 Chaires & one Long settle	00	10	00
Ite one Backstone & other Iron goods, 7 pans & one Brass pott	03	13	04
Ite Foure Stooles & one duzon of Cushins, Twelve pieces of pewter, one dozen & a halfe of spoones one Brass mortar one Candlesticke, one bread fleake, 2 Shelves, 1 paire of bellies	00	10	00
Ite In the parlor one Table, one Buffett, one other Table	00	12	00
Ite. one Cupboard with Three peeces of pewther upon it	00	10	00
Ite Two Chests & Two Boxes, & one deske	00	13	04
Ite Thre paire of Sheets & 5 pcs of Course Canvas	00	12	00
Ite one paire of Bedstocks & beding upon them	01	00	00
Ite In ye Buttery one pcell of Wood vessell & potts	00	10	00
Ite. In the Barne & Cowhouse, Two Cowes & one Heifer	08	00	00
Ite one Cart, & Three paire of Wheelles & one Coupe	01	00	00
Ite In Hay And Turves & Coales	01	05	00
Ite one Horse	00	10	00
Ite Two Arkes & two Chists	01	05	00
Ite one pcell of Meale & Beefe	01	05	00
Ite Two paire of Bedstocks & bedding upon them	01	05	00
Ite one other paire of Bedstocks with other odd Huslement And some Husbandry geare	01	10	00
Ite Ten stone of Fine Wooll att 20s. per stone	10	00	00
Ite Eight stone of ordinary Wooll att 14s per stone	05	12	00
Item Two stone of Course Wooll att 10s. p stone	01	00	00
Ite In good debts	15	00	00
	li	s	d
Summa tot.	86	04	08

Stephen Sigswicke James Armitstead  
his marke

John Skirrow; Leonard **LR** Kidd (Apprizers)

### **THOMAS SIGSWICK of Langcliffe 1633 Borthwick v42 f452**

In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of January in the ninth year of the reign of our most dread and Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith etc. Anno dni one thousand six hundred thirty and two I Thomas Sigswick of Langcliffe within the county of yorke husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First and

principally I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my heavenly father and to Jesus Christ my only Saviour through whose death and precious blood-shedding I trust faithfully to be saved. And my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends. Item I give to Agnes my wife all those grounds which I have now in occupation id est (*i.e.*) of the one half of houses and garths now in my possession. Item one close called Wheatridings, one rood at Slaipstones, one butt at Mealbanke, one parcel of ground called Millrowe. Item one close called Stubbin. Item one gate and a half in the Cow Close. Item the one half of my grass in the Over Close all which I give to my wife during her life natural. Item I give to my son Mathew Sigswicke twenty shillings for his child's portion of my goods. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Sigswicke my son ten sheep. Item I give to Agnes Sigswicke daughter of Mathew Sigswicke forty shillings. Item I give to my brother John Sigswicke three shillings four pence and also my best doublet and breeches. Item I give to my brother Bryan Sigswicke three shillings and four pence and my doublet, breeches and jacket the best next. I give also my cloak to my son Mathew and my best jacket to my son Thomas. Item I give to my sister Margaret three shillings and four pence. For the rest of my goods my debts, funeral expenses and church duties honestly discharged I give them to Agnes my wife whom I make and ordain executor of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof Thomas Kidd and Thomas Palay.

Will proved April 15<sup>th</sup> 1635 buried 5<sup>th</sup> December 1634 "of Settle"

**JOHN SMITH 1680 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.60 fol.85**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

March 14<sup>th</sup>. 1680

In the name of God Amen I John Smith of Settle being of perfect memory and remembrance praised be God for the same doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following; Imprimis I give and bequeath my soule unto the hands of Allmighty God hoping through the merits of Christ my onely saviour and Redeemer to receive free pardon for all my sins. Item body (*sic*) to buried in Christian manner in the parrish Church yard of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my Executor hereafter nominated; Item I give to Richard Kidd my Grandchild thirty poundes. Item I give tenn poundes to John Kidd my Grandchild; And all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give to William Kidd my sonne paying such dueties as shall be necessary for my funerall and doe appointe him to be Executor of this my last will and testament In Witness whereof I set my hand and seale the day and yeare above written John Smith signed sealed signed and delivered in the sight and presence of us William Cooke signed Richard (Driver?)

*One line Latin*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ABIGAIL SOMERSCALES 1648**  
**TNA PROB 11/240**

Transcribed M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen:**

the Second day of November in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England One thousand six hundreth Forty Eight I Abigaile Somerscales of Setle in the Countie of Yorke Spinster beeinge sicke in body but of good and perfect memorie praised bee god, doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme followinge, First I committ my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my Maker, and Creator, trustinge assuredly through his mercy and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer, to bee saved & to have full pardon & remission of all my Sinns, and my body to the Earth whereof it was made, to bee buried in Christian manner at the discretion of my friends. And for my worldly, and Temporall goods, and Estate whatsoever wherewith God hath blessed mee I give, devise, & dispose of ye same as followeth. First my Will and mynd is that my debts and funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods& estate. Item I doe give unto William Somerscales my naturall brother and to his Assignes All my houses, Grounds Lands & Leases with thappurtenances whatsoever within Setle and the Territories thereof withall my writings & Evidences concerning ye same. Item I give unto Thomas Somerscales my brother ye Summe of five pounds to be paid in manner followinge Vizt. Fiftie shillings at ye end of two yeares next after my death & decease, and likewise Fiftie shillings at ye end of Four yeares next after my death. Item I give unto Mary ..ant all my shapen Clothes. Item concerninge all ye rest & remainder of my goods, Chattells , & estate, I give & bequeath ye same to my said brother William Somerscales, whom I doe make , nominate & appoint sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witnes whereof I have hereto putt my hand & Seale ye day & yeare first above written Abigaill Somerscales her marke Witnesses hereof Hugh Stickhouse (*sic*) Brian Cookeson

**The** Seven and Twentieth day of November in ye yeare of our Lord God 1654. There issue forth Letters(?) of Ad[ministra]con unto Mary Somerscales ye Relict & Executrix of Willm Somerscales whilst hee lived the brother and sole Executor of ye Will of the said deceased, to Administer ye goods, chattells, & debts of ye said deceased according to ye tenure(?), and ... of ye said Will, for that ye said Executor also departed this life before hee took upon him the execution of the said will, Shee beeing by vertue of a Commission first sworne truly to Administer the same

*See will of William Somerscales 1654*

*Settle - modern spelling*

**HENRY SOMERSCALES 1609 Borthwick v31 f193 (microfilm 945)**

In the name of god amen the fourteenth day of September in the yeare of our lord god one thousand six hundreth and nyne and in the seaventh yeare of the reigne of our most gracious sovragne lord James by the grace of god king of England France and



Ireland and in the thre and fortieth yeare of his highnes reigne of Scotland defender of the faith I Henrie Somerscales of Langcliffe in the countie of yorke gent deceased and sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament herebie revoking all former wills by me made and now therefore first I commend my soule into thands of almightie god trusting through the meritts and mercie of my sweet savioure christ to be made ptaker of eternal ioy in heaven desiringe him to pardon all my offences and for my bodie I will that the same to be buried in Giggleswicke churchyard in the place where my father was buried and a stone to be laid over us at the discrecon of my executors hereunder named Itm whereas god hath blessed me with one sonne and five daughters first as concerning my sonne If it may please the kings maiestie and the right honorable lord treasurer to grannt his wardship being but of a small messuage of the ancient rent of xxiiii (sh) unto his mother upon some reasonable composicon which I most humblie pray and beseach at their gracious hands then my hartie desire is to have him brought upp in learning and if he be found capable of good literature and that his mynd be to goe to the universitie and to make learning his best preferment my desire is to have him mainteyned therein so farr as that I shall presentlie leave him shall extend and if that will not be sufficient I hope my wife together with my executors shall supplie his wants therein so long as need shall require and if so be that my Wife in some reasonable parte compass the wardshippe and government of her sonne then I comend her under god to the education of his governing (?) humblie beseaching them to see him vertiously brought up in the feare of god to extend their favourable kindnes towards him Furthermore if it please god my Wiffe gett the wardship as aforesaid and that my said sonne goe not forward in learning according to my harts desire then my mynd is to have him trained upp either in the lawes of this land or in some comendable trade of life at the discrecon of my freinds hereunder named And for his maintenance in any of these courses I leave unto him by this my last will one full third pte of all my messuage and lands at Stockdale And also whereas I have a rent charge of xxij s iiij d out of the messuage and tennement now in thoccupation of Hugh Iveson I give and bequeath the same unto my said sonne together with the benefitt of all such covenants as on the behalf of the said Hugh or to be pformed according to an Indenture of bargaine and lease made unto him of the said messuage and tennement with thappurtenances by me the said Henrie as by the same may appeare And whereas I have grannted and conveyed over my title interest and terme of yeares of and in one messuage and tennement with thappurtenances in Gargrave late in the possession of Thomas Thomlinson and of a cottage and two tofts with thappurtenances in gargrave also and certaine Comon or pasture ground upon Malhammoore to Thomas Prockter of Cowpercote gentleman Arthure Somerscales clerke Robte Bankes gentleman and Thomas Preston of Appletreewicke younger and to their assignes by my deed in writing bearing date with this my will my will is and I ordeyne that they the said Thomas Prockter Arthure Somerscales Robte Bankes and Thomas Preston whome I have chosen as freinds in trust for this purpose shall sell all the same premisses for and towards the payment of my debts and for and towards the payment of such porcons to my daughters as I do herebie lymitt to them That is to say Anne Susan and Claramond each of them one hundreth pounds and to Jane an hundreth markes And if the money to be raised thereof together with such debts as are owing unto me and such money as wilbe raiesd of goods sold and to be sould will not satisfie the said debts and porcons afore mentioned then my will is that somme as shalbe awanting shalbe raised out of such lease bearing date also with these.....and I have grannted and made to my said freinds in trust of the third pte of Stockdale And also whereas I

have leased to them my grounds in Langcliffe I will that the profitts of the same during the said lease being for twelve yeares shall at the discrecon of my said freinds be employed towards the maintenance of my house at Langcliffe and of my children whilst they be unpreferred and after the end of the said twelve yeares I bequeathe all my grounds in Langcliffe which I hould by lease or estate for yeares and all my title interest and estate therein to my said sonne Thomas and his assignes alwaies reserving a third pte thereof to Jennett my wife for the terme of fiftie one yeares if she so long live Itm whereas I have compounded with Lawrannce and Robte Swainson for my messugae or dwelling house and the howses garthes and grounds thereto belonging in Langcliffe whereof I have as yet no assurance I will the same may be assured conveyed for the whole interest and terme therein to my said foure freinds in trust before named and to their assignes And that the profitts of the same may be employed for the twelve yeares towards the maintenance of my wife and children and that the remainder and residew of the terme of yeares and estate afterwards shalbe conveyed over by my said freinds in trust to my said sonne Thomas Somerscales and to his heires and assignes So as the said Thomas Somerscales his heires and assignes do pay such somes of money to his sisters Bridgett and Anne and in such sorte as hereafter by this my last will I have lymitted and eioined (?) him to pay reserving to my said wife a full third pte thereof for the terme of fiftie one yeares if she so long live Also whereas I have conveyed unto my daughter Bridgitt and to her heires and assignes for ever the advowsonne and ppituall presentation of the vicaradge of Gargrave I do hereby confirme her grannt thereof And also I do lymitt and bequeath unto her fortie pounds out of my said leases and grounds to be sould over and besides twentie pounds in goods which I have already given and bequeathed unto her Itm my will is that my sonne Thomas when my said messuage with the appurtenances in Langcliffe shalbe assured to him as above shall pay and yeild to his said sister Bridgitt fortie pounds And to his sister Anne twentie pounds to better their porcons therewith And if my said sonne Thomas die without issue before he come to age of one and twentie yeares or at any tyme afterwards Then I will that my said daughters each of them shall have an equall pte and porcon of land and in all my lands leases and as goods at the discrecon of myne executors and said freinds in trust And also my will is and I charge my said sonne Thomas that he do not sell any such lands or leases as by these presents are bequeathed or as shall discend unto him to hinder and avoid the further pferment of his sisters which they might have if he should die without issue And whereas I have right and interest in the moitie or half of the rectorie or parsonage of Gigleswicke for sixe yeares or thereabouts the other moitie thereof and the....and inheritance afterwards being in Sir Richard Williamson knight I do by this my will earnestlie desire and pray that the said Sir Richard wilbe favorable and deale well with my executors in the enjoying thereof for the good of my children wherein I trust he will use a good conscience Itm I give to the poore of the pyh fortie shillings Itm I do herebie appoint and ordeyne my loving wife Jennett Somerscales my brother Mr Arthure Somerscales and said loving cosin Thomas Preston younger to be joint executors of this my last will and testament And I desire my good freinds Mr Christopher Shute John Catterrall esquire Mr Willm Catterrall his brother and my cosin Richard Frankland of Nealsing to be the supervisors thereof And to be aiding and assisting to my said executors for the better execution of this my will and for the better guiding and governing of my children and their porcons And so commending my soule and bodie to gods mercie I have in testimony hereof set my hand and seale given the day and yeare first above written In the pnce of these witnesses hereunder named Anthony Prockter Lawrance Swainson Thomas Sowden Willm Browne

Thomas Carr and Willm Lawsonn **Memorandum** That after this will whereunto this Codicil is annexed was made and sealed by the testator Henrie Somerscales the said Henrie Somerscales did by his owne words sett downe as followeth viz whereas I have in this my will lymitted and sett downe that my said foure freinds in trust shall at thend of twelve yeares convey.....one estate of my said messuage or dwelling house and the howses garthes and grounds thereunto belonging in Langcliffe to my said sonne Thomas and his heires so as to pay to my said daughters Bridgitt and Anne Somerscales the said severall somes of fortie pounds and twentie pounds Provided yet alwaies and it is my will and true intent and meaning that if my said sonne Thomas shall refuse and not pay the said severall somes to my said daughters in such sorte as by this my will is lymitted at thend of the said twelve yeares that then my said foure freinds in trust and their assignes shall keepe my said messuage or dwelling house and the houses garthes and grounds with the appurtenances to the same belonging at Langcliffe aforesaid in their owne possession untill such tyme as they have received so much of the issues and profitts thereof as will pay the said severall somes of fortie pound and twentie pounds in forme aforesaid to the said daughters Bridgitt and Anne anything conteyned in this my will to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding

Latin text

*Giggleswick*  
*Appletreewick*

**WILLIAM SOMERSCALES 1654**  
**TNA PROB 11/240**

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In the Name of God Amen the Sixteenth day of Februarie in the yeare of our Lord accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England One Thousand Six hundred Fiftie Three I William Somerscales of Settle in the Countie of Yorke beinge sick in body, but of good, and perfect remembrance praised bee God, doe make this my last Will, and Testament, in manner and forme followinge. First I doe committ, and willingly resigne my Soule into the mercifull hands of Allmightie God my maker and Creator trustinge assuredly through his mercy, and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my only Redeemer to be saved and have full pardon and remission of all my Sinnes, and my body to the earth whereof it was made, to bee buried at my parish Church of Giggleswick att ye discretion of my friends, and for my worldly and Temporall goods, and Estate whatsoever, I doe give, devise, and dispose of the same as followeth. First it is my will, and mynd that my debts, and funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods. Also I doe give unto Mary my wife, All my goods, cattells and personall estate, Also I will, that Mary my said wife and her Assignes shall have, possesse, and enjoy All my houses, grounds, and reall Estate whatsoever, and take all the profitts thereof to the onely use of her selfe, and her Assignes, for and duringe the Terme of her naturall life, Also I will that Mary my said wife, shall pay unto Thomas Somerscales my brother the Summe of Three pounds within one yeare next after my decease. And likewise Three pounds at the end of the Second yere next after my decease. And also Twentie shillings at the end of everie yeare duringe the Terme of Fower yeares then next followinge, if my said wife doe soe long live, and the said Thomas doe come, and demand the same in his owne person. And if my said brother Thomas

shall have a wife, and Child, or Children, then I will, that my said wife, shall pay unto my said brother Thomas Twentie shillings everie yeare, duringe the space of Five yeares longer, if my said wife doe soe long live, Also I give unto my said brother Thomas and to the issue of his body lawfullie begotten All my dwellinghouse and Barne with their Appurtenances, And also my Croft contayninge but only an Acre to enter to the same ymmediatlie after the death of Mary my said wife. But if my said brother Thomas shall have noe issue of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that my said brother shall have the same onely duringe the Terme of his naturall life and that Immediatly after his death the same shall come, and remayne to Hughehugh (*sic*) Stackhouse of Gigeswicke, and his Children, and William Curre of Middleton near Ighley (? *Ilkley*) and his Children, equallie to be divided betwixt them. Also I give unto the said hugh Stackhouse, and his Children and to the said William Curre and his Children All the rest of my grounds, lands, and Closes whatsoever equallie to be divided betwixt them, and they to enter to the same, Immediatly after the death and decease of Mary my said wife. And I doe make nominate, & appoint Mary my said wife to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In witnes whereof I have hereto putt my hand, and Seale, the day and yeare first above written Also I give unto Ellin Somerscales daughter of henry Somerscales Tenn shillings to bee paid two yeares next after my decease, William Somerscales Witnesse hereof John Cockman, Brian Cookeson

This will was proved at Westminster before the Judges for probate of Wills, and grantinge Administrations, lawfullie and authorized the Eighth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God, One thousand Sixe hundred Fiftie fower, by the Oath of Mary Somerscales, the Relict, and Sole Executrix named in the said Will, To whom was committed Administration of all, and singular the goods, Chattells, and debts of the said deceased, shee beeinge by vertue of a Commission first Sworn trulie to Administer the same

*Giggleswick - modern spelling*

**AGNES SORRY ADMIN 1691 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1691**

Transcribed by S.Gordon

A true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular ... goods cattell & Chattell late Agnes Sowrys of Gigeswyke in the Diocesse of yorke widow Deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this eighteenth day of June Ano Dom 1691

	li	s	d
Inprimis her purse & Apparrell	1	10	0
three young Swine	1	0	0
In the Bodystead of the house			
One Reckon one Bakeingstone one payre of Briggs & other Iron things	0	6	6
One brewing panne & other things belonging it	3	0	0
One Longseate one Table & one forme	0	6	0
One Arke with severall od things standing thereon	0	7	0
three (chaires) & 6 Cussions	0	1	2
One Dishboard with all the wood vessel thereon	0	5	0
brewing vessel	1	0	0
1 flaskett one tunnill & other od husslement	0	1	8
five brasse pans	0	8	0
In the Buttery			
One Tease two barrells two littell tables or stooles	0	3	4
In the Parlour			
One Long table & forme	0	14	0
One Cupboard	0	13	4

5 Chaires tenn Cushions four stooles 1 box	0	6	0
One Joynd Chist	0	8	0
One bedstead & Curtains one Chafe bed one feather bed two blankitts one feather bolster one Chafe bolster one Coverlit & one rug one ..... bolster & pillow one Iron spittle & one ladell	0	1	0
In the Littell parlour			
One Bedstead one Chafe bed fower bolsters one sheete one blankitt one Coverlit 1 payre of Curtains one littell Chist & other husslemt	0	10	0
In the Farr Chamber			
one old bedstead one Chafe bed two bolsters Curtains and valance one old Coverlit & 1 rugg	0	6	0
One Chist one littell table two forms & one stoole	0	8	0
In the Midle Chamber			
One trundle bedstead one Chafe bed one rugg two Cushions two Creeles & one Sife*	0	6	0
One Arke with meale therein one payre of blankitts three sacks one littell Chist & other husslemt	1	3	4
In the Chamber over the Little parlor			
One old bedstead with the bedding thereon & other husslemt	0	6	8
turfes & Coals	0	2	6
dishes flaggons & all other pewter	1	0	0
One brasse mortar & Candlesticke	0	2	6
fower payre of Course sheets	0	8	0
all table Cloths napkins pillows & one payre of Linsheets & two feather bolsters	1	3	4
weights & scales	0	1	6
	18	12	02

Tho: Carr  
William Armitstead  
Thomas Brayshaw  
William Paley

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

\* *possibly sieve*

**THOMAS SOWDEN PROB 11/217 1651 (1649)**

**In the name of God Amen etc** I Thomas Sowden of Settle elder in the Countie of Yorke yeoman being sick of bodie yet of sounde and perfect memorie (praysed be God) doo make Constitute and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme as followeth utterlie disannulling all former wills and Testaments for ever First I bequeath my soule to God from whome it came and my bodie to be buried in the grave, hoping at the last day they both shalbe joynd together and Raigne with God for ever in the Kingdome of heaven, secondlie that my Funerall expences be defrayed, then I give and bequeath as followeth Inprimis to Agnes Altham wife of Roger Altham three poundes to Roger Altham Junior two shillings to Elizabeth Altham two shillings to James Altham two shillings to Ann King two shillings to Elizabeth Preston fowre shillings to Ellen Cockman two shillings And I doo appoint constitute and ordaine Thomas Sowden of Settle aforesayd my Nephewe the Sole

Executor of this my last will and Testament witsse my hand this twentieth of November 1649. Thomas Sowden Witnes hereof Henrie Haworth John Cockman, Confirmed to Roger Altham witsnes his marke Roger Altham

**This will** was proved at London before Sir Nathanael Brent knight doctor of Lawes and Master or keeper of the Prerogative Court the Five and twentieth day of the month of July in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand sixe hundredd Fiftie and One by the oath of Thomas Sowden the Nephewe and sole Executor named in the last will and Testament of the sayd deceased to whome Administration of all and singular the goodes Chattles and debtes of the sayd deceased which anie manner of way Concerne the sayd will was grannted and Committed Hee being firste sworne by virtue of a Commission well and faithfullie to administer the same

**THOMAS SOWDEN 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle May 1651  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen etc. I Thomas Sowden Setle elder in ye County of york yeoman being sickly yet of sound & pfect memory, (praised be god, doe make constitute & ordaine this my Last will and Testamt in manner and forme as followeth, utterly dissannulling all wills and Testamts for ever first I bequeath my soul to god from whence itt came, and my body to buried in ye grave, hoping att ye Last Day, they both shall be joined together, and Raigne with god forever in partaking of heaven, Secondly that my funerall expences be defraided, then I give & bequeath as followeth

	li	s	d
To Agnes Altham wife of Roger Altham	03	00	00
To Roger Altham Junior	00	02	00
To Elizabeth Altham	00	02	00
To James Altham	00	02	00
To Anne King	00	02	00
To Elizabeth Preston	00	04	00
To Ellen Cockman	00	02	00

And I doe appoint, constitute & ordaine Thomas \jurat/ Sowden of Setle afforesaid my nephew the sole executor of this my Last will & Testament wittnes my hand this 20<sup>th</sup>. of November 1648

Wittnes hereof

Thomas

Mark

Sowden

Henry **H** Hawworth

John Cockman

Confirmed to Roger Altham

Wittnes his mark

Roger RA Altham

*Settle modern spelling*

**JOHN STACKHOUSE 1658 TNA PROB 11/ 288**

In the name of God Amen I John Stackhouse of Setle in the County of Yorke Gent, being sicke in body, but of pfect memorie, (praised be God) doe make this my last Will, and Testament in manner and forme following. First I bequeath my soule unto Almighty God, trusting through the merits of my blessed Saviour, to be made ptaker of eternall happines, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my friends. And as for my temporall goods I give, and bequeath as followeth. I appoint that my debts, and funerall expences be paid, and defrayed out of my whole goods, and after that I give & bequeath unto John Stackhouse sonne of my brother Thomas Stackhouse of Thorntonbridge end a rent charge lyeing at Carleton woodside within the Towneship of Cunanley of five pounds p(er) annum, at after the death of Nicholas Haukshead. Item I give unto the sd Nicholas Haukshead the said rent charge at Carleton woodside dureing his naturall Life. Item I give, and bequeath unto Elizabeth Young my servant ten shillings. Item I doe make my loveing wife Frances my full, and whole Executrix of this my last Will, and Testament, revoking all former and other Wills by me at any tyme made or consented to. In wisse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand, and seale, the sixtee(n)th day of August one thousand six hundred fifty and eight. Jo: St: Witnes hereof George Wilkinson, Thomas Carr marke, John Paley Elizabeth Catherall marke.

This Will was proved at London, the twelveth day of February in the yeare, One thousand six hundred fifty eight. English stile before the Judges for Probate of Wills, and granting Adcons lawfully authorized, by the oath of Frances Stackhouse the relicte, and sole Executrix named in the said Will. To whom Administration of all, and singular the goods, Chattells, and debts of the said deceased was Comitted, she being first by Commission sworne truely to administer the same.

*Settle  
Giggleswick  
Cononley*

**HUGH STACKHOUSE 1618 Borthwick v35 f384**

In the name of god Amen I Hugh Stackhouse of Giggleswick in the county of York miller(?) being at this instant visited by sickness and infirmities in my body yet never-the-less of sound and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament the sixth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred and eighteen in manner and form following that is to say First I do hereby revoke and disanull all previous wills by me heretofore made and I do now commend my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to earthly burial at the discretion of my wife and friends. And whereas I have by my indenture of lease bearing date the fifth day of this instant March demised and granted

unto John Banckes of Giggleswick aforesaid and unto Thomas Rimmington of Feizor in the said county yeoman all my three closes or enclosures of ground called the riddinges within the town fields and of Giggleswick aforesaid to have and to hold the same to the said John and Thomas their executors and assigns for the term of fourteen years next following after the day of the date of the same lease now I do hereby confirm the said lease and I do desire the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington that they will let and set the said closes during the said term at as high a rate or value as they possibly can and that they will pay the money that shall arise thereof to my executors hereafter named towards the payment of my debts. And also I do hereby give devise and bequeath to the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington their executors and assigns all those my closes or enclosures of ground which I hold by long lease or leases commonly called and known by the names of Thackthwaite Closes the Ings Closes and Alan Myre Close and all my estate right title interest term and terms of years claim and demand whatsoever of me the said Hugh Stackhouse of in and to the same closes and every of them. And also all my evidences and writings which do only concern the said premises or any of them To have and to hold all the said closes and enclosures of ground to the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington their executors and assigns to their only use and uses for and during all the term and terms of years which are yet to come and unexpired of the several lease and leases and other grants and assignments whereby I hold the same, yielding and paying therefore yearly during the said terms to the right honourable Francis Earl of Cumberland his heirs and assigns such rents and services as for the same of right are due and payable. And I do desire and request the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington to sell all the same closes and estates therein so soon as conveniently they can and for as much money as they shall be able to get for the same and that they will out of the same monies pay unto Robert my son ten pounds towards his better preferment for these fourteen years now next coming and likewise pay and discharge all my due debts and for the surplusage of the money that shall remain besides the payment of my said debts my will is that the same shall be accounted amongst my other goods and go to the bettering of the portions of my wife and younger children. And as concerning my messuage or dwelling house and all other my houses garths gardens and other lands and tenements which I hold by long lease and leases I give the same and all my estate right title interest term and terms of years therein unto Robert Stackhouse my eldest son and to his lawful issue and to the assigns of such issue and in default thereof then unto Hugh Stackhouse my second son and to his lawful issue executors and assigns provided always and yet nevertheless upon condition that my said son Robert and his issue or in default thereof then my said son Hugh and his lawful issue executors and assigns and every of them shall permit and suffer Ellen my wife and her assigns to have hold and enjoy all my said houses and garths for the term of seventeen years next after my decease for and towards the better maintenance and bringing up of herself and my younger children And that if the said Ellen be living at the end of the said seventeen years that then also they shall permit and suffer the said Ellen and her assigns to occupy and enjoy one full third part of all the said houses and garths and other the said last mentioned premises from thenceforth for and during the term of fifty and one years if she so long live. And my will is also that my said wife shall have her third part of all my moveable goods but I give the other two parts thereof to my younger children equally amongst them. And I make and ordain the said Ellen my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament these being witnesses. William Lawson and Thomas Paler



*Gigleswicke  
Feisor*

**HUGH STACKHOUSE 1693 Ref. Borthwick.York. Dec. 1693(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Inventorie of the goods and Chattels real belonging to Hugh Stackhouse Son of Thomas Stackhouse, late of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke deceased; valued and appraized the second day of December In the year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred Ninety Three by us whose names are Subscribed as followeth

	£	s	d
Imprimis Two Cattle gates and one halfe on the Ox Scarr	07	00	00
Item One beast gate and three parts of one beast gate on Hunthwaite backmore	04	10	00

Richard Ellershaw  
Thomas Clapham  
John Wildman  
Richard Atkinson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS STACKHOUSE 1679 Ref. Borthwick. Vol 60 fol 320**

In the name of God Amen The (*blank*) day of January in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England 1678 I Thomas Stackhouse of Lynthwaite within the parrish of Gigleswick and County of york being very aged and Crazy in body but of good and perfect remembrance I praise God doo constitute & ordaine this my last will and testament in manner Followinge, First I Comitt and freely resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through his mercy and by the merrits of Jesus Christ to be saved and to have pardon and remission of my sinns, And my body to the earth whereof it was framed to be buried at the parrish Church of Gigleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends in Christian manner; And for my worldly and temporall goods I doe give and dispose of them as followeth; First that my debts and funerall expences be discharged and paid out of them; Item I doe give unto my sonn Thos. Stackhouse five shillings; Item I doe give unto my sonn John Stackhouse two shillings six pence; Item I doe give unto my daughter Margaret Stackhouse two shillings six pence to be paid by my Executrix hereafter nominated; Item I doe give unto my wife Elline Stackhouse all my houses and Lands at Lynthwaite dureing her naturall life and after her decease I doe give unto Robert Stackhouse my eldest sonn all the abovesaid houses and grounds and premises there unto belonging for the remainder of all such tearme and tearmes of yeares as I the abovesaid Thomas Stackhouse hold then paying unto Margaret Stackhouse my daughter Thirty shillings within two yeares after my wifes

decease And thirty shillings to my sonn John Stackhouse to be paid him within foure yeares after my wives decease; And I doe make nominate and appointe my said wife Ellen Stackhouse sole Executrix of this my last will and testament; In Wittness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Thomas Stackhouse his marke Witnesses hereof Robert Stackhouse his marke Tho: Wildeman

INVENTORY Ref. BunMarch 1678

An inventory of the goods and chattells moveable and imoveable of Thomas Stackhouse of Stackhouse late deceased praysed and valued by us Thomas Carr Rich: Berry Hen: Browne and Thomas Clapham.

	s -	d
Imp.s his apparrell	02	00
Itm in ye Parler one payer bedstocks with bedding thereon	00	06
Itm two Chists	02	06
Itm one Desk	00	06
Itm in ye Chamber over the Parlor one pair bedstocks	01	00
Itm in the bodystead of the house Three little tables 1 chist 4 chaires 3 stooles	09	00
Itm 4 pewter dublers	01	6
Itm 3 brass pans 1 brass ladle	02	0
Itm Wood Vessells	02	0
Itm one dishbord	00	6
Itm 1 Cock and 3 hens	01	0
Itm Dishes and spoones	00	6
Itm one Baxtone ( <i>bakstone</i> )	00	4
Itm one smooth Iron	00	8
Itm one pair tongs 1 Rackin Crook	01	0
Itm one Spining wheele	00	6
Itm 3 hamers 3 picks 2 trawells	02	0
	1	07 6

The condition of this Obligation is such that if this within bounden Richard Preston creditor and administrator of all the goods and chattells of Tho: Stackhouse late of Stackhouse of the Diocese of York .....

**JOHN STALMANN 1604 Borthwick v29 f409**

In the name of god Amen the eighteenth day of August in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of god king of England, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. And of Scotland the thirty eight 1604 I John Stalman of Settle in the county of York labourer sick in body but of good and perfect

remembrance praised be Almighty god ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz: First and principally I bequeath my soul to Almighty god through the death of whose son I hope to have everlasting salvation, and my body to be buried within the parish church earth of Giggleswick at the discretion of my beloved friends.

Item my funeral expenses discharged my will and mind is that my son Robert Stalman being now in his infancy shall be well and sufficiently educated and brought up with all things to him appertaining of and upon such goods and chattels whatsoever as belong unto me which shall be left unto him after my decease. And now for the due offering thereof I commit my said child Robert Stalman with all my said goods and chattels whatsoever for the use of my said child to my well beloved friends and neighbours Ralphe Hodgeson and Willm Carr of Settle aforesaid whom I have alerted and put in trust in that behalf. And further my will is that they the said Ralph and Willm shall have the use of my said goods and chattels for educating maintaining and keeping of my said son necessarily until he shall come and accomplish the full age of one and twenty years. And at the end and expiration of the said 21 years they the said Ralph Hodgeson and Willm Carr their executors or assigns shall repay unto my said son Robert the sum and full value of my said goods and chattels now committed unto them in his behalf to his own proper use commodity and profit but if it shall please god that my said son Robert shall decease this life before he shall accomplish the age of 21 years then my will and mind is to give all such goods and chattels as I have committed unto them unto the said Ralphe Hodgeson and Willm Carr equally to be divided betwixt them . Item I further make constitute and appoint Ralphe Hodgeson and Willm Carr aforesaid the executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses John Howson senior, Giles Tennant and Giles Kirkbie

*Settle*  
*Giggleswicke*

**GEORGE SWAINESON 1631 Ref. Borthwick v41 f662**

In the name of God amen. The tenth day of September in the seventh year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of god king of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith Anno domini 1631. I George Swaineson of Knight Stainforth in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York husbandman being at this instant crazy in body but of sound and perfect remembrance praised be God do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I do commend my soul unto god trusting faithfully through the merits of god and passion of Jesus Christ to have my sins forgiven and to be made partaker of god his everlasting kingdom. Also I do commit my body to the earth to be buried at the parish church of Giggleswick whereof I am a parishioner. Also it is my will and mind that Isabell my wife shall have one full third part of all my messuage and tenement for and during her widowhood And if she marry again after my decease it is my will and mind that she shall not have the same after her marriage. Also I do give grant and bequeath unto Thomas Swainson my son my whole messuage farm and tenement and all my interest therein with all and singular the appurtenances belonging

to the same in as full large and ample manner as the same is in me, the widow right of Isabell my said wife therein to her reserved as above said. Also it is my will and mind that my said wife shall have her third part out of all my moveable goods also it is my full (sic) and mind that all my funeral expenses mortuary and church dues shall be paid out of the rest of my goods. Also I give and bequeath and it is my will and mind that my executors hereafter named shall satisfy and pay unto Lawrence Swainson my son the sum of fifty pounds of good and lawful money of England in consideration and full discharge and satisfaction of his child's portion of all my goods, chattels and debts owing me and to be paid by my executors within one year and a half next after my decease so as he give to my executors a general and clear release for all his child's part and portion claim and demand of all my goods chattels and rights whatsoever. Also I give unto Robert Bolland my son in law £6-13s-4d in consideration and full discharge of his wife's portion of my goods and of all promises by me made unto him or his father at the time of his marriage making to be paid at the time that the said Robert doth set up and keep house by himself if Agnes my daughter now his wife be then living and if she be dead before then this legacy to be void. And that upon the receipt thereof he shall give unto my executors a cleare and general release for all claims and demands whatsoever or else this my legacy to be void. Also it is my will and mind that if John Bolland my brother in law does build up one house end and one outshott for a buttery that then my executors shall help him to lead slate to cover the same from Stainforth to Giggleswick if he buy the slate there. Also I will that when the said house and outshott is built my executors shall give unto the said John Bolland 20s towards his charges in building the same. Also I give unto Thomas Swainson son of my brother John 10s also I give unto four of the youngest {*children*} of my said brother John Swainson every one of them six shillings and 8d to be paid unto them as they shall come to their several ages of 21 years. Also I give unto Jennett Swainson, James Swainson and John Swainson my brother John's children every of them 4s. Also I give to Henry Kidd and Jane Kidd children of Thomas Kidd either of them 4s. Also I give unto Margrett Colton my sister in law 10s. if she be living at the time of my death. Also I give unto Richard Wildman my nephew 10s also I give unto Jennett Wildman my servant 40s. And all the rest of my goods unbequeathed I do give and bequeath them unto Isabell my wife and Thomas Swainson my son equally between them and I do ordain and make the said Isabell my wife and Thomas my son whole executors of this my last will and testament . Witnesses: hereof Roger Dawson, Tho: Remington John Swainson.

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke in will*

**ROBERT SWAINSON 1642 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Aug 1643/4 MIC 1727  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

**In the name of God** Amen the Fifthe daie of November in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of Englande One thousand six hundreth Fortie and twoe I Robert Swainson of Setle in the County of yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and pfect memory God bee praised therefore do make and ordayne this my laste will and testament in manner and forme following **First** I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the meritts of my alone Saviour Jesus Christe to bee made partaker of eternall blisse in heaven and my body I comend to the earth from whence it came to bee buried in Christian buryall at the discretion of my loving mother and friends **And** as touching my Mesuage and Tenement situate lying and being in Setle afforesaid in the said

County of yorke wich I holde of the right noble \henry/ Earle of Cumberland of the yearly rent of Twenty and seven shillings for the residue of the (terme) of six thousand yeares **I do** devise and bequeath the same with all other my grounds lands and tenemts in Settle Giggleswick and Langcliffe, wich I holde by virtue of my lease or leases whatsoever, together with all my estate right title and interest herein and hereunto and by what name or names soever the same grounds lands and Tenemts bee called unto Elizabeth Swainson my mother her excrs. Admins. and Assignes **To have** and to holde the same to the said Elizabeth Swainson her Exors. Admin. and Assigns to her and their only use and uses for and during all such tyme and tymes terme and termes number and numbers of yeares as of the said Robert Swainson holde the same by force and virtue of my lease or leases assignment or assignments or other writings or evidences whatsoever, Shee the said Elizabeth paying unto Agnes wife of Thomas Foster of Stainforth under bargh the some of Five pounds of lawfull English money within one year after my decease **Item** my will and mynde is and I give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth Swainson her heires and assignes All my houses lands tenemts and hereditaments with thappurtenances whatsoever I holde to mee and myne heires and assignes forever situate lying and being..(*obliterated*) said County of yorke by what name or names soever the same bee called Together with all my writings and evidences concerning the same. **To have** and to holde the same to the said Elizabeth Swainson her heires and assignes To the only and (proper) use and behoofe of the said Elizabeth Swainson her heires and assignes for ever shee the said Elizabeth paying unto the said Agnes wife of the said Thomas Foster and to her children the some of Five markes of lawfull English money equally to bee devided amongst them **And** as touching my personall estate in goods and chattels I give devise and dispose the same \to/ the said Elizabeth Swainson her excers. Admins. and assignes to her and their uses for ever my debts and funeral expences being first defaultked and deducted **And** I make and appointe the said Elizabeth my mother executrix of this my last will and testament And in wittnes hereof I have hereto sett my hand and seale the daie and yeare First above written

These being witnesses

Henry \jurat/ Wullock

Roger Preston his mark

Hen. \jurat/ Lawson

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*Two lines Latin*

*Two more lines Latin*

*Settle - modern spelling*

*Giggleswick – modern spelling*

### **JOHN SWAINSON of Giggleswick 1634 Borthwick v42 f452r**

In the name of God Amen the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred thirty and four, for as much as it is the duty of every good Christian to set his house in order before he die to the end his posterity may enjoy his goods and estate which he shall leave behind him in peace and quietness; I John Swainson of Giggleswicke in the county of yorke yeoman being visited with sickness yet of good and perfect memory, God be praised do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer trusting through the merits and precious blood-shedding of my alone Saviour Jesus Christ to have forgiveness of all my sins and to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and my body I commend to the earth from whence it came in hope of the resurrection to eternal life to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion

of my loving wife and friends; And first I revoke all former wills by me made and as touching my worldly goods my debts being first deducted and paid and my funeral expenses discharged and also one bond of two hundred pounds bearing date with these presents which I sealed and delivered to Thomas Foster of Stainforth and John Carr of Settle with condition for payment of one hundred pounds of current English money in or upon the tenth day of August next to and for such uses as I have formerly appointed them being paid and discharged to the said Thomas Foster and John Carr or to one of them or to either of their executors administrators or assigns; It is my will and mind first concerning Ann now my wife with whom I coupled myself in the fear of God refusing all others that she shall have after my decease as is due and right one third part of my goods. And also it is my will and mind that Lawrence Swainson my son shall have one other third part and the last third part, being called the deads part if it please God that Anne my wife be with child at the time of my death that then I give and bequeath to that child or children if it please God that that child happen to be a son to have all the other third part and if it happen to be a daughter then she to have fifty pounds. And if it happen that the said Ann my wife be not with child at the time of my death then I give and bequeath all the said last third part to the said Lawrence my son; provided always and yet nevertheless upon condition that if it happen the said Lawrence Swainson my son to die before he come to the age of eighteen years that then all the legacy and portion hereby allotted unto him I give and bequeath to Thomas Carr and Margaret Carr children of John Carr of Setle aforesaid, to Richard Foster Robert Foster Jennett Foster and Alice Foster children of Thomas Foster of Stainforth, Robert Swainson son of John Swainson of Setle and Edmond Knowles son of Michael Knowles to be equally divided amongst them; And also I nominate and appoint John Carr of Setle and Thomas Foster of Stainforth to be joint executors of this my last will and testament in witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written These being witnesses Thomas Carr: Richard Burton Thomas Paley.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Settle* “ “

**ANNE SWAINSON 1608 Borthwick v30 f677**

In the name of god amen the one and twentieth day of April one thousand six hundred and eight I Anne Swainsone of Giggleswick in the county of York widow late wife of Hughe Swainsone deceased sick in body but of good memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner following First I commend my soul to almighty god and I will that my body be honestly brought to burial in neighbourly sort. And I desire master Shutte to preach a sermon at my burial and I give unto him 5s. Also I will that my neighbours and friends shall have a dinner provided and that 20s shall be distributed amongst the poor of the parish at the discretion of master Shutte William Lawson and my executor towards which charge I have forty shillings in the house wherein Ellen Armetstead now dwelling in house with me does know which I pray her immediately after my decease to deliver to William Lawson to be distributed by him accordingly.

Item I give to the same Ellen Armetstead all my arks, measures and stalls which I use in Settle market for measuring corn with, towards the better relieving of her children. Item I give to the same Ellen one red petticoat with a green upper body one raile one

band And one muslin Also I give unto her one reckon crook. Item I give to Margaret Armetstead and Ann Armetstead her children one grey savegard with the sle....s and upper body one happing one sheet and one blanket. Item I give to Margaret Craven my cloak my great pan, my pot four pewter doublers a gridiron a bakestone a brandreth a pair of tongs and a serving pan. Item I give to Dionise Aldresley 8s, if he will take it thankfully and hold himself contented with it but if he do not then to have nothing.

Item I give to Elizabeth his wife my grey coat and 8s in money to be bestowed in wool to make her apparel with.

Item I give to Jennet Burton widow my worst red coat one smock and one apron.

Item I give to James Craven three shillings in money and that chest which was his uncles. Item to my sister Margaret Butterfield my blue mella gown and to her son James 5s. Item to Margaret Sarginson wife of John 5s. Item to Elizabeth Lawsonne wife of Thomas my best petticoat. To Roger Craven and Anne Farthwaite my godchildren either of them 4d. To Jane Inkensone son my godchild 6d. To the wife of William Paley an (iron?) black piggan a saucer and a pan

To Frances Lawson wife of William Lawson 5s. And I will that 2s shall be bestowed among the ringers at my burial. Also I give all the rest of my goods to Thomas Lawson of Lodge whom I make sole executor of this my last will and testament if he will accept thereof and prove it accordingly or else I appoint Thomas Carre of Giggleswick to be my executor. These being witnesses Christopher Shutte William Lawson William Paley.

\* *rail – neckerchief or headcovering*

\*\* *happin(g) – rug, coverlet for bed or thick warm article of clothing*

\*\*\* *mellay – a cloth of a mixture of colours*

\*\*\*\* *piggon, piggin – small wooden pail*

*Giggleswicke*

**BRIDGETT SWAINSON 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. July 1692 Bundle(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

An Apprizemt. made the seaventh day of July in the yeare of our Lord God 1692 by us whose names are hereunder written of the dwellinghouse & other houses Gardens & Crofts adjoining the same which belong to Bridgett Swainson of Stainforth under bargh layte dec'd within ye Diocese of yorke

	£	s	d
Imprimis these houses Gardens and Crofts above named wee apprizet att	30	00	00
Debts upon Mortgage oweing by ye dec'd	20	00	00

William Paley

Roger Craven  
Robert Foster  
Chris.Metcalf

**HUGH SWAINSON 1604 Borthwick v 29 f 572**

In the name of god amen the ninth day of December in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and four I Hugh Swainson of Giggleswick in the county of York Tailor sick in body but of sound memory to god be praise do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god trusting thereby(?) (Jesus?) Christ to be saved and my body to the earth from whence it came and to be buried within the churchyard of my parish church of Giggleswick above said at the discretion of my wife and friends. And for my goods I give them wholly to my wife Anne Swainson whom I make the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses John Swainson, Adam Armetstead and James Craven, Dionisse Aldersley and Willm Lawson.

*Gigleswicke*

**ISABEL SWAINSON 1624 Borthwick v38 f448**

In the name of god amen upon the nine and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and four I Isabell Swainson of Stainforth under Burgh in the county of York widow sick in my body yet of perfect mind and memory I praise god for same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my alone Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard in Giggleswick near to the place where my husband was buried. And for my goods which God has blessed me with I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid forth of the whole.

Also I give and bequeath to Richard Foster my son in law six pounds to be paid unto him within one year next after my decease by my executor hereafter named. Also I give to William Foster whom I am grandmother unto the sum of twenty shillings to be bestowed on a Cupboard. Also I give to every child that I am godmother unto two shillings a piece. Also I give to Elizabeth Foster my daughter my best gown, and worst hat and one linen sheet. And to Isabell Foster her daughter my petticoat with tufted taffeta over body\*. And to my daughter in law Alice Swainson my other petticoat and one which I bought. And to Jane and Alice Foster either of them my worst coat. Also I give to Ann Swainson my little yellow coat. And Elizabeth Swainson my band which I bought at Otterburn. And to Isabel Foster another Ruffed band. And to my daughter Elizabeth my double band which was her sister's. Also I give to Alice Swainson my daughter in law one brown safeguard# and one piece of new linen cloth Also I give to Agnes Foster widow one coat nether body\*. And to Isabel Cockett one other little coat. Also I give to Jane and Alice Foster either of them a plain band. All and the rest and remainder of my goods not bequeathed nor given I do give and bequeath the same unto Robert Swainson my son whom I do



hereby nominate and appoint to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament. And also I do revoke and disannul all former wills by me made whatsoever. These being witnesses: Lawrence Coulton, James Armittstead and Anthonie Bainbrigg.

*# safeguard – outer skirt or petticoat worn by women to protect their skirts when riding*  
*\*body or bodice? See Oxford Dictionary definition*

*Stainforth under burghe*  
*Giggleswicke*

### **ROBERT SWAINSON of Settle 1632 Borthwick v41 f885**

In the name of god Amen the eighth day of May 1632 I Roberte Swainsonn of Settle in the county of yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory (I praise God for the same) do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following: First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of (Almighty God)(sic) trusting assuredly through the precious blood-shedding of (Jesus Christ)(sic) my only Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Guileswicke at the discretion of my friends. Also I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods. And also after my debts and funeral expenses be paid my will and mind is and I give devise and bequeath my right title and interest of, in, and to, all my messuage, \farm/ and tenement with the appurtenances in Settle aforesaid now in my possession unto John Swainson my son and to Robert Swainson his son and to his heirs and assigns for ever or for and during such term and terms of years yet unexpired of any lease or leases whereby I hold the same. And also I give devise and bequeath all my whole right, title and interest to all or any part or parcel of land or grounds lying within the lordship of Langcliffe in the said county of yorke unto the said John Swainson my son and to the said Roberte Swainson his son and to his heirs for ever or for and during all such term and terms of years which are yet unexpired of lease or leases as hereby I hold the same excepting and always reserving forth of my said title and interest in Langcliffe unto the children of my son-in-law Thomas Foster of Stainforth or one of them now living one yearly rent or profit thereof to be paid first after my death and unto the children of my son-in-law John Carr or any one of them one year rent or profit thereof. And also I give to every one of the children of my said son John Swainsone one year rent or profit thereof. And also I give unto every one of the children of Henrie Foster of Rauthmell and every child which I am Godfather unto 2s a piece. And unto Elizabeth King my servant 2s and I give to Roberte Swainson my son's son one silver spoon. Item I do nominate and appoint my said son John Swainson and my brother-in-law Henrie Foster to be joint executors of this my last will and testament These being Witnesses Henrie Foster Edmond Knowles and Anthonie Foster  
Will proved 9<sup>th</sup> October 1632

*Langcliffe*    *modern spelling*  
*Stainforth*    “            “  
*Rathmell*       “            “

**ROBERT SWAINSON 1639 Borthwick ref: Jan 1639/40 Craven, Stainforth**

In the name of god Amen the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord god according to the (computation of) (*page torn*) the Church of England 1639 I Robert Swainson of Stainforth underbarghe in the county of york yeoman (....) in my body yet of perfect mind and memory, praise god for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god, trusting assuredly through the precious blood-shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved, and be made partaker of eternal joys in heaven and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Ggleswick, at the discretion of my wife and friends.

And for such worldly goods as god has blessed me withal, my will and mind is that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods. And whereas I have by my deed or writing bearing date \the second/ day of August instant granted and letten unto Lawrence Swainson my younger son certain grounds and houses situate lying and being in Stainforth aforesaid, late in my possession; for and lieu of his child's portion of my goods, and upon condition that he shall pay to my executors \hereafter named/ the full sum of four score pounds within the term and space of two years next after he \shall accomplish his full age of 21 years/. I do hereby ratify and confirm the same deed yet, never the less, upon condition that Alice my wife shall have the use and occupation of all the same houses and grounds, from and immediately after my decease, for and during the term and space of seven years then next following, for and towards her own maintenance and towards the bringing up of my younger children. Item my will and mind is that Roger Swainson my son shall have all my messuage or dwelling house, barn or lathe, gardens and crofts and all other my lands, tenements with the appurtenances in Stainforth aforesaid now in my possession to have and to hold to the said Roger Swainson \his executors and assigns/ for and during all the rest and residue which are yet unspent and to come of any term or terms of years for which I hold the same, always excepting my wife to have her thirds thereof during her life Provided always that if my said son Roger be not contented with this my will and mind \and hold not himself herewith content and pleased/ then I give to my executors hereafter named one close called the Croft and one grass garth adjoining both together at the west end of my dwelling house, To have and to hold to my said executors and their assigns for and during all the rest and residue which are yet unspent and to come of any term or terms of years for which I hold the same.

And as for my movable goods after my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged I give and bequeath the same \movable goods/ wholly to Alice my wife. Item I give to my three godchildren viz. Easter Bainbrigg, Elizabeth Procter and Jane Greene every one of them four shillings a piece. \Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Lawson six pounds to be paid to her at the birth of her first child, Item I give to William Swainson my grandchild one whie or forty shillings in money to be set forward at the discretion of my executors/. And I nominate and appoint Alice my wife and Christopher # ...Lawson my son in law to be joint executors of this my last will and testament.

These being Witnesses: Henry Foster<sup>jur</sup> [mark]

William Foster

Anthony \jur/ Bainbrigg

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
#..... just above 'Christopher Lawson' a word unclear

**ROBERT SWAINSON 1698/9 Ref.Borthwick.York. Apl.1699**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Robert Swainson of Rauthmell in the parish of Giggleswick and County of yorke Husbandman; being verry sick of body but of good & perfect memorie thanks be to God for the same; I calling to remembrance the uncertaine Estate of this frail & transitory life & that all flesh must yield unto death; I Robert Swainson Do make constitute & ordaine this my last will & Testament in manner & form Following revokeing all other wills & Testaments Heretofore made & declared by me either by word or writeing, & this is to be taken for my last will & Testament & no one other; first being penitent & sorry for my sins past most humbly desireing pardon & forgiveness for the same, I give and commit my soul unto Allmighty God my Saviour & redeemer In whom & by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust & believe assuredly to be saved & my body to be buried att the parish Church of Giggleswick according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter nominated & appointed Secondly for such worldly affairs as it hath pleased God farr above my deserts to bestow upon me I do give & bequeath in manner & form following first I will that all those debts I owe be truly contented & paid & my funerall expences discharged within a short time after my discease, the same to be paid or discharged out of my stock; & the residue & remaining part as beasts horses sheep brass pewter beds bedding arks Chests pans & all other manner of utensils or household stuff whatsoever or of what kind soever meal mault beef bacon & all my Husbandry gear I have within the Town or Townshipp of Rauthmell or else where & whatever moneys I have oweing by bond or otherways I give and bequeath to my three Children John William & Elizabeth Swainson to be divided Equally amongst them without any Exception but all \to be/ shared alike & if it fortune that any of them dye before they attaine the age of twenty one years his or her part to go Equally to the Survivors of them above named; & I do appoint My three children John William & Elizabeth Swainson Executors jointly or Equally to this my last will & Testament wishing & desiring Thomas Frankland of close house to aid & assist them & be as Guardian over them; In witness whereof I hereunto put my hand & seal to this my last will & Testament revokeing & annulling all other wills or Testaments heretofore made or done being January the fourteenth & in the tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord William the third over \England/ Scotland etc Annoque Dom 1698/9

his marke  
Robert X Swainson

Witnesses  
Leonard Watkinson  
William Frankland jurat  
John Windsor jurat

*Rathmell modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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January ye 20<sup>th</sup>. Anno Domi 1698

A true Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattells & Credits appertaining or belonging to Robt Swainson of Rawthmell deceased apprizd by us whose name are subscribed the day & year above written

	li	s	d
Imps his purse & apparellwth riding furniture	03	00	00
Item four steers att higher Laith	10	00	00
Item one heifer att higher Laith	02	00	00
Item two steers att that Laith	03	00	00
Item Four heifers at higher Laith	05	00	00
Item twenty old sheep	05	00	00
Item seaven hogs or young sheep	01	10	00
Item Hay att higher Laith	01	15	00
Item six Cows	18	00	00
Item three Calves	02	00	00
Item One Swine	00	10	00
Item One black horse	03	10	00
Item two Galloways	01	00	00
Item Hay att home	03	10	00
Item Corn att home	05	10	00
Item Barley att home	01	06	08
Item Corn att Tyth Barne	03	10	00
Item Carts & wheels 1 Coup & Cartgear	01	06	08
Item plough & plough gear & 1 Harrow	00	12	00
Item wheel Timber & wheel barrows	00	10	00
Item Spades, shovels, riddles, 1 stee & Forks & cow-bands, scuttles	00	06	08
Item nine or ten Sacks	00	10	00
Item two Arkes	00	12	00
Item two Chests	00	10	00
Item three boxes	00	02	00
Item two Sieves	00	01	04
Item Boards & loose wood for beds	00	13	04
Item four pair of bedstocks	00	15	00
Item 9 chairs, 2 long seats & 6 stools, 2 boards	01	02	06
Item 18 bowls or basons	00	04	00
Item 3 barrells 2 gallons 1 Churn with other wood vessell	00	11	00
Item all Brass & pewter & pans	02	00	00
Item Chafing-dish toasting-iron spitt briggs & spittles	00	04	00
Item Wimbles 1 Hack hatchett Thistles 2 hand knives & other odd things	00	04	00
Item ten Quisions	00	02	00
Item One Salting Tubb	00	02	06
Item 1 feather bed & 6 feather bolsters	01	10	00
Item 4 Chaffe beds & three bolsters	00	12	00
Item three Ruggs	00	15	00
Item Six Coverletts	01	10	00
Item Five blankets	00	15	00
Item 3 pair of linnen sheets	00	18	00
Item 6 pair of Canvas sheets	00	15	00
Item 5 pillowbears & 2 linnen ones	00	04	00
Item two pair of Curtains	00	05	00
Item Canvas yarn	00	12	00
Item Meal & Malt	?	?	?
Item beef & bacon	0	5	0
Item 2 stone of butter	0	6	0
Item beans	0	3	0
Item 2 Scythes & Sickles & other Huslemt	0	5	0
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Apprizers  
Leonard Watkinson  
Anthony Browne  
Thomas Frankland jurat  
Thomas Stackhouse

**ROGER SWAINSON 1605     Borthwick v29 f689**

In the name of god Amen the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1605 I Roger Swaynson of Settle in the county of York yeoman sick in body but perfect in memory god be praised therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First I commend my soul to almighty Ggod assuredly trusting through the merits and passion of Jesus Christ my saviour to be partaker of life everlasting and my body to the earth whereof it is made.

Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Swaynson my brother all that my lease title and term of years which I have of in and to one cottage or fire house wherein I now dwell and one garden thereto adjoining lying and being in Settle aforesaid, one Attermiredale and one Dale in the Ings within the new close and common of pasture and turbary in and throughout the moors wastes and commons of Settle aforesaid thereto belonging for and according to the ancient rent of three shillings four pence and all profits and appurtenances thereunto belonging. To have and to hold the same premises to the said Thomas Swaynson his executors administrators and assigns from the date hereof for and during all such time terms of years and estate as I now have, may might or ought to have of in and to the same he paying and doing such rent and duties as of right ought to be paid for the same.

Item my will is that all such debts and duties as of right I owe to any person or persons be paid out of my whole goods. Item my will is that when my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged then that Elizabeth my wife shall have her widow right of the rest of my goods according to the law. Item I give to Roger Kendall my godson six shillings eight pence. Item I give to William Iveson my wife's son ten shillings. Item I give to William Grave wife of Long Preston ten shillings. Item I do release and give more to her which she owes me 10s. Item to Richard Deanes two children three pounds six shillings eight pence to be equally divided between them. Item I give to William Lupton's three children three pounds six shillings eight pence equally to be divided amongst them which said legacies given as above to the children of Richard Deane and William Lupton my will is that my said brother Thomas shall set forwards to their several uses till they severally shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years and then to pay every of them their portions with the interest that shall come and arise thereof. Item my will is and I give the rest of my goods to my brother Thomas to distribute and dispose of to my wife or other of my friends and his at his discretion. And I constitute and appoint my said brother Thomas to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses hereof Laurence Swaineson, Robert Swaineson and Anthony Foster.

*Settle*

## ROGER SWAINSON 1610 Borthwick v31 f424

In the name of god Amen the first day of May in the yeare of our lord 1610 I Roger Swainson of Stainford under barghe in the county of Yorke yeoman sicke in body but of good and p'fect remembrance god be praised therefore doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I do (by these presentes?) revoke and disanull all former wills by me made before the date her[of] and doe frely commend my soule into the handes of Almightye god my maker and redeemer assuredly trusting to be made partaker of everlasting joyes in heaven by the merits and precious bloudsheddinge of my sweet saviour Jesus Christ And for my body my will is the same be buryed in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick att the discretion of my wife & executrix Item I doe by theis presentes give and bequeath unto Robert Swainson my sonne my messuage or dwelling house in Stainford under barghe aforesaid wherein I nowe dwell and all other my houses Edifices barnes buildinge gardins garthes yards landes meadows closes and other groundes with their appurtenances in Stainford above said nowe in my possession and which I holdeth by lease or leases together with all my dedes writings and evidences concerning the same To have and to hold to the said Robert Swainson and to the Issue of his body lawfully to be begotten for and during all the terme and termes of yeres that I have to come and unspent therein And if it please god my sonne dy haveing noe lawfull issue lyveing att the tyme of his death. Or that he have lawfull yssue dy and none of them be left alyve then I give Devise and bequeath one full moyty or halfe of my said messuages and all other my said houses edifices barnes buildinges garthes gardens yardes landes meadows closes and other groundes with thappurtenances in Stainford aforesaid And of all my said dedes Evidences and wryteinges concerninge the same to Richard the sone of Thomas Carr of Giggleswick aforesaid yoman and to his assignes And the other moytie or halfe of all the said premisses with thappurtenances to Sara Clapham the daughter of Robert Clapham of Feizer and to her assignes for and during all the residue and residues remainder and remainders of the yeares that then shalbe to come and unspent of the said leases provided alwayes that my said sonne and his yssue and the said Richard Carr and Sara Clapham and the assignes of them and either of them shall permit Isabell my nowe wife to enjoy a third parte of all the saide premisses for the terme of forty and one yeares .... next after my decease if shee soe long doe lyve and contynue in her pure widowehead any thing before mentyoned not withstandinge Itm for my goodes my mynde and will is that my debts and funerall expenses be paid out of the whole and that my said wiefe have her third parte out of the residue accordinge to lawe and Custome of the country And I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Foster my daughter the wiefe of Richard Foster the some of five markes to be paid unto her if shee be lyveinge att the yeares end next after my decease And to be to her in full recompence of all such childe porcon and claime as she may or can have make or claime out of my goodes and cattells after my decease upon condition that she and her husband upon payment thereof shall seale to my (executors?) ..... all release and acquittances of all actions But yf my said daughter dy before the yeare end next after my decease or that she and her husband will not ... acquittance as before is saide then the said legacy of the fyve markes to be void and my executors to be not charged therewith Itm I give to my grandchild Ellin Atkinson And to my god daughter Ellin Paley either of them a gimber lambe to be delivered att ... next Cominge And for all the rest of my goods I give them wholly to Richard my said sone and I doe hereby appoint and ordaine my said sonne Robert Swainson to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament Theis being witnesses Robert Clapham Thomas Carr and Willim dawson

*Latin text*

*Stainforth  
Giggleswick*

## **THOMAS SWAINSON 1607 Borthwick v30 f454**

In the name of god Amen the 22nd day of November in the year of our lord 1607 I Thomas Swainson of Settle in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance (god be praised therefore) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of life everlasting and for my body I will the same be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. Also I will that upon my funeral day a dinner shall be bestowed upon my friends and loving neighbours to the number of twenty meals or more at the rate of sixteen pence a meal.

Item whereas my late deceased brother Roger Swainson did by his last will and testament give unto Brian Deane and William Deane children of Richard Deane and unto John Lupton, Christopher Lupton and Elizabeth Lupton the children of William Lupton certain legacies and admitted the same to my government for their uses and for that the said Elizabeth has had least benefit of them all at my hands first I give therefore now first unto her four pounds out of that money which James Walker owes me. And also whereas I did about two days since appoint my now executors and commend trust unto them for the guiding and setting forth of the sum of thirty three pounds and did let them understand in whose hands it was and for what purposes I meant the same, now I declare hereby that my will then was and now is and I give the said sum of thirty three pounds to the said Bryan Deane, William Deane, John Lupton, Christopher Lupton and Elizabeth Lupton equally amongst them in full recompense of their said legacies and of such profit and increase thereof as they should have of me by my said brother Roger's will and my will is that my said executors shall still guide and set forth the said sum and shall pay to every of them their portions thereof with the reasonable increase and profit that shall come thereof when they shall successively accomplish their full ages of 21 years and if the said William or Brian Dean either of them die in their minority my will is the portion of him so dying shall be good the survivor. And if any of Luptons said children die in their minority then the portion or portions to remain to the survivors or survivor.

Item I give twenty shillings to the poor people of this parish to be divided at the discretion of my executors. Item I do give to Elizabeth and Margaret Grane the children of William Grane late of Long Preston deceased either of them ten shillings. Item I give to Marie Paley wife of George Paley ten shillings for her daughter Margaret to be set forth for her use. Item whereas I owe to my sister in law Elizabeth Swainson thirteen shillings four pence due yearly by ten grants in the year till it be paid and that I likewise owe her five shillings six pence due presently I will it shall be all paid unto her within a twelve month next after my decease and I give her ten shillings over and besides what I owe her. Item I give to the children of master Gilbert Watson and of John Kinge every one of them one ewe to be delivered within a year after my decease. Item I give to John Breanand 20s. Item I give to the three executors of this my will every of them six pounds thirteen shillings four pence. Item I give unto Richard Deane my older horse and I forgive him ten shillings of that thirty shillings which he owes me. Item I give unto William Lawson 20s. And for all the rest of my goods, chattels credits and rights whatsoever I give and bequeath them to my sister Isabel Brennand the wife of William Brennand, Margaret Lupton wife of William Lupton, Alice Deane wife of Richard Dean and the above named Brian Deane, William Deane, John Lupton, Christopher Lupton and Elizabeth Lupton to every of them eight an equal part thereof. And I do make and ordain the said William Brennand and my good friends Robert Cookeson the younger of Settle and John Swainson of Giggleswick yeoman my executors of this my last will and testament. These being Witnesses Richard Deane and William Lawson.

*Settle  
Giggleswicke*

**THOMAS SWAYNSON 1663 Ref. Borthwick, York vol. 46 fol. 261**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Swaynson of Rawthmell in the County of yorke yeoman beinge att present sick of body but pfect in Memory blessed be God I doe declare and publish this to be my last will and and (sic) testament in Manner and Forme Followinge Imprimis I give and Rekomend my soul to God my Maker hopinge for a gracious Acceptance in and and (sic) through his deare sonne and my onely saviour Christ Jesus: And my body to be buried in decent Manner as my wife and Friends shall think fitt: And as for my worldly estate I dispose of the same as Followeth My will and mynd is that all my debts and Funerall expenses be payd out of my stocke of quick\* goods: And if they will nott extend to pay the same my minde is that the Remainder be payd out of the profitts of my whole estate My mind is that my Daughter Jennett have Thirty pounds From my sonne John out of my estate within three years after my debts be payd And my will and minde is that my sonne John pay unto my Daughter Jane the sume of Thirty pounds when shee shall accomplish the age of twenty seaven yeares And if shee dye and have no children before shee accomplish the age of twenty seaven years Then my will and mynde is that my sonne John pay tenn pounds more to his sister Jennett, and noe more. I give the one halfe of my husbandry geare to my wife and the other halfe to my sonne John Swainson equally to be devided betwixt them I give all my in sight or household goods within my house to my wife to dispose on as shee thinks good except the tables bedstocks iron Rainges and one Arke Called the lesse ark at Johns bed Feete, My minde is that my sonne John pay unto his two sisters eyther of them Tenn pounds within five years after that his sister Janes portion is due out of the Causey Close: And if eyther of them dye without Children then to pay the other her part and noe more. My minde is that my wife have the one halfe of all my estate except the Causey Close dureing here life imediately after my decease and debts be payd And my sonne John to have the other halfe now viz after my decease and all the Remainder after his Mothers decease, My minde is that my wife have the over parlour and Milke house and Loft overhead dureing (her life) and half of all the other houses And I doe further declare and appoint my wife and my owne sonne Joynt Executors to in as my last will and testament In witnes whereof I have sett to my hand & seale the 10th. day of March 1663: and in the sixteenth yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord King Charles the second over England etc Thomas Swainson T mark: sealed and delivered published and declared in the presence of Jane Houghton mark Hen. Clark

\* *Quick goods – moveable goods*  
*Rathmell modern spelling*

**LAWRENCE SWENSON 1629 Ref. Borthwick v40 f449**

In the name of God Amen I Lawrence Swenson of Rathmell in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance the lord be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and



with a free will yield up my soul into the hands of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends in Giggleswick church. Item whereas I formerly by an absolute deed of gift bearing date the twentieth day of August in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and one have given and granted full freely and clearly and absolutely unto John Swenson my natural son his executors administrators and assigns all my goods chattels movable and immovable of what nature kind quality sort or condition soever the same wherever and in whose custody or possession soever the same wherever within this realm of England or elsewhere and for the better ratifying confirming and strengthening of the said recited deed according to the true meaning thereof I do absolutely clearly and freely give unto the said John Swenson my said son all my goods and chattels movable and immovable of what kind nature or quality soever the same now are or be within the realm of England or elsewhere and also all sum and sums of money , debts, rights and credits bills bonds and specialties which now are or hereafter shall be owing to me by any person or persons whatsoever especially all those sum and sums of money bills bonds and specialties which now are resting and remaining due unto me being in the custody and keeping of Henry Foster of Rathmell aforesaid only in trust for my use and my said son John Swenson which sum and sums of money amount to the sum of one hundred pounds and fifty pounds of current english money or thereabouts. Item my will and mind is that John Swenson my son shall be sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills. In witness hereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the three and twentieth day of June in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles by the grace of god king of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith anno dom (1629). Sealed signed and delivered in the sight and presence of us Robert Swenson, Edward Knowles & John Carr.

*Rathmell spelt Rawthmell  
Giggleswick spelt Gigglesweeke*

**JOHN TAILIER 1642 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1650 MIC 1744  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God, Amen The xxth Daie of February (1642) I John Tailier of Roomehouse in the Countie of yorke doe make this my last will (and) Testament in manner (and forme) following. First I committ my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my heavenly Creator trusting through the merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have free remission of all my sins And my body to be buried in the pish Church yarde of Gigelswicke at the discretion of my loving wife and friends. And my will is that my debts, mortuarie and funeral expences be paid out of my goods, by my executor, As for my Messuage and Tenemt with all my evidences and writtings concerning the same I give unto Thomas Tailier my sonn Provided always and upon Condicion that he the said Thomas shall permit and suffer Jane my wife to occupie and enjoy one halfe of my said messuage and Tenements for and during hir naturall life if shee the said Jane shall continue my wife and not marrie again But if shee shall marrie Then my will is that shee shall have but a third pte of this my Messuage and Tenemts. Also I give and bequeath unto Thomas Tailier my sonn one halfe of all my husbandrie geare with Two bedsteads one beiffe Tub three Tables Two Arkes, And for the remainder of my Arkes bedsteads and Tables my will

is that my sonn Thomas shall have them after the decease of my said wife if shee shall survive him Also two chaires one chist and the other halfe of my husbandrie geare after my wifes decease Also I give unto my grandchilder (Jane) Tailier one filie whye or heffer Also I give unto my grandchildren John Setle and Thomasin Setle son and daughter of Robt Setle either of them a why or heffer which I bought of Richard Ralinshaie, Also I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Tailier my naturall daughter the somme of threescore pounds when she shall accomplish the age of Twenty and one yeares. And my will is that my said wife shall have the tuition of hir and hir porcion until she shall accomplish the same age and I give unto Elizabeth my daughter one great Arke, And I doe make and appoint Jane my wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and Testament

Witness my hand

John H Tailier

Wittnesse hereof

Robert Wilkinson mke R

Tho: \jurat/ Lawson

*Giggleswick – (modern spelling)*

**HENRY TAYLER 1672 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 54 fol. 54  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

Memorandum that Henry Tayler of Routsterth within the parish of Giggleswicke and County of yorke (late deceased) did .....in (and?) upon the twenty ...day of December 1672 he the said Henry deceased then being at the house of William Tayler his sone in Eldroth within the parish.....County aforesaid and sick of body but of pfect remembrance did expresse his last will nuncupative in these words following that is to say.....that my body may be buried within the parrish Church (yarde?)...Gilgeswicke Item as for my temporall Estate I give as followeth to Jonathan Craven my sonne in Law fower poundes Item to Hellen Chapman daughter fower poundes Item to William Tayler my sonne aforesaid fower poundes Item to Edmond Luton my sonne in law one pound tenn shillings Item to Christopher Carr my sonne in Law one pound tenn shillings All which said legacies I will that they be paied out of one debt due to me from one Richard (.....atison) by an obligation under his hand and seale Conditioned for the payment of sixteen pounds sixteen shillings upon the Eight day of May one thousand six hundred seventy three and if there shall happen, any trouble or losse to my Executor in the proaveing thereof I will that each legatee beare a proporcon thereof according to the quantity of his or her Legacie and Lastly I doe appoint my said sonne William Tayler my sole and whole executor and this was exprest onely three dayes before the death, of the said Henry Tayler within the presence and heareing of us Anthony Procter, Lawrence Tateham Wittneses

*6 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JANE TAYLER 1664 Ref. Borthwick vol. 52 fol. 231**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen Novembar  
the 19<sup>th</sup>. 1664 I Jane Tayler of Roomehouses in the pish (*parish*) of Giggleswicke  
and County of Yorke weake of body but of good and pfect memory  
God be praised doe ordaine and make this my last will and Testament  
in maner and Forme Following (that is to say) First I comend my soule  
into the hands of God my maker hoping through the merits of Jesus  
Christ my Saviour, to be ptaker of life everlasting, And I give my body to  
the earth whereof itt is made, Impris I doe Freely give unto Thomas  
Carr of Stackhous, and George Atkinson, of Lyth bancke one Close called  
undercokit with one Routhe (*rood?*) land lyeing at the north end of that close  
be itt more or less, And twenty foure pounds in the hands of Richard  
Carr of Grean houses lyeing of two closes called by the name of Sanding  
Joyneing of the north End of Greene Fald, and twenty pounds in the hands  
of William Bankes, of Giggleswicke upon a bond, And tenn pounds in the  
hands of John Corte upon a bond And seaven pounds in the hands of  
Roger Tayler of Romeester upon a bond, all this I doe freely give unto  
the above named Thomas Carr and George Atkinson, After my decease  
keeping and maintaining my daughter Elizabeth Tayler with meals  
drinke and apparel, soe long as it shall please God she may live, keepeing  
her each of them their yeare about, Item I give unto my daughter  
Elizabeth one bedd of Clothes of the best with a paire of bedstocks of  
and my best chist And all the rest of my household stuffe and bedding with potts  
and pans and wood vessell and all the rest to be divided equally  
betwixt my daughter Margaret and my daughter Elizabeth afore  
menconed and my own apparel accordingley Item I give unto my grand  
child Thomas Settle one (Cattell gate?) of Roomehouse Item I give unto  
my grandchild Jane Carr one cow in the hand of William Wilson  
of Bracenber and one great table in the house and one chist, Item  
I give unto my Grandchild Thomasin Bullock four pound .Item to my  
grandchild Jane Settle, three pounds, Item to all I am Grondmother to who  
is by name, Robert Atkinson Anne Franckland Margrett Redman  
one shilling a piece, Item I give unto my daughter Margrett one cow, Item  
I give unto my daughter Elizabeth one cow Item I give, unto my daughter  
Margrett five pounds, I appoint Thomas Carr and George Atkinson to be  
joynt Executors, In witnesse whereof, I have hereunto sett my hand and  
seale, Jane Tayler her marke, witnesse Edward Stackehouse his marke  
James Atkinson his marke Thomas Carr.

*4 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**MARIE TAYLER 1669 Ref. Borthwick vol. 50 fol. 371**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen To all true Christian people to whome this present writing  
shall come greeting know ye that I Marie Tayler of Settle widdower being sicke and

weake of bodie but of (good) and perfect memorie God be prayed doe make this my Last will and Testament in manner and forme Following, First I bequeath my soule to God my Redeemer in whome I trust and my bodie to be buried in the Church or Church yeard of Giggleswicke att the discretion of my Executors, Item I give unto my sonne William Howsone twentie shillings, Item I give unto my sonne Leonard Howsone 20 li and Robert Howsone two pounds, Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jennett Tayler twentie pounds, Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest sonne John Howson Children being Grandmother unto twentie shillings To be devided equallie amongst them. All those Legacies to be paide within one whole year after my decease, And I doe give and bequeath unto my sonne Thomas Howson All my whole estate goods and Land payeing the aforesaid Legacies And I doe alsoe appoint the aforesaid Thomas Howson sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament, And I doe hereby revoake all former wills by me made, In wisse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand the eighteenth day of Aprill Anno dom one thousand six hundred sixtie nine witnes Henry (Tempest?)

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**HUGH TAYLOR 1603 Borthwick vol 29 fol 345 mf 943**

N.B. Henry of Giggleswick, Act Book

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The last will and testament of Hughe Tayler

**In the name of God Amen** - The xiiij th daie of December in the first yeare of the Raigne of our most gracious soveraigne Lorde James by the grace of god kinge of Englande France and Ireland and of Scotland the xxxvij th Defender of the faith etc. Itm I give and bequeath to Katherin my wife all the whole estate of my goodes till my youngest sonne Thomas come to 24 tie yeares of age. And if that my Lorde the Earle of Cu(m)b(er)land doe redeeme my money at Candlemas my will is that my wife and her frendes shall dispose the same to my two daughters. And the saide Earle doe not redeeme that my longe lease doe stande my will is that by the discrecon of my wife and her freindes my te(neme)nt maie wholie remaine to some one of my sonnes and that the other maie have some other porcons made amongst them. And if my sonne Robert coulde be gotten to some trade with some mercer or such a like trade it were better for him then to stayer at home, and have my tenement. And also my will is that my Children maie be kept at the schoole soe far forth as my wife shalbe able. And my wife shalbe my executrix. Witnesses Giles houghton, Richard Ermitsteade and Robert Taylor. Et ultimo die mensis Julij Anno pred(icti) d(e)c(a)n(u)s (*sic*) Decanus Cert(ificavit) de probacone h(uius)mo(d)i test(ament)i per postremos testes no(m)i(n)at iurat etc. Comissa fuit administrato bonoru(m) d(ic)ti def(uncti) Katherina eius rel(ic)te soli executrici in eode(m) test(ament)o no(m)i(n)at in forma iuris etc. Saluo cuiscumque

And the last day of the month of July in the said year the dean of the Deanery has certified the probate of this testament for the afterwards named sworn witnesses etc. It

was committed to administrate the goods of the said deceased by Katherine his widow sole executrix named in this testament in legal format etc. *excepting whosoever.*

**MATTHEW TAYLOR 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Nov 1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the Name of God Amen this twenty fowerth day of September in ye year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred Ninety I Matthew Taylor of Settle in the County of yorke Apothecary being infirme in body but of good & perfect memory prayed bee God for ye same doe make & ordayne this my last Will & testament in maner & forme following hereby revoking & makeing voyd all former & other will or wills by mee heretofore made And first & principally I comend & comitt my soule into ye mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in & through the merritts & mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour my Sinns shall bee forgiven & that my soule shall bee made partaker of everlasting happiness in the Kingdome of heaven & my body to bee buried in Decent maner at ye Discretion of my friends & executores hereafter named And as to the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give & dispose as followeth That is to say first my will & minde is that all my Just debts & funerall expences shall bee payd out of my whole estates, Item I give & bequeath *..(obliterated...)* Thomas Taylor his heyres *..(obliterated...)* my messuages & tenemts in Settle or elsewhere in ye pish of Gigleswicke, allowing my wife Anne her third pte according to Law & in case it shall soe happen that my said Sonne Thomas shall depart this life leaving noe issue Lawfully begotten then I give & bequeath unto my said wife Anne & to her assigns All my said Messuages lands & tenemts in Settle or in the parish of Gigleswicke aforesaid during her naturall life Item my will & minde is that my said wife Anne shall enjoy all my said Messuages Lands & tenemts until my said Sonne Thomas shall attayne ye age of twenty one years or Marry upon Condiscon shee doe maintayne & educate my said sonne till ye same time Item I doe nominate Constitute & appoynt my said wife Anne \.../ & my said sonne Thomas \a minor/ Joynt executor & executrix of this my last will & testamt And I doe desire & request Mr. Richard \jurat/ Preston of Settle John Moore \ ..... / of Eldroth & John \jurat/ Richardson ye younger of Settle, as trustees to doe theyr endeavour in seeing this my last will & testamt duly & truly pformed In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale the day & year first above written

Seald signd & published in the presence of us  
ye three rasations\* being first made

Matthew Taylor

Wm. Paley  
Richard Carr  
John Wildman jurat

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

\* *rasations - three 'erasures' or insertions*

**ROBERT TAYLOR 1664 Ref. Borthwick, York vol.47 fol.235**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen about the Twelfth day of February in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred Sixty Foure Robert Taylor of Close house in the pish of Giggleswicke and Dyocese of yorke being sicke of body butt of good and perfect memory, did make his last will and Testament Nuncupative or by word of mouth in these words following or words to the same effect, Imprimis hee did commend his Soule unto God and his body to Christian buriall, Item as for his worldly Estate hee gives All my goods and Chattells and Cattells that I have I give the one moyety to my wife and the other moyety to my daughter Elizabeth And I leave the tuicon of my said daughter to my loving wife Jane Taylor whome I doe appoint Executrix of this my last will witnesses hereof Richard Walbanke Signed Thomas Watkinson

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**ROGER TAYLOR 1630 Ref. Borthwick vol 41 fol 71**

In the name of god Amen the tenth day of May in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland defender of the faith Anno dom 1630 I Roger Taylor of Rowtsforth within the parish of Giggleswick and within the County of York yeoman being at this present sick and crazed in body but of perfect remembrance god be praised do ordain and make this my will and testament in manner and form following: first and principally I do commend my soul into the hands of the Almighty trusting faithfully through the mercy of god and merits of Jesus Christ to have my sins forgiven and to be made partaker of gods his everlasting kingdom. Also I do commend my body to the earth whereof it was made and to be buried at the parish Church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends.

And for my movable goods it is my will and mind that my due debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods. And it is my will and mind next that my wife shall have her third granted out. And for another third part it is my will and mind that it shall be equally divided between James Taylor my son and Margrett Taylor my daughter. And for that I have given unto Thomas Taylor my son a lease of grounds for and in consideration of his child's portion of my goods therefore it is my will and mind that he shall not have any part of my moveable goods. And for the last third part it is my will and mind that all the legacies hereafter given by me shall be paid and discharged First I give and bequeath out of the same unto Margrett my daughter Five pounds, also I give unto Henry Taylor my son my part of one musket which I have in keeping and all the furniture belonging to the same (the second excepted). Also I give unto the two children of my son Henry either of them one gimber lamb. And unto the two children of Robert Carr my son in law either of them one gimber lamb. Also I give unto my said son Henry the best chair at my house. Also I give unto Roger Taylor son of Henry one sword. And I do ordain and make Isabel my wife executrix of this my last will and testament. And I do ordain and appoint Thomas Paley and James Foster to be supervisors hereof requesting them to be assistant and aiding my said executrix so far forth as conveniently they can upon

their reasonable costs and charges born. Witnesses hereof Thomas Paley elder, James Foster, Richard Linsey and Thomas Remington.

*Giggleswick spelt Gileswick*

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*Giggleswick spelt Gileswick*

**ARTHUR TEMPEST 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Jul 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred Ninety I Arthur Tempest of Gigleswicke in the County of

yorke Sadler being infirme in body but of good & perfect memory praised bee God for the same doe make and ordayne this my last Will & testament in maner & forme following hereby revoking and makeing voyd all former & other will & wills by mee heretofore made & first & principally I comend & comitt my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in & through the merritts & mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour my Sinns shall bee forgiven & my body to be buried in Decent manner at the discretion of my friends & executrix hereafter named And as to the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give & dispose as followeth And first my will & mind is that my Just debts Legacys & funerall expences bee payd out of my whole estate, Item I give to Margaret my wife all my Messuage lands & tenemts in Gigleswicke aforesaid for & during the terme of her naturall life, & Imediately after her decease, I give & bequeath the same unto George Tempest my Sonne, his exects. admin. or assigns, Item I give unto George Tempest my said Sonne fifteene pounds to bee payd him when he shall attayne the age of twenty one years Item I give unto Anne, Elizabeth Jane & Arthur my children now living twenty pounds A peice to bee payd them as they shall attayne theyr severall & respective ages of twenty one years, Item I give to the childe now in my wifes womb twenty pounds to bee payd to him or her when hee or shee shall attayne ye age of twenty one years, Item my will & minde is that in case my said sonne George shall depart this life before my said wife then my Messuages Lands & tenemts to goe to Arthur my sonne after his said mothers Decease & in case any of my said children shall depart this life before they attayne theyr severall ages of twenty one years that then his or her Legacy soe dying shall bee equally payd amongst ye rest as they atayne theyr aforesaid severall ages And Lastly I doe nominate Constitute & appoynt my said wife \jurat/ Margaret sole executrix of this my last will & testamt In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & year first above written

Seald Signd & published

In ye presence of us

Arthur Tempest

Jo. Lister jurat

his marke

Leonard **LK** Kidd

Jo. Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A true & pfect Inventory of all ye goods & chattels of Arthur Tempest of Gigleswicke deceased taken by us whose names are underwritten this 28<sup>th</sup>. day of May 1690

	li	s	d
Imprim purse & Apparrell	05	00	00
Bills & Bonds	114	00	00
One Cow	01	10	00
Meale	00	16	00
It one Chest	00	06	08
It one little Chist & 4 Boxes	00	05	00
Two Tables	00	02	00
Pewter & Brasse	00	11	00
2 Wood Vessell	00	05	00



2 Beding	01	00	00
Other Implements	00	04	00
Turfes	00	05	00
Sum.. totalis	124	04	08

Apprisers

Richard Ellershaw

William preston

his marke

Thomas T Watkinson

Thomas Downham

### **PETER TENNANT 1637 Borthwick bundle Oct 1637**

In the name of God Amen the 24th day of June in the Thirteenth yeare of the Reigne of our souvraegne lord Charles by the grace of god kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the fayth etc Anno dni 1637 I Peter Tennant of Settell in the County of york gent sicke in body but of whole and prfect memory laud and prayse be .... almighty prooveing the Mutability of this trans... life and that death is Certayne to every(?) living crature and the tyme thereof most uncertayne and not Amynded(?) to dye untested(?) (*?intestate*) doe therefore ordayne and make this my last will and testament in manor and form following First I betake and comend my soule into the handes of the ever luving god trusting by the Death and passion of his onely sonne my saviour Jesus Christ to have full remission and forgevnes of all my sinnes and to be ptaker wth the elect in his heavenly kingdome and I will my body buried in the pishe Church of Gigeswick and that the same Church have all its rights and duties as touching my funeralls Also I Revocke and make voud all other wills and testaments whatsoever hertofor by me meceoned by wordes or in wretyng Also I give and bequeathe unto Peter Watson my godson xx<sup>s</sup>: Ite(m) I give and bequeath to my Executors Brethren Robert, Willia(m), Joseph and Christopher Windle Twentie pounds a peece, Ite(m) I give to my Nephew Roger Garforth Twentie pounds wch legaces are to be payd out of my Land, (after my wifes decease) yearely as the pfitts of the Land will amount to paye them, It(em) I give to Margret Carr daughter of John Car x<sup>s</sup>. It(em) I give to the Children of Thomas Carr xl<sup>s</sup>, It(em) I give to my Sister Jane one wanded Chere one warmeinge pan and one peece of coloured cloath, thies legacies are to be payed as aforsayd, after the death of my wife Jennitt, It(em) my will and mind is that Jennit my wife have the one halfe of my goods after my funerall expences & debts be payd and also one halfe of all my lands dureinge her naturall life in full satisfaction of her widdow right, and after her decease to returne to John Windle my Executor for and during all the residue & remainder of anie terme or termes of yeares whereby I hold the same And the rest of all my goods and Cattalls before not given and bequeathed in the..... my debts paid and funeralls descharged I doe give and Bequeath unto John Windle my nephew whom I do make executor of this my last will and testament trusting he will see the same executed accordinge to the tru Intent and meaning of the same And I desyer my welbeloved Friends Steven(?) Cockitt Clerk and Chrestper(?) grandoige(?) Clerk to be supervisors of this my last will and testament and to see the same truly pformed as my trust is in them and I give unto eythr of them (*blank*) In wittns whereof I the said Peter Tennant have sett my hand and seale the day and year above written

In the psence of these witnesses

Vizt William<sup>Jur</sup> Tennant

James Hall

William Windle

Antho: Bainbrigg<sup>Jur</sup>

Peter Tenant

*Settle*

*Giggleswick*

**FRANCIS TENNANT 1692 Ref. Borthwick York. June 1692 Bundle  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the first day of March in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred Ninety one I Francis Tennant of Settle in the County of yorke yeoman beeing infirme of body but of sound & disposing mind & memory prayed bee God for the same doe make this my last Will & Testam. in writeing in manner & forme following First I comend my soule into the mercifull hands of Allmighty God my maker assuredly trusting through the precious meritts of my saviour & redeemer Jesus Christ to receive full & free pardon for all my sins & my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such Christian manner as to my friends & Executors hereafter named shall deeme meete & convenient And so for those worldly Goods & estate whereof God hath blessed mee I give & dispose the same in manner & forme following Whereas I and my brother John Tennant are joynt tennts. & lawfully intituled & possessed of & in one Messuage & Tenemt. with thaptances & of severall Landes groundes & hereditant hereunto belonging situate lying & being at Yokenthwaite in Langstrothdale in the said County of yorke being of the ancient yearely rent of Twenty eight shillings & foure pence my will & mind is & I doe hereby give devise & bequeath unto my loveing wife Dorothy all my right title estate interest & demand of in & to the same & of in & to all & every or any pte or pcell thereof To have & to hold to her the said Dorothy her Executors Administrators & Assigns for & dureing all the rest & residue of any Terme or Termes of yeares yet to come & unspent or unexpired in the same To the end & intent that the same together with the rest of all my personall estate may be sold with what convenient speed as may do for payment of all my just debts and funerall expenses & after paymt. thereof out of my whole estate as aforesaid my will & mind is & I doe hereth give devise & bequeath unto my three children viz. William John & Dorothy the sume of Tenn pounds a peice to bee paid therein out of the remaining parte of my said estate & after paymt. thereof my will & mind alsoe is that all the rest & residue of my said estate bee employed & disposed by my said wife for & towards the maintenance & educacon & prefermt. of my three said children according as my said wife in her prudence & discession shall thinke meet & convenient Item Whereas William Paley late of Gigleswicke in the said County of yorke gent (my father in Law) deceased did by his last will & Testament in writeing give devise & bequeath unto my said wife by the name of Dorothy Paley the sume of Twenty pounds to bee paid her out of a Messuage & Tenemt. situate & being in Midleham in the said County of yorke at a day long since past as by the said Will relacon being thereunto had morefully may appear my will & mind alsoe is & I doe hereby give devise & bequeath all my right title interest claime & demand of in & to the said sume of Twenty pounds & of in & to all the interest & product therefore due unto my said wife Dorothy \jurat/ her Executors Administrators & Assigns & doe hereby make her sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament revoaking & by these presents annulling all former Will or Wills whatsoever heretofore made by me either by word or Writeing & this onely to her my last will &

Testament In witsse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand & Seale the day & yeare first  
above written  
Sealed signed published & declared  
in the presence of

Bryan Cookson

Fra. Tennant

Chr. Weatherherd

John Bradley jurat

*Settle modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

### **HENRY TENNANT 1604 Borthwick v29 f342**

In the name of God Amen. The fifth day of July AD 1604 etc I Henry Tenant of  
Cleatop and of the parish of Giggleswick within the county of York gent, weak in  
body by reason of old age and gods most loving visitation towards me but of perfect  
understanding and memory praised be almighty god having prepared my soul to a  
better life and minding the peace of my kinsfolks and friends after my death do now  
advisedly and in the fear of god make this my last will and testament in manner and  
form following.

And first of all I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my heavenly father  
verily believing through the merits of the death and passion of his son Jesus Christ my  
only redeemer and saviour to have eternal life. And I will that my body be buried  
within the Quire or chancel of my parish church of Giggleswick aforesaid, as nigh to  
the place of my father's burial as may be supposed. And at my burial my will is that  
my good friend master Shute now vicar of Giggleswick shall preach my funeral  
sermon.

And first of all I do revoke and make void herein what wills and testaments soever  
before I have made. Also my will is and I ordain that my cousin Alice Procter late  
wife to my nephew Robert Procter of Cleatop aforesaid and her assigns shall quietly  
enjoy and possess that part of Cleatop whereupon she now dwells and occupies  
without the disturbance of me or any my executors or assigns or any others claiming  
by from or under me during all those years which were granted to my father Robert  
Tenant and me by Henry Earl of Northumberland deceased as also during all such  
term or terms of years as are yet by any other lease or grant unexpired or to expire of  
the same she remaining wife of the said Robert. Also I give to the said Alice my  
cousin my great English bible.

Also I give to the four several parts or footes of the parish of Giggleswick that is to  
say to the foote of Giggleswick, to the foote of Settle, to the foote of the two  
Stainforths, Feizor, Winskill and Stackhouse and to the foot of Rathmell and  
Langliffe and to every of the said four footes or four parts one bull and one stoned  
horse to be kept and maintained by good order to and for the common use, benefit  
and good of all the inhabitants of the said four several footes or four parts. And I  
desire the inhabitants of the same several parts that they will continue the same order  
still amongst them in remembrance of this my free gift.

Also I give towards the building up of the battlement of Settle bridge on both sides for this end and purpose that it may be builded so high on both sides so as children may not look over the same and withal so bound with iron for the sure workmanship thereof, that if any person or persons lean thereupon that both the same persons and the work be out of danger.

Also I give to master Christopher Shute, John Catterall and to the rest of the governors and their successors governors of the free grammar school of Giggleswick all my lands and hereditaments in Settle and Settle fields and of the ancient yearly rent of 5s be it more or less, with all commons, commodities, profits and appurtenances thereto belonging together with all my receipts, evidences and writings concerning the same which I purchased and bought of master Richard Chewe, Thomas Ellison and Barnard Browne to have and to hold to them and their successors governors of the said school and to their assigns for ever, the said lands, hereditaments, commons, appurtenances and writings towards the procuring and obtaining of an exhibition for a poor scholar or sizar in some one College of the university of Cambridge until by order of standing there he shall or may be bachelor of Arts. And so successively from one to another forever. The same poor scholar to be born within the parish of Giggleswick and brought up at the school there at learning and to be elected and nominated from time to time, for that place by the master and governors of the said school and their successors governors or the most part of them.

And whereas heretofore I have given one hundred pounds to the said Christopher Shute, John Catterell and other the now governors of the said school and their successors governors towards the purchasing or procuring of lands or a certain rent charge forever for the maintaining of a scholar or scholars in the university of Cambridge as more at large appeareth by my said act and deed in writing to the said governors, signed sealed and delivered, my will is and I do hereby ratify and confirm the said deed so made to all intents and purposes as are contained in the same without interruption of me or any claiming by from or under me for ever and howsoever.

Also I do hereby give and bequeath to my cousin Alice Procter late wife of Robert Procter £5 Item I give to my cousin Henry Procter £5. Item I give to George Procter and Thomas Procter sons to my nephew Henry Procter to either of them £3 6s 8d. Item I give to Allen Procter my cousin four marks. Item I give to Edmond Tenant if he be living at the day of my death 40s. Item I give to my cousin Thomas Cattrell 40s, Item I give to Anne Tenant 40s Item I give to Alice \*h\*\*ph\*\*\*r 40s. Item I give to Jane Tharham 40s moreover I give to my servants which shall be remaining my household servants at the day of my death £\*- 6s- 8d to be divided amongst them at the discretion of my executors besides their wages then due to them.

Item I give to my cousin Anthonie Procter 20s . Item I give to Agnes Abbatson 10s if she be my cousin Alice's servant at the day of my death. Item I give to Richard Lawson and Robert Houghton to either of them 6s 8d upon like condition. Item I give to Willm Armetstead 5s upon like condition.

Item I give to these my godchildren following: first I give to Margaret Parker daughter of master Shute one whie or heifer. Item to Jane Gregson daughter of master John Catrell one whie. Item to Stephen Pudsey 10s. Item to Henrie Claphamson son

of Hewe Claphamson 10s. Item to Christopher Foster son of Richard Foster one ewe. Item I give to Robert Shute bachelor of arts and to Josias and Nathaniell Shute to each of them one whie or heifer or the price thereof. Item I give to master Bryan Garnet 20s. and to his man Anthonie 10s. Item I give to master John Ingleby and to his son Thomas and to either of them 20s. Item I give to the poor of the parish of Giggleswick £5 to be distributed at the discretion of my executors. Item I give to the daughter of Thomas Tenant late deceased 20s. Item I give to Richard Kidson of Langcliffe, Robert Morehouse of Settle, Henry Knowles and Roger Preston of Mearbeck equally amongst them my lease which I have of the governors of Giggleswick school, of Rise Alderbrough and Etherwicke with all the profits thereto belonging upon condition that they shall pay all rents and do all duties and services thereto belonging or else none of them to have any benefit thereof. Also I give 10s to master Sergeant of Hutton to be aiding towards those whom I shall appoint for the execution of this my will.

Also I give to little Willm Fayrfaxe 5s. Item I give all my books to Giggleswick school for the scholars' use there. Item my will is and I ordain that what person or persons soever either in this my will already named or to be named that shall not hold himself fully contented with this my will and legacies given already or to be given and set down hereafter but shall spurn against the same whereby my will shall be hindered or mine executors molested in and about the execution of the same shall not take nor receive any benefit of any legacy already given or to be given but be clearly excluded forever from the same,

Item I ordain Bryan Garnet and Thomas Banke of Giggleswick my supervisors and I give to either of them 20s. Item I do constitute and ordain my friends master Shute vicar of Giggleswick and my nephew Henry Procter of Newhall my executors jointly. And I refer and bequeath the disposal of the rest of all my goods not bequeathed to them jointly to dispose of, my funeral expenses discharged as they think in their discretions most convenient and so as the one of my said executors shall do no act or acts, thing or things touching the execution of this my will without the other.

In witness whereof to this my present will I have set my seal and mark the day and year above written These being witnesses Anthony Procter, William Harrison

Item I give to William Harrison my cottage in Settle wherein he dwelleth now

*Cleatopp*  
*Gigleswicke*  
*The two Stainforthes*  
*Rawthmell*  
*Feizar*  
*Winscall*  
*Merebecke*

**MILES THISTLETHWAITE of Settle 1637 Borthwick ref: Feb 1636/37**

In the name of God Amen upon the nine and twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the church of England one thousand six hundred thirty and six I Myles Thistlethwaite of Settle in the county of York yeoman sick in body yet of perfect mind and memory, I praise god for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved, and my body to be buried in the church or church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends. Also I will that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods. And also my will and mind is that Jane my wife shall have \in full satisfaction of that/ which is her due according to the custom of the country all my household goods and all the hay & turves which I have in my own houses and the one moiety of the corn which I have gotten into my houses \and the lease which I have in one house now in the possession of James Young./ And my will and mind is that she the said Jane my wife shall have the use and occupation of all my houses, garthes and stables \in Settle now in my possession/ from and after the time of my death for and during her natural life. And also my will and mind is that after the death and decease of the said Jane my wife I give devise and bequeath all my said houses, garthes and stables in Settle unto Myles Capestake of Deepdale in Dent, \Christopher Capestake, Edward Capestake and Richard Capestake/ my cousins and to their heirs, executors and assigns for ever, or for such term or terms of years as are yet unspent and to come of any lease or leases whereby I hold the same. Also I give and bequeath to Marmaduke Burton my godson thirty shillings and to Thomas Armetstead my godson ten shillings and to Ralph Hodgson \son of Anthonie Hodgson/ twenty shillings and my black suit of apparel, and to Myles Hodgson my godson five shillings. And whereas Marmaduke Procter is indebted unto me the sum of sixteen pounds and Thomas Gibson my father in law the sum of four pounds my will and mind is that all the said £20 shall be put into the said Thomas Gibson's hand and there to remain only during the natural life of Elizabeth my mother, he the said Thomas Gibson paying yearly unto the said Elizabeth my mother the sum of thirty shillings. And at the death of my said mother he to lay down and disburse forth of the said sum so much money as is fitting for her burial. And forth of the remainder of the same I give to John Gibson my brother in law forty shillings. \Also I give to Alice Lawson and Christian Sparkeith either of them 3s 4d./ And also I give to all those whom I am Godfather unto two shillings six pence a piece (except those before named). Also I give to the poor people within Horton parish twenty shillings to be disbursed at the discretion of my father in law Thomas Gibson and my uncle Peeter Procter. \ Also I give to Luke Atkinson's wife in consideration of 11s for which I passed my word (for the Newhouse 13s 4d) /Also I give to Jane my wife my sow and pig. And all the residue of the £20 remaining after the death of my mother and paying to John Gibson the forty shillings aforesaid I give and bequeath to Myles Capestake, Christopher Capestake, Edward and Richard Capestake my cousins to be equally divided amongst them. Also I give to Thomas Atkinson son of James Atkinson twenty shillings. And to Gyles Foscroft eldest son ten shillings. Also I give to Richard Procter of Kettlebeck his son twenty shillings and all the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Miles Capestake, Christopher, Edward and Richard Capestake equally to be divided amongst them.

And I nominate and appoint the said Myles Capestake and Rich Capestake to be joint executors of this my last will and testament.

These being Witnesses William Newhouse & Antho Bainbrigge

Henry Prestonn,

T Thistelthwaite

Myles Thistlethwaite

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Side notes:*

Also I give to Elizabeth my mother 20s to be paid to her of the first money received.

Also I give to Francis Lund 5s and to Rich Lund his father 2s Also I give to Thomas Hodgson my brother in law £3 which he owes me upon condition that he permit and suffer my executors quietly to use occupy and enjoy one close called the Sugs close for and during such term of years as I have therein. And also I give to Margaret Hodgson widow five pounds which she owes me upon the same condition that she likewise permit my executors to occupy and enjoy the same close for and during the said term.

**THOMAS TINDALL 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Dec 1699**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Tindall of Holling Hall in the County of Yorke being infirme in body but of sound & pfect memory praised be Almighty God for the same doe make this my last will & Testament in manner following First I comend my soul into ye mercifull power of Almighty God believing in & by the merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ he will be pleased to show mercy unto me & my body I comitt to ye earth in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection desiring it may be decently buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executs. hereafter in these p(rese)nts named & my worldly possessions I doe dispose as followeth Imp(rimis) I doe give devise & bequeath to my loving wife Mary Tindall and to my two brothers Henry Nowell & Richard Croston both of Foul Scales in ye sd. County of yorke & to ye Survivors and Survivor of them & their his & her heires & Assignes for ever, All yt my Estate Capitall Messuage demesne Lands premises with ye app(er)ten(an)ces which I lately had & purchased of Mr. Isaac Knipe wth all ye Rents Royaltys, moyety of Rathmell milne & all the houses & Lands I have at Rathmell called comonly late Currers & Swainsons; All those closes called Catterall closes by me lately purchased of and from Thomas Catterall clerke with all and singular their and every of their rights members app(er)tences to the intents purposes & upon the especiall Trusts & confidences herein hereafter mentioned, yt is to say, that they the sd. Mary Tindall Henry Nowell & Richard Croston & the Survivors & Survivor of them & their & his & there heires shall & doe with all convenient speed after my death sell & make sale of all and singular my sd. Capitall Messuage Demesne Lands & all other ye premises above named with their app(er)tences for ye best price that can be gotten for ye same for & towards payment of my funerall expenses just debts & legacies hereafter mentioned, And that till such sale thereof can be made it is my will & minde that my said wife brothers Henry Nowell & Richard Croston & the Survivors & Survivor of them and there his & her heires shall receive take & dispose the yearly rents issues &

profits of all & every the sd. premises to them divided as aforesaid for & towards the payments of my sd. funerall expences just debts & Legacyes, Item after payment of my debts & funerall expences I doe give & bequeath unto my seaven children Elizabeth, Charles, Mary, William, Anne Margery & Thomasin ye surplusage & remainder of such moneys to be raised by sale of the above mentioned Lands & premisses with this Exception & proviso & respect to my two sons Charles & William that either of them shall respectively have forty pounds apiece more than their sisters, And it is my will & mind that if the moneys arising from the sale of my sd. Lands after payment of my sd. debts shall amount unto more than ye sume of seaven hundred & eighty pounds such sume exceeding seaven hundred & eighty pounds I doe give unto my said wife if she happen to survive me & if she happen to dye before me, then the sd. surplusage I give to be divided equally amongst my said seaven children, Item I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Mary All my Estate at Cattleside with those closes called Tarnes & Bumme for & during her naturall life; She paying unto my eldest son Thomas Tindall the yearly sume of eight pounds yearly to be paid him at the Feasts of ye Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary & St. Laurence by even & equall porcons, The first of which payment is to commence & be made at such Feast day as shall next happen after my death & in case my sd wife shall dye before my sd. son's attainment of twenty one yeares, that it is my mind & will that my sd two brothers Henry Nowell & Richard Croston ye Survivor of them and his heires shall take receive & dispose the rents issues & p(ro)fits of the said Cattleside Lands Tarnes Close & Bumme for & to ye use of my sd. seaven children paying unto my sd son Thomas the yearly rent of twelve pounds to be paid him yearly at the two feast days above mentioned by even & equall porcons And after ye death of my sd wife I doe give my sd Cattleside Lands Tarnes Close & Bumme Close to my son Thomas & to his heires & Assignes for ever, lyable to ye Condictions above recited till his attainment of the age of twenty & one yeares Item I give to my brother Laurence Tindall my Tenant right at Haighton in Lancashire; he paying to my brother John Tindall ye sume of Four pounds and to my brother Nicholas Nowell two pounds on ye first day of May next ensuing my death. Item I give to Mr. William Husband ye sume of thirty shillings to be payd him or his Assignees for ye space of five yeares & disposed off as Mr. Charles Penketh shall direct him; Revoking all other & former wills of this my last will & Testamt Dated the twenty seaventh day of September Ano Dom sixteene hundred ninety nine I doe make loving wife Mary Tindall my said two brothers Henry Nowell & Richard Croston Coexecutors as then witnesse my hand & seal. Thomas Tindall. Memdu to my son Thomas were interlined before execution hereof. Witnesse hereof Charles Nowell, Edward Nowell. R:Atkinson  
16 December 99

Reced then the originall will  
whereof this is a true Copy  
& wee promise to indempnifie  
the Assiners of the Court  
concerning \the/ deneeing out the  
said Originall will, witness  
our hands  
Testm.  
Jo:Webster    Henry Nowell  
                  Rich: Croston

Concordat(nunc)originali  
Collacone facta .....  
Jo:Webster  
.....



**An Inventory** of all and Singular the Goods Cattel, rights, Credits and Chattells reall and psonall lately belonging unto Thomas Tindall late of Hall-Ing Hall in the parish of Gigleswick & county of Yorke decd made & appraized this Twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord Sixteen hundred Ninety Nine by Us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Imp.His purse and apparrell	11	00	00
It: Six Cows att 53s.4d. p Cow	16	00	00
It: Six Calves att 18s.2d. p calve	05	09	00
It:Three heifers att	06	02	06
It: Two horses att	06	00	00
It: one long Settle, Six chairs, two tables, one Cupboard & one glasse case one fourme in the Hall	02	06	00
It: one paire of bedstocks, one feather bed two bolsters, two pillows, one paire of blankets one Rugg & hangings	02	10	00
It: Six chairs & Six cushions	01	01	00
It; One Wanded chaire in great Parlour	00	02	06
It: One paire of blanketts, one chaffe bed two bolsters, one pillow, one desk, one box in the little parlour	00	10	00
It: One paire of bedstocks, two feather beds, two bolsters, two pillows, one paire of Blanketts, One Rugg & hangings	04	00	00
It: Six covered chairs, one chest of Drawers one Round table, two Standards in ye hall chamber	02	14	00
It: One paire of bedstocks, two feather beds, three bolsters, One pillow, one paire of Blanketts, one Rugg & hangings	04	00	00
It: One Presse, one chest	01	10	00
It: Three red chairs, one Trunk, two stools	00	08	00
It: Fourteen paire of sheets and two pieces of new Cloath	04	00	00
It: Ten paire of Linnen Sheets	03	10	00
It: Thirty Napkins & three Table Cloaths	01	10	00
It: Two paire of bedstocks, two feather beds, one chaffe bed, four pillows, three paire of blanketts three Ruggs, two stools, one Box in Mr Knipe's Chamber	04	08	00
It: Two paire of bedstocks, Three chaffe Beds, three Blanketts, four bolsters two pillows, two Ruggs	01	10	00
It: One Arke & meal in it	01	14	00
It: One Salting Tub, one chest, one peck? One half peck two Spinning wheels one Seed hopper	01	00	00
It: Two bushels of hard corne	00	08	00
It: One Ark & one Close stoole	01	02	06
It: Six Silver Spoons	02	10	00
It: In pewter 120 (li? weight) at	04	00	00
It: Six barrels, two Knopps three Tubs, two Churns, four milking pales & other Wood vessels	02	15	00
It: One Cupboard & shelves in Milk house	00	15	00
It: One dresser two glasse cases two tables, one fourme, three chairs in the Kitchin	02	14	00
It: Three Spits, two dripping pans one warming pan, one Smoothing iron, two pasty pans, three flesh ( <i>meat</i> ) forks, two tems & other	01	00	00

huslemts			
It: One paire of Racks, three paire of Tongs, one baking stone, briggs # two Toasting irons, one broiling pan two little pans of Copper, one cockle pan, two Reckon Crooks & other fire tools	01	11	00
It: One fowling piece, one Chaffing dish one Cradle? & one Lantern	01	05	06
It: One Brasse mortar, one Candlestick one Striking Knife, one Brasse Ladle	00	05	00
It: In Pans & brasse Pots in the Kitching	03	05	00
It: pots, white plates & Glasses	00	10	00
It: In Wood att home & in Keasding	03	05	00
It: Two carts, two paire of Wheels two Stone Carts, one Coup Stees Scaffold, two Wheel barrows	02	10	00
It: in Wheel Timber	00	10	00
It: Two Gages of Blew & one of Greats slate?	01	00	00
It: Turves & one Stack of Hay	11	00	00
It: Four Backhaines?, 2 cart Saddles, two paire of Haims, one paire of Traces, two Hackney saddles two backbands one bridle, one pillion seat & Cloath, one Cart Rope, one fork, two load saddles	01	02	06
It: at Cappleside one Ladder, four boards, one harrow & four Sacks	01	00	00
It: Three paire of Bedstocks & two paire of Hangings	01	05	00
It: One Gimling & one great flasket	00	07	00
It: One long table & Frame	01	05	00
It: One Stone & one half of Flax	00	11	00
It: in horse leather & Cowbands	00	04	00
It: One hack, two Spades, one ax, one turf spade, one flaught spade	00	03	06
It: one pound of Wax	00	00	09
It: One Glasse?	00	03	06
It: Three hay forks	00	01	00
It: At Rathmell Milne in Oats, Barley, Malt & dust(?)	00	13	00
It: In debts (Owing to ye Testator being desperate)	29	00	00
	157	07	03

Anno et die Supdto  
Appraized by us

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

### **HENRY TOMPSON 1603 Borthwick v29 f341**

In the name of god Amen, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1603 I Henry Tompson of Giggleswick in the County of York, Yeoman, sick in body yet nevertheless of good & perfect remembrance to god be praise, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God, And my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick before the south porch at the discretion of my friends Item whereas I did take a lease

of my tenement wherein I dwell of the right honourable (my lord Clifford) the Earle of Cumberland which is redeemable (like) as the leases of other tenements of the same Lordshipp be my will is (if my Lord do not redeem the same) And then I give & bequeath the occupation of my said tenement & all profits thereof to Isabell my wife & her assignes for the term of 20tie years from & immediately after the day of my decease, fully to be complete & ended, for the better bringing up of my younger children & the bettering of their portions And I give the revercon of the same lease to William Thompson my son & his assignes in lieu & full satisfaction of his part & portion of my goods. Also my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods And after my debts paid & funerall expenses done & performed. Then my will is that all my goods & that money which is due to me upon redemption by my lord (if the same come) shall be divided into three parts & my wife to have her third part according to the law & custom of the country & another third part to be divided amongst my children viz Adam Thomas & Anne And for the other third part commonly called the deads part I give out of the same 10s. to Margaret Braishaw my wife's daughter & all the rest thereof to Thomas & Anne my youngest children to be divided equally between them And I make & ordain Isabell my said wife & Thomas my son executors of this my last will & testament. These being witnesses William Carr, Thomas Carr, & William Lawson.

*6 lines in Latin*

**WILLIAM TULLY 1664 Ref. Borthwick vol. 48 fol. 672  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen  
the sixth day of Aprill in the year of our Lord God One  
Thousand six hundred sixty fower I William Tully of Giggleswick  
in the County of Yorke Linnen Draper being sickly and  
infirm in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised  
be God doe make this my last will and Testament in manner  
followinge First I doe comitt and willingly resign my soule  
into (the merciful?) hands of Almighty God my Maker and  
Creator trusting through his merits and by (the) merritts of Jesus  
Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and  
Remission of all my sinnes And my body to the earth whereof it  
was framed to be buried att my parish Church of Giggleswick att  
the discretion of my freinds And for my worldly and temporall goods  
and estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as followeth  
First I will that my debts and funerall charges be paid out of my  
whole estate Item I doe give unto every one of my five Children William  
Agnes James Katherine and Robert Tully the sume of thirteene  
pounds six shillings eight pence a peece to be paid unto every one  
of them as they attaine there age of one and twenty yeares and if any  
of them shall dye before they attaine there severall ages of twenty one  
yeares Then I will that there said portion soe dying shall be equally  
divided amongst the Survivors And my will and minde is that my  
executrix hereunder named shall bring up and mainetaine all my

said five children until they attaine there age of one and twenty  
yeares if they will be pleased to live with her or to be ordered and  
guided by her Item I give unto John Halliday my Godson five shillings  
And to my Godsonne John Myres two shillings sixpence Item I give  
to my servant Mary Paley five shillings Item I will that Ellen my  
wife shall have and enjoy all my houses Gardens and reall estate  
during her naturall life And that she shall att or before her death  
give and dispose of the same unto my above named children att  
her will and discretion all the remainder of my goods I give unto my  
said wife Ellen whome I doe make and appoint sole Executrix of this my last will and  
Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the day and  
yeare first above written William Tully his marke witness hereof Thomas Lawson  
Bryan Cookeson

### **ROBERT TURNER 1612 Borthwick v32 f294**

In the name of god Amen the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord god  
one thousand six hundred and twelve I Robert Turner of Giggleswick in the county of  
York Saddler sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance god be praised  
therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form  
following First I commend my soul to almighty god trusting through the merits and  
passion and blood shedding of my sweet saviour Christ to be made partaker of eternal  
joy in heaven and for my body I will the same be buried in the parish churchyard of  
Giggleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my wife and friends. Item my will is that  
my debts be paid out of my whole goods and out of the residue my will is that my  
wife have her third according to the custom of the country and the other two parts I  
give to my children Henrie and Agnes. And if my wife be now with child or children  
then I give the same two parts to all my children equally amongst them. And as  
concerning my house wherein I dwell with the barn or garth or garden thereto  
belonging which I lately purchased of Sir Richard Williamson knight to me and my  
heirs my will is that Marie my wife shall have the use and occupation thereof for and  
towards the better education of my children during the nonage of my said son Henrie  
and the half afterwards during her life. And I give my said house barn and garth with  
the appurtenances to my said son Henrie and to his heirs and assigns forever to enter  
to the one half thereof when he shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty years  
and to enter to the other half after my said wife her decease so always and upon  
condition that my said son Henrie his heirs or assigns do pay or cause to be paid to  
my said daughter Agnes or if my wife be now with child or children then to the said  
Agnes and to my said other child or children equally between or amongst them the  
sum of twenty marks of lawful English money within five months next after she the  
said Agnes shall accomplish her full age of one and twenty years. And if he refuse  
and will not pay to her or them the said sum of twenty marks then I give the full  
moiety or half of my said house barn and garth with the appurtenances to the said  
Agnes my daughter and to her heirs and assigns forever, or if my wife be now with  
child or children then to the said Agnes and to my said other child or children and to  
her heirs and assigns forever in recompense of the said twenty marks. And I do make  
and ordain [*scribe has omitted some words here probably either his wife Maria or son  
Henry*] and Agnes my said daughter to be the executors of this my last will and  
testament these being witnesses: Richard Hall, Thomas Paler Willm Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

**FUGATI WAITE Admin. Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Sep 1690**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true & pfect Inventory of all the goods & Chattels, late Fugatus Waites of Settle in the County of yorke Deceased taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this twelfth day of September Ano Dom 1690

	£	s	d
Inprimis his purse & apparrell	0	10	0
Item some small pcells of arrable meadow & pasture grownd in ye parish of Gargrave being long lease	2	6	8

R.Preston  
Robert Parkinson  
T.Lawson  
Jo. Richardson

**MARY WAITE 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Dec 1690**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this twenty fowerth day of September in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred Ninty I Mary Waite of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke widdow being sicke and Infirme in body but of good & perfect memory praised bee God for the same doe make & ordayne this my last Will & testament in maner & forme following hereby revoking and makeing voyd all former & other will and wills by me heretofore made And first & principally I comend and comitt my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and through the merritts & mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour my Sinns shall bee forgiven & that my Soule shall bee made partaker of everlasting happinesse in the Kingdome of heaven & my body to bee buried in Decent manner at the discretion of my executrix & friends hereafter named And first my will & mind is that all my Just debts (and funeral expences) shall bee paid out of my whole estate, with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee \the rest whereof/ I give & bequeath as followeth (That is to say) I give & bequeath unto Mary Waite my Granddaughter her heyres and assigs forever All my Messuages lands tenemts & Cattlegates with theyr and every of theyr heriditamts & appurtences situate lying & being in the parish of Gargrave & elsewhere in the County of yorke, either whith I have by virtue of the last will & testament of my late husband Deceased or as administratrix to my late sonne Fugatus Waite Deceased or which at any time I purchased of my Sonne Richard Waite alsoe Deceased or otherwise howsoever, Together with all Deeds & writings concerning ye (same?) And Lastly I doe nominate ye said Mary Waite sole executrix of this my last Will & testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale the day & year first above written.

Seald Signd & published

in ye presence of us

R. Preston  
Henry Ryley(?)  
Thos. Carr

Mary Waite

Jo. Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A true pfect Inventory of all the goods chattels rights and credits which were belonging to Mary Waite late of Giggleswicke in the Diocesse of yorke widdow Deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this first day of December RRs & regine Wm & Maria Angl et secundo Anoque Dom 1690

	li	s	d
Inprimis her purse & apparrell	3	10	0
Item with the furniture	1	6	8
It. in brasse & pewther	0	6	8
It. one trunk & lining therein	0	13	4
It. all other goods in the Chamber where she lived	2	10	0
It. one pcell of old houseold goods at Gargrave	0	15	0
It. due to the Deceased by bond	10	0	0
It. rents due & to bee due to her	4	10	0
It. in Lease lands at Gargrave which she dyed possessed of	15	0	0

It. 2 bonds from Richard Smith of 5 li A peice  
Supposed to bee Desperate  
Richard Ellershaw  
Thomas Brayshay  
William Paley  
Jo. Richardson

*RRs - Regni Regis*

**RICHARD WALKER 1613 Borthwick v33 f6**

In the name of god Amen the xxjth day of June in the yeare of our Lord god 1613 I Richard Walker of Cowsyde within the pishe of Giggleswick in the county of york yoman sick in body but of good and pfecte memory god be praised therefore doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testamt in mann and forme followinge First I comend my soule to Almightye god assuredly believinge throughe the meritts of Jesus Christ my savior to have full and free remission of all my synns and to be made prtaker of everlasting lief and my body to be buryed within the pishe churchyard of Giggleswick aforesaid att the discretion of my loveing wief and frends Itm it is my will and I give devise and bequeath the use occupation and pfitt of the one halfe of that my message and tenemts with thappurtennces at Cowside aforesaid wch was my late father Henrie Paicocks and of all other my lands Tenemts and grounds (excepting the tenemt wch I lately bought of Michaell Sailbanck) unto Anne my now wief and to her assignes for the term of threscore yeares next after my decease if she soe long doe lyve And for the other halfe of my said message tenemt ..... with thappurtennces (except beforecepted) my will is also and I give devise and bequeath the use occupation and pfitts thereof to the said Anne my wief and her assignes for and towards the better prefermt and bringing up of my children preferred from the tyme of my decease untill such tyme as my youngest childe shall or should by course of yeares accomlishe the age of xxj th yeares yf she my said wief so long lyve and be not marryed againe after my decease But if my said wief dy or be marryed before

my youngest childe shall accomplish the said age of xxj th yeares then I give devise and bequeath the pfitts that shall arise of that halfe of my said tenemt from thenceforth .....children that shalbe .....to be imployed for and toward their better bringing up and pfermt, And for the ..... and residue of all the terme of yeares right tyle interest and estait that then besydes in and to the said tenemt wth thappurtennces (except before excepted) I give the same wholly wth all my deeds and evidences concerning the same unto Robert Walker my eldest sonne and to his Executors and assignes to enter to the same after the expiration of the termes before lymited sevrally and respectyvely soe alwayes and it is my will that my said sonne Robert his Executors or assignes shall pay in consideracon of the same the some of thirty pounds of lawfull Englishe mony to three of my younger sonnes that is to say Henry John and Richard or to the survivors of them evry one an equall pte wthin the space of one whole yeare next after my said sonne Robert hys Executors or assignes shall or may by vertue of this my will enter unto have & enioy the said..... Tenemt and pmisses wth thappurtennces except before excepted) And for that my said sonne Robert do pay xx li to myne Executors upon reasonable demand after my decease and alsoe so that he doe give her securitie to save her harmles of one bond wch I lately enterd wth and for my said sonne to his Father in lawe mr John Anderton Also it is my will and I give devise and bequeath the use occupation and pfitts of that messuage and tenemt wth thappurtennces att Cowsyde afore said nowe in my occupation wch I lately bought of Michael Sailbanck unto my said sonne Robert and his assignes from the tyme of my decease untill my sayd youngest childe should or shall accomplishe the said age of xxj th yeares. And for the re.....remainder and residue of all the terme of yeares Right tyle interest and estait that I have besydes in and to the same messuage and tenemt lately Michaell Sailbancks with thappurtennces I give devise and bequeath the same wthall my wrytings escripts and evidences concerninge the same unto Michaell Walker my second sonne and to his Executors and assignes soe that he said Michaell his executors or assignes doe pay unto my foure daughters Agnes Elizabeth Margarett and Anne or to the survivors of them the some of xx li equall amongst them wthin one yeare next after my said younger ~~sonne~~ child accomplishe the said age of xxth and one yeares. Itm I give devise and bequeath unto Richard Walker my youngest sonne All that my ground wch I lately bought of Thomas Newhuis of Gigleswick and all my evidences concerning the same to enter unto the same when my said sonne Richard shall accomplishe thage of xxj yeares if he then lyvinge and from thenceforth to have hold and enioy the same to my said sonne Richard his Executors and assignes for and dureinge all such terme estait and interest as I have and as shalbe yt of then unexpyred by force of such conveyance and assurance as I hyld the same by And if my said sonne Richard dy before he accomplish the said age then I give the same all my estait interest and terme of yeares therein unto my sonne John and his assignes if he be then lyveinge or if he be then dead then to my other sonnes and to the survivors of them and their assignes Itm it is my will that my sister in lawe Elizabeth Peacock be kept relieved and mainteyned with sufficyent meat drinke apparell and other necessaries upon my tenemt wch was her Fathers at Cowside aforesaid and that my said sonne Robert his executors or assignes shall bere the whole charge of ther fyndinge and maintenance from and after such tyme as he the said Robt his executors or assignes shall or may by vertue of this my will enter unto and every the said whole tenemt wch was my said Father Henry Paicocks from thenceforth dureing her lief natural Always pvyded that then he his executors or administrators shall not be charged to put the tenne pounds before lymited to my youngest sonne Richard untill the said Elizabeth Peacocke be dead any

before mentioned notwithstanding. And as concerning my moveable goodes my will is that my debtes funrall expenses being first discharged and paid the residue be devided into three ptes And that my wiefe have one third pte thereof according to the lawe and custome of the country and my children to have another 1 pte and for my pte comonly called the dead pte I give the same to my said foure Daughters Agnes Elizabeth Margarett & Anne equally amongst them and if any of them dy in their minoritie or nonage then my will is that the pte or ptes of her or them so dyeing shall remaine to the survivors of them and and I make and ordeyne Anne Walker my said wiefe to be my sole Executrix of this my last will and testamt. And I desire Richard Foster of Winskall Roger Cooke of Stainforth Thomas Clapham of Winskall aforesaid and James Walker the younger of Austwick, to be the supervisors of the same Witnes hereof Robert Lakeland Richard Foster Thomas Clapham John..... et als

*(Latin text)*

*Giggleswick  
Winskill*

**RICHARD WALKER 1649 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle May 1649  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god amen the xxiiijth day of Aprill anno dom 1649 I Richard Walker of Huggonhouse in the pish of Giggleswick being sick and weake of body but in pfect remembrance praysed be almighty God doe make this my last will and testament as followeth revocking all former wills by me heretofore made and first I doe commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer hoping to be saved by the mercy and mirrits of Jesus \Christ/ my onely saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the Churchyard of Gigglesweeke my saide pish Church And first my will and minde is and I doe give unto Richard Walbanke my brother in law five pounds

Item my will is and I doe give unto Barnaby Walbanke my Sisters Sonne fower pounds

Item I give unto Jane Walker my Sister twenty shillings and to hir daughter Alice twenty shillings

Item I give unto Ellin Barton tenn shillings

Item I give unto William Midlebrooke and John Midlebrooke the Sonnes of John Midlebrooke either of them five shillings

Item I give unto William Bankes wife of the Greene twenty shillings

Item I give unto Epham Tatham my Sister twenty shillings

Item I give unto John Bankes twenty shillings

Item I give unto Richard Walbank my apparrell and the rest of my goods and Chattells after my debts be paid and funeral expences discharged I doe give unto the said Richard Walbanke and John Bankes and I doe make the said Richard \jurat/ Walbank and John \jurat/ Bankes my executors of this my last will and testament and in true testimony hearof I have heare unto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written

Sealed signed and delivered

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Richard H Walker

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henry T Walmesley \jurat/  
Willm \jurat/ Bankes

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WALKER William 1638 Bullhurst.Rathmell. Borthwick Ref. Bundle Apl.1638  
MIC 1714**

Memorandum that upon the first day of June in the yeare of our Lord according to the computation of the church of Englannd one thousand six hundreth thirtie and seven, William Walker of Bullhurst in Rawthmell in the county of Yorke Tailor, did declare and make his last will and testament Nuncupative in such manner as hereafter followeth, First after hee had commended his soule to god, and his body to earthly buriall being demanded by Steven Wilkinson his neighbour how hee would dispose of his wordly (sic) estate hee said my will is that my wife (meaning Effam his wife being then present) shall have all whatsoever right in goods debts \and/ lease belongeth unto me and that she shall dispose thereof to her onely use, with all the power that I have therein, in the presence of these whose names are subscribed & hee did appoynt Effa his wife sole Executrix

The aforesaid Steven \Jur/ Wilkinson, John Shiphard,  
Dausabell \Jur/ Willdman

**LEONARD WATKINSON 1619 Borthwick v36 f89**

In the name of God Amen the third day of January in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred and nineteen I Leonard Watkinson of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick. Item I give and devise all my lands and heriditaments, with their appurtenances in Rathmell aforesaid to Mathew Watkinson my son and to his heirs for ever and I give also unto my said son Mathew Watkinsonne his executors and assigns all my leases and estates for terms of years with all writings and evidences together with all my right title interest claim and demand of in and unto all the said premises all which said premises I give as aforesaid upon condition that he the said Mathew his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall suffer permit and allow Elizabeth my wife and her assigns to have occupy and enjoy the whole moiety or one half of all my said lands and heriditaments leases and estates with the appurtenances during her widowhead or otherwise if she marry again he do give and pay unto her six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of lawful money of England to be unto her in consideration of her dowry or widow right of my said lands and leases and for my other goods my will is my debts and funeral expenses shall be first paid and discharged and I do further give unto him my said son Mathew Watkinson forty shillings out of my said goods and one awmerie and one little table standing upon a frame, also by this my last will I ratify and confirm unto my said son Mathew the gift of one brown cow letten unto Henrie Houghton which said cow heretofore I gave unto him in consideration of one whye or heifer I had of his all which said premises shall

be unto him in recompense of his child's portion. The rest of all my goods and chattels I give unto Elizabeth my wife and I ordain and appoint the said Elizabeth my wife the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses: John Houghton, Christopher Sigsweeke and William Bankes.

**LEONARD WATKINSON 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1700  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the last day of July Annoque Dom.1699 & in the Eleaventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King William the third by the Grace of God over England Scotland & Ireland defender of the faith, I Leonard Wattkinson of Rawthmell \& county of yorke yeoman/ being sick and weak in body but of good & perfect memory praised be God for the same, calling to to(sic) remembrance the uncertaine Estate of this transitory life & that all flesh must dye when it shall please God to call, do make constitute ordaine and declare this my last will and Testament in manner & form following revokeing and annulling by these presents all & every Testament & Testaments Will & Wills heretofore by me made & declared Either by word or writeing & this is to be taken for my last will & Testament & none other I first being sorry for my sins past most humbly desireing pardon & forgiveness for the same: I give & commit my soul unto allmighty God my Saviour & Redemer in whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust & believe assuredly to be saved: & to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins, and for my body to be Buried att the parish Church of Gigleswick According to the discretion of Mary my wife being named Executrix and as for such worldly goods or Estate as it hath pleased God farr above my deserts to bestow uppon me I do order give & dispose the same in manner & form Following (that is to say) first I will my funerall expences be paid & discharged: like wise all those debts I owe in right or conscience to any person or persons whatsoever shall be well & truly paid or satisfied within convenient or reasonable time after my dicease by my Executrix herein named Itm I give & Bequeath unto Mary my said wife all my sole title & Interest of that Liveing Lying & being att Calfecopy within the parish of Bentham & County of yorke which was John Gibsons being made properly to me Leonard Wattkinson then of Newhall & my brother Thomas Wattkinson of Gigleswicke both in the parish of Gigles & County of yorke yeoman being conveyed & made to them for the good & sure payment of an hundred & sixty pounds by them paid & discharged Itm all those debts which is oweing to me Leonard Wattkinson now of Rawthmell either by Bond or otherwise I give & bequeath to Mary Wattkinson my wife Item my goods both quick & dead moveable & immoveable lying & being att Rawthmell or in any other place I give & bequeath to Mary Wattkinson jurat my wife & do make her sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament revokeing & annulling all other wills & Testaments formerly made or ordained by me Leonard Wattkinson either by word or writeing

In witness whereof I hereunto  
put my hand & seal declareing &  
pronounceing this to be my last  
the day & year above written  
Winesses

Leonard Watkinson

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Thomas T Watkinson jurat  
Elizabeth Walkdin  
John Windsor

*Rathmell modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

Aprill the 11<sup>th</sup>. Anno Domi 1700  
Then Aprizement made of the Goods & Chattels of Leonard Watkinson late of  
Rauthmell Disceased by us whose names are hereunder written

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Itm:Linen sheets & two pilivars	00	10	00
Itm: six sacks	00	07?	00
Itm: 2 Chairs & A little table ith Chamber	00	02	00
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Itm: 4 Cushions ith Chamber	00	02	00
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Itm: 2 tables & 1 dresser	00	03	00
Itm: 3 Chairs & 3 stools & 6 Cushions	00	04	00
Itm: 2 Barrels & Gallen & 1 Churn	00	04	00
Itm: three tubs	00	02	00
Itm: three shelves	00	01	00
Itm: one Range, toasting Iron, Reckon & Brigges, frying pan & tongs	00	05	00
Itm:2 Chairs, 1 old trunk & A Box & A little table at new Hall	00	02	00
Itm: Beef	00	02	00
Itm:1 Cart & wheels & Cart gear	01	00	00
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Charles Nowell  
Thomas Watkinson  
Thomas Stakhous  
Edmond Tomlinson  
John Windser

**MATHEW WATKINSON of Rathmell 1635 Borthwick v42 f664**

The first day of April AD 1635

In the name of God Amen I Mathew Watkinson of Rawthmell within the county of yorke sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance, praised be Almighty God therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows: First I give

and bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswicke. Item my will is that my mother Elizabeth shall have one third part of my messuage and tenement being freehold land in Rawthmell during her life natural. Item my will is that my wife Ann shall have one other third part of all the rest of my said messuage and tenement with the appurtenances during her life natural. And for the rest of my said messuage and tenement I give the same wholly to my said wife during the nonage of my son Leonard towards the bringing up of my children. And as for my personal estate my will is that when my debts and funeral expenses be fully discharged that my wife shall have one third being her own right of the same and my two children viz. Elizabeth and Thomas shall have another third part of the same and I give and bequeath the other third being my own part equally to be divided between my wife and three children. Item as for the lease of my grounds in the Little Hall Banke and all those grounds lately belonging to Bryan Kay deceased with the messuage and buildings thereupon built I give and bequeath the same absolutely to my son Leonard and his heirs for and during all such estate as I have in the same whether they be leases or freehold land, he paying for the same to my said children viz. Elizabeth and Thomas four pounds a piece of lawful English money when my son Leonard shall be one and twenty years of age or within one year after upon a lawful discharge for the same. Item I give and bequeath my grass lease and dike foote lands or leys to my said son Leonard and his heirs for and during all such estate as I have in the same whether they be lease or freehold land. Item I give and bequeath to my said son Leonard and his heirs all the messuage and tenement whereupon I dwell to enter unto the same when he shall be fully one and twenty years of age, always excepted the right of my said mother and my wife's right. And as I have before bequeathed to my said wife during the nonage of my said children meaning towards the bringing up of my said children. Item I make and ordain my said wife Ann sole executrix of this my last will and testament and I give her the tuition of my said children.

Witnesses hereof John Franckland, Judith Procter and Thomas Browne

*Rathmell modern spelling*

### **THOMAS WATKINSON 1611 Borthwick v32 f37**

In the name of god Amen the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc of Scotland the 45<sup>th</sup> 1611. I Thomas Watkinson of Settle sick in body but in good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commit my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish of Giggleswick at the sicke (*sic*) of my wife and other of my friends. Item I give unto Jane my wife the third part of my goods tenement during her widowhood and the third part of my goods I give unto her. Item I give unto Jane my wife all that 3s 6d. rent and one rood under Camocke and one half rood in Grindlelandes which I bought of Richard Cookeson during her life natural. And then I give the same unto Ellen Watkinson my daughter if it please god she live and to her heirs lawfully begotten. And for want of heirs of the said Ellen I give the same to Margaret my daughter and to her heirs lawfully begotten. And for want of heirs of the

said Margaret I give the same to Roger Watkinson and Elizabeth Watkinson my other two children equally to be divided between them. Item I give to my three daughters Elizabeth Watkinson, Ellen Watkinson and Margaret Watkinson one third part of my goods equally to be divided among them. And for the other third part being the deads part when my debts and funeral expenses be discharged I give the same to Elizabeth my daughter and if she die before she accomplish the full age of twenty-one years then the same to remain to my son Roger. Item I give to my son Roger all that my tenement of 6s 3d rent with all the houses and grounds belonging to the same and two shillings rent which I bought of Thomas Remmington. I also give unto him and to his use (except the third of my tenement unto my wife during her widowhood as aforesaid. Item I make Jane my wife and Henrie Kinge my brother in law executors of this my last will and testament. Also I give unto Thomas Altham son of Richard Altham which I am godfather unto one ewe lamb. Item I also give unto Richard Carre my manservant two pairs of my healdes#. Witnesses of this my last will and testament William Carre, Richard Altham, Henrie Kinge, William Carre of Raghall and Henrie Lupton.

*#healdes – poss. connection with weaving the warp & weft*

*Settle  
Gigleswicke*

**WILLIAM WHARFE 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Apl 1649  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Willm wharfe Sicke of bodye but of good and pfect memorie prayes be god doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followelling First I give and bequeath my Soule to Almightye God through the merritts of Christ Jesus my redeemer and my boddye to be buried at the pishe Church of Gigleswicke at the descesion of my Friends and for my worldly estate I Give and bequeath as followth First I Give and bequeath to Stephen Clarke my Nephey the some of Fifteene pounds Item I Give and bequeath to Agnes my neece now wife of Henry Hudson Fortie shillingse being the remainder of Fifteene pounds Item I Give to Margrett Preston beinge both deafe and dumb the some of seaven pounds Item I Give to Elizabethe Preston her sister the some of sixe pounds whereof Thomas Preston her Father (have the) some of three pounds and Tenn shillings wich hee is to pay \to the (sd Ellizabeth?)/ she to Charge my Ececutor with Fiftie shillings Item I Give and this is my Full will and minde that Agnes Altham wife of Roger Altham \have/ the some of Three pounds Item I Give to Roger Carr the some of Fortie Shillings Item for all the rest of my estate I Give and bequeath to Richard Harrison \jurat/ of Settle and doe make him my Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Ninth Day of March 1648

Signed in the sight and presence  
of

John Stackhouse  
Tho: Cockman  
mke

Tho: T Carr jurat

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**ALAN WHARFFE of Rawthmell (buried Giggleswick) November 3rd 1603  
Borthwick volume 29 Folio 185**

In the name of god Amen the fite day of October in the yeare of our lord 1603 I Allan wharffe of Rawthmell in the Countie of yorke yeoman sicke (in bodie) yet nevertheles of sounde and perfecte remembrance to god be prayse ..... and ordeyne this my laste will and testament in maner and forme following First I comend my soule into the mercifull handes of allmighty god trusting through the merites and precious bloud shedynge of his sonne Jesus christ to be saved and for my bodie the same to be buried in the Church yarde of the parish church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my executors & freinds And whereas I the said Alan wharffe together with Richard Franckland of Rawthmell as pledge for me doe stand jointlie and severallie bounden unto Alan Carre of litle Rayne in Essex for payment of one hundreth and ten poundes or thereabouts to the said Alan Carre or his assigns in or upon the feast day of S(an)cte Thomas the apostle nowe next coming And whereas also I the said Alan wharffe together with Thomas Carre of Stackhouse in the said Countie yeoman and James Carre his sonne doe stande also ioyntlie and severallie bound unto the said Richard Francklande in a great some with Condicon to save defend and keepe harmeles the said Richard Franckland his executors & administrators touchinge and concerninge the obligacon by him & me sealed and delivered as above said And whereas further that the said Alan Carre for & in consideration of the said some of one hundreth and ten poundes or their aboutes to him as abovesaid by me due did bynde him and his heires executors and administrators in a great some of money for conveyinge over of all that one messuage or terme with ytt appurtenances at Quickwoode in Rawthmell aforesaid to me the said Alan Wharffe myne heires & assignes in such sorte as by the severall obligacons of the premisses betweene us made may appeare And whereas also for the better .... harmeles of the said Thomas & James Carre {*insertion of words unclear*} the obligacons to me made by .... Carre as abovesaid and did authorize the said Thomas & James to take all [assurances] to be made thereof in their owne maner and to their owne uses yet nevertheles ... such purposes and under such provisoes as is set downe & expressed in (a pair of) Indentures made betweene me the said Alan one (*on*) the one partie and .... Thomas and James Carre on the other partie bearinge day the xxvij day of October last paste nowe my will is and I ordeyne that my executors shall make provision to paye the said some of one hundreth and ten poundes out of my goodes at the day tyme and place due for payment therof And I [then desire] the said Thomas Carre & James Carre accordinge to the severall ..... .. therin that they will conveye or cause to be conveyed .... .. the said lands in such sorte that my wife may have the occupation and [use of the moitie] therof nowe in my possession to bringe up my children ..... and in full satisfaction of her thirdes. And I will and desire that the other moitie therof may be conveyed and assured unto John wharffe & [Robert Clerke] in such sorte as I have formerly Covenanted & granted the same unto them. Also whereas Alan Wharfe of Barghehouse together with Laurence Wharffe deceased entered into fower several bondes with and for me to Richard Ratcliffe of the light

birkes for payment of fower several somes of twenty poundes at fower sainck Laurence dayes ..... my mynde and will is that the benefitte that I have and ought to have at Swainshedd either or ..... or otherwise together with my whole profittes and benefittes of all my landes at [Wharffe] except those in John Richardson his occupacon shall be employed by my executors during these fower next yeres to the most benefitte for and towards the better discharge of the said fower paymentes to the said Richard Ratcliffe and saveinge harmeles ... the said Alan Wharffe of Barghehouse And yf the profittes therof will not extend to the payment of the said some then my will is that my executors shall make the some up out of my landes & livings and I give & bequeath the profittes therof to them during the nonage and minoritie of my said sonne Richard Wharffe for the same purpose .... other purposes and uses as are & shalbe sette downe in this my last will & testament And moreover my will is that my executors presentlie after my death shall enter unto have & receive the benefittes & profittes or the possession at their pleasures estating(?) landes & groundes now in the possession of John Richardson at wharffe together with all the foresaid landes or profittes therof at Swainstead & Wharffe after the fower yeres above menconed for and duringe the minoritie and nonage of Richard Wharffe my said sonne & heire for & towards the benefitte & preferment of my daughters Ellen Wharffe Elizabeth Wharffe and Isabell Wharffe they beinge contented to be ruled by my executors in marriage or otherwise for their porcons, as also for & towards the better bringinge up of my said sonne and heire, & for the better dischargeinge of my debtes And I doe appointe & ordeyne Henry Sommerscales of Langcliffe, Thomas Carre of Stackhouse James Carre my sonne in lawe John Wharffe my brother, and the above named Alan Wharffe of Barghehouse executors of this my last will & testament witnesse hereof Richard Somerscales Thomas Wetherherd and William Lawson

*Latin text*

[ ] denotes words from R. Postlethwaite text

Rathmell  
Giggleswick

Swainshedd / Swainstead

### **ALICE WIGGLESWORTH of Settle 1635 Borthwick ref. Craven August 1637**

In the name of God Amen the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1635 I Alice Wiglesworth of Settle county of yorke widow, sick in body but of good and perfect memory, God be praised, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all former wills by me made. And first I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God trusting through the merits of my alone saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and children and friends in hope of the resurrection thereof to eternal life. And for my estate wherewith God has blessed me I dispose thereof as follows First my will is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods, chattels and rights. And whereas I am possessed of one dwelling house, one parcel of a garden and two parts of a lath thereunto belonging in Settle aforesaid which I hold by lease for 21 years \or a longer term/ whereof about

nine years are to expire my will and mind is and I give and bequeath the said dwelling house and premises with the appurtenances and all my estate, term and terms of years, right, title and interest therein and thereunto unto Thomas Hodgeson my son his executors and assigns together with the said indenture of lease by which I hold the same. And whereas I have by my lease in writing dated the one and twentieth day of this instant of January demised and granted to Thomas Armitstead of Setle aforesaid my son in law and to the said Thomas Hodgeson their executors and assigns for the term of 21 \years/ next following after the date of the said deed all those three parcels of ground arable and meadow lying in Setle fields aforesaid called Greenrigg Sawthwith and the parcel under Cammock containing in all two acres more or less with the appurtenances. The which Greenrigg is freehold land and the other two parcels I hold by long lease. Now I do hereby confirm the said lease to be good and effectual in law against me, my heirs, executors and administrators for and during the said term. After the expiration of which lease I give the said \parcell called/ Greenrigg with all hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging to my said son Thomas Hodgeson his heirs and assigns to his and their only use and uses for ever. And for the said other parcel lying under Cammock I do hereby give, devise and bequeath the same after the end of the said verified lease and all my right, title, estate, term and terms of years, interest, claim and demand therein and thereunto unto the said Thomas Hodgeson his executors, administrators and assigns to his and their only use, uses and behoofs withal my writings concerning the premises. And I nominate and appoint the said Thomas Hodgson<sup>jur</sup> my son sole executor of this my last will and testament.

Alice Wigglesworth Marke

These being witnesses

Miles Thistlethwaite, Henry Howsonn<sup>jur</sup> and Hen: Lawson

*Settle modern spelling*

**WIGLESWORTH Hugh of Brown Bank. 1697 Ref. Borthwick Ref. Unregistered will MIC 1754**

In the name of God Amen may the 28 1697 I Hugh Wigglesworth in the Dices of York being infirm in body but of Good and perfect Memory praised be Almighty God do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following hereby revocking and making void all other wills by me formerly made first I do committ my Soull into the hands of the Almighty God my creatour hoping Assuredly by the Merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my redeemer to have free pardon and full remission of all my sins and \my/ body to be buried at the descretion of my wife and as concerning my worldly Estate I dispose of the same as followeth, First I will that debts and funerall Expences be paid out of my whole goods Item I give unto Stephen my Eldest Sonne all my housis and ground att (wall...nsles) \& one close called (long bank)/ to enter to the B..... when he shall comto the age of twenty one yeares and the other halfe after the death of my wife. Item I give unto Henery my younger sonne the browne banke to enter to the on halfe when he shall accomplish the age of twenty one years and the other halfe after the decease of his mother Item I give Mary my wife all my ground att orton Item I give unto Margrit my Doughter thirty pound and to be payd to hir when she shall accomplish the age of twenty one years like wise I give unto my



tow sonnes tenn pound apese when they shall accomplish the age of twenty one years and my will and mind is that if ether of my sonnes dy before they shall accomplish the age of twenty one yeares his part shall redowne (sic) to the survivor and all the rest of my goods and ground undisposed of I give unto Mary my wife and do make hir sole excequetriex of this my last will and Testament In wittnes whear of I have sett my hand and seall the day and yeare first above written

Sealed and published with thes words enterlined in the 16 line & the Long (bankes) close in the presence of us

James \his marke/ Procter jurat  
 Thomas \his marke/ Wigglesworth  
 Thomas Carr jurat

Hugh \his marke/ Wigglesworth

A true and perfect Inventory of all the Goods and Chattels of Hugh Wigglesworth Late of Brown Bank in the parish of Giggleswick in the Diocess of York Husbandman Deceased Vallued & prized the Fourteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord 1697 by us as followeth whose names are Subscribed

	li	s	d
Imprimis His apparel & his purse & riding Furniture	03	00	00
Item Five kine	12	00	00
Item two Steares	06	00	00
Item Five yearings	06	00	00
Item one horse & a Stag	05	00	00
Item for Husbandry geare	00	10	00
Item In Bedstocks & Bedding & other Houshold Stuff & all the rest of the husslement in the house	12	00	00
A total Sum of all the Money & Goods	84	00	00

Tho: Carr  
 James Procter  
 Stephen Carr  
 John Cocke

**THOMAS WIGGLESWORTH1692 (Admin.) Ref.Borthwick.York.June 1692  
 bundle  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon**

A true Apprizement of the goods and Chattells of Thomas Wigglesworth late of Lodge in the parrish of Giggleswick viewed and Apprized by us whose names are subscribed this 24<sup>th</sup>. of May 1692

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparrell	0	13	4
Item three Cine	6	0	0
Item one heifer and one Calfe	1	0	0
Item one Mare	1	13	4

Item oweing to the deceased upon bill and bond	48	0	0
Item four paire of sheetes and one odd one	0	13	4
Item four ruggs	1	4	0
Item two Chists and two boxes	0	10	0
Item four panns	0	8	0
Item one baxton and one iron pott	0	2	6
Item one bakeing Spittle one tosting iron one paire of laiggs	0	1	6
Item pewter	0	3	4
Item two old sacks and two poakes	0	1	0
Item three bedsteads	0	6	8
Item three Chafe beds	0	6	0
Item three paire of blancketts		4	0
Item two bedd happings and one Coverlett	0	4	0
Item three little boardes	0	3	0
Item one Arke	0	3	4
Item one churne nyne baissins one pott baisin	0	4	0
Item two barrells one stand and one butter tubb	0	4	0
Item one flaskett one gallon one piggon one little flaskett	0	2	0
Item chaires and stooles	0	2	0
Item beefe and bacon	0	7	0
Item a few beanes	0	6	0
Item ironworke tooles	0	2	6
Item one frying pann and one Chafing dish	0	1	0
Item one Cart & a paire of wheelles & Cart geare	0	1	3
Item one Cheese presse and two ladders	0	1	0
Item four bookes	0	1	8
It. all loose boards with piggons & dishes & all Hustlemt. in ye house	0	4	0
Item four henns	0	1	4
Item one spinning wheele & a paire of cards	0	2	0
Sum total	59	17	1

Chris Lawson Will..

peter Lawson Will \his mke/ Cralldoord

debts oweing by the deceased

Inprimis to John Walker	2	17	6
Item to another	2	0	0
Item for his funerall expences	1	10	0

**JOHN WILDMAN 1669 Ref. Borthwick vol. 50 fol. 274**

**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I John Wildman of Settle being weake of body butt of pfect memory praised be God doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge, First I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God, trustinge through the meritts of my blessed Redeemer to be made partaker of Eternall happinesse, And my body to be buried att the discretion of my friends As for my Temporall estate I give and bequeath as followeth, Inprimis I give unto my sonne

John my dwellinge house in Settle with the barns and houses belonginge itt, as alsoe (Aynain?) close, Cammacke close Eighteene shillings Rent upon Scalber and banks, one Attermire Daile And a parcell of goodmans mosse. To enter to them when he shall accomplish the Age of Twenty yeares, Alsoe, I give him the Table and the Bedstock in the parlour where I now live, secondly I give unto my daughter Margaret the house att Kirkegate yett where John Camm now dwells and the shopp adjoyninge to itt with the Gardens backsides and Stables and the household goods that is mine in the said house, provided always that if either of the said Children dye before they shall accomplish the abovesaid ages, that the portion allotted them shall redound to the Survivor of the said Children. Lastly I give my goods that I have not here disposed of after my debts and Funerall expenses be paid out to be devided equally amongst my wife and my said sonne John and my daughter Margaret when my said Children shall accomplish the Age of Twenty yeares, Alsoe I make my wife whole Executrix of this my last will and Testament, John Wildman witnesses William Taylor John Paley

*Bedstock – bedstead or its front & back parts*

### **RICHARD WILDMAN 1613 Borthwick v32 f594**

In the name of god amen the seventh twentieth day of September AD 1613 I Richard Wildman of Settle in the county of York chapman sick in body but of perfect remembrance god be praised therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and commend my soul to almighty god my maker redeemer and saviour and my body unto the earth to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends.

Item as concerning my house and that small portion of land which I have lately bought and purchased in Settle aforesaid my will is because I have bought myself indebted and charged with building and purchasing therefore Elizabeth my wife shall have and enjoy the same and I give and bequeath to her my said wife and her assigns the use occupation and profits thereof from the time of my decease until William my son come to the age of one and twenty years towards the better payment of my debts and bringing up of my children. And after that he the said William come to that age then I give the same to him the said William and his heirs upon condition that he the said William shall give and pay to Richard and Jaine my other children either of them ten pounds of lawful English money within two years next after he the said William come to the said age or in default that he do not give and pay the same then I give the same to the said Richard and Jaine and their heirs and they the said Richard and Jaine and their heirs to pay him the said William £20 of lawful English money within one year next after provided always that my wife shall have half of my said house and land during her life. And for my goods my will is that my debts be paid and of the remainder of my younger children to have their portions I mean a third and my eldest to have none because he shall be otherwise preferred. And for the rest I give to my said wife Elizabeth to dispose at her pleasure. Also my will is that my brother-in-law William Tatham shall have a little bedroom and convenient easement in my dwelling house during his life. And I make Elizabeth my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament . These being witnesses William Tatham John Carr and William Lawson.

**ROBERT WILKINSON 1646 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle May 1647/8**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

The sixteenth day of March in the yeare of our lord god according to the computacon of the Church of England One Thousand six hundreth Forty & sixe  
In the name of god Amen I Robert Wilkinson of Thornton in Lonsdale and late of Setle in the County of yorke being sicke in body but of good and pfect remembrance doe make this my last will & Testament in manner and forme following; First I committ & commend my soule into the mercyfull hands of Almighty god my maker and creator trusting assuredly through his mercy & by the merits of my alone saviour Jesus Christ to be saved and to have full pdon & remission of all my sins & my body to the earth whereof it was framed to be buryed in Christian manner at the discretion of my friends; And for my worldly & temporall goods & estate whereof god hath blessed me I give bequeath and despose of the same as followes First whereas Thomas Crake is indebted and owing unto me certaine somes of money in consideracon whereof by his Indenture under his hand & seale he hath passed & confirmed unto me myne Executors & Assignes certaine pcells of grownds in the same Indenture specyfied; now my will & mynd is that Isabell Wilkinson my daughter shall have and enioy to her & her assignes the said Indenture & bond for performance thereof and the full benefitt, profit & advantage of every clause covenant penalty forfeiture & thing in them or eyther of them contained. Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Isabell All my dwelling house in setle and the out houses garth or garden and the grasse crofts or garth belonging to the said house with all thappurtenances to the use & behoofe of my said daughter Isabell her Exects. & assignes: And my will & mind is that my said daughter shall pay or cause to be paid out of the same land in consideration thereof unto Robert Wilkinson my grandchild the some of Ten Pounds when the said Robert shall attaine the age of One & Twenty yeares Ite I give unto my said daughter Isabell, Five pounds wich is owing unto me by Richard Wilkinson. Item whereas I have sold to Willim deane certaine grounds for the some of Forty pounds my will & mynd is that Alice my wife shall have and enjoy all the use benefit & increase of the said Forty pounds during her life naturall; And my will & mind is that James Midleton my son in Law shall have thirty pounds thereof after the death of my said wife; And the other ten pounds being the remainder of the said 40li I give unto Mary and Alice daughters of the said James Midleton to be equally devided betweene them Ite I doe desire that my said wife Alice if she shalbe able will give unto Thomas White my stepp son the some of Twenty pounds to be payed him after her death. Ite I give unto Willim Wilkinson my son the some of Twenty shillings And for all the rest of my goods credits leases & chattels whatsoever undisposed of my will is that my debts & funeral expences be first thereout discharged and after I give & bequeath all the remainder therof unto Alice my wife, whom I make and appoint sole executrix of this my last will & Testament

Robert R Wilkinson  
his marke

Witnesse hereof  
Thomas Lawson  
William \jurat/ Deane  
Brian Cookeson

*Settle* modern spelling

**ELIZABETH WILSON 1688 Ref.Borthwick.York.vol.61 fol 59**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the seventeenth day of January 1688 I Elizabeth Wilson of Brackembar in the Parrish of Giggleswick being sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised be Almighty God doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following hereby revoaking and makeing voyd all other wills by me formerly made And First I doe Commit and willingly resigne my soule into the hand of Almighty God my maker hoping through the merrits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have free pardon and full remission of all my sinns and my body to the earth whereof it was framed And as concerning my worldly goods and temporall estate I dispose of the same as Followeth First I will that debts and funeral expences be paid out of my whole goods, Item I give \unto/ James Wilson and Roger Wilson and Adam Wilson and John Hunter and John Kay each of them twenty shillings a peece; Item I give unto Thomas Wilson and Robert Wilson and Ann Wilson twelve pence a peece; And all the rest of my goods and ground undisposed of I give unto William Wilson my elder son; And doe make him the said William Wilson sole Executor of this my last will and Testament he paying these Legacies within three years next after my decease In Witness whereof I have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written. Elizabeth Wilson her marke sealed and published in the presence of with these words interlined I give unto James Richard Frank(land) Thomas Briggs Roger Wilson Thomas Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ELIZABETH WILSON 1667 Ref. Borthwick Vol. 48 fol.774**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Wilson of Closehouse in the parish of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke Spinster Doe make this my Nuncupative or verball will \my last will/ in manner and forme following, First I bequeath my Soule to God hoping that in the meritts of Christ Jesus to have remission of my Sinnes And my body to be buryed att the discretion of my friends First I give unto William Sigsweecke of the Closehouse, and to his said wife each of them Tenn shillings, Also I give unto Ann Harrison my God daughter Twenty shillings. Also I give unto William Myers my Godsonne Five shillings Also I give to my two cozens Anne Bridge and Elizabeth Bridge each of them two shillings. Also I give unto Robert Bridge and to Elizabeth his wife, and to Foure Children of theres each of them Foure pence a peece. And the rest of my goods I give unto Elizabeth Harrison my partner witnesse to this my Nuncupative will [dated (?)...] of November in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred and Sixty Seaven and in the Audience of us whose names are under written John Tompson his marke Mary Harrison her marke

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**RICHARD WILSON 1646 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle May 1647/8**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the xxvij th daie of November 1646 I Richard Wilson of Setle Sicke of bodie but of good & pfect remembrance I praise god for the same doe make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme following First I bequeath my soule in to the handes of Almighty god my Saviour and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Giggleswicke at the discession of my frends Item my will is that my debts and Funerall Expencis shall be paid forth of my whole goodes Item my will is That one Close called Lords(?) Close lying in Langcliffe feld shallbe Sould to paie John Carr of Setle his \due/ wich he laid forth for me Item my will is that the rest of my land at Langcliffe my wife to have it as long as shee lives and after her decease to remaine to my three youngest doughters Marry Elsobeth and Agnes equally to be devided amongst them Item the remainder of my goodes when my debts and funeral Expencis be paid I give the remainder to my four doughters Jennet Marie Elsobeth and Agnes Equally to be devided amongst them my wife third pte Exsepted Item I give to Elsobeth my wife All my houses gardyns backsides and one Attermyre dale Soe long as shee lyves and keeps her Sole unmarried and after her decease I give them to Jennet my Eldest doughter and shee to paie to my three youngest doughters Twenty poundes Equally to be devided amongst them, within six \months/ after her mother deceas and if it fortune that my doughter Jennet die without issue my will is that my houses to remaine to my doughter Marie and shee to paie xxli to my twoo youngest doughters as afforesaid and if Marie die without issue my houses to remaine to Elsobeth my doughter and shee to \paie/ Agnes my doughter xx<sup>li</sup> Item I appointe Jennet \jurat/ my doughter to be my whole Exsequeter of this my last will and Testament in \the/ yeare of our lord 1646  
Wittness hereof

Michaell jurat Richardson mark

Richard Wilson R marke

John jurat Tennant  
Tho: Cockman

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Settle* “ “

**RICHARD WILSON 1695/6**  
**Borthwick mf 1701**

**In the name of God Amen** the fifth day of September in the year of our Lord 1695 I Richard Wilson of Langcliffe in the county of York felmonger being infirm in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say believing my salvation in Jesus Christ my redeemer and in hopes of a joyful resurrection and I commit my body to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. And for the disposal of my worldly goods and estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me of the same I do dispose as follows. Imprimis I will that my funeral expenses and just debts be well and truly paid and discharged by my executrix. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Wilson my wife all that parcel of

ground called Round Close and one cattlegate and calf gate in upon and throughout a stinted pasture commonly called Farr Moore with the appurtenances lying and being within the township of Selside in the said county of York, which said premises I lately purchased of Edmond Typlady of the said Selside. **To have and to hold** the said Round Close calf gate and cattlegate with the appurtenances unto the said Anne Wilson her heirs and assigns for ever according to the ancient and laudable custom of tenant-right had, used, and established within the Manor or Lordship of Newby. **Item** I give and devise unto the said Anne Wilson my wife all my leases for years of certain lands lying and being within the said Langcliffe together with all and singular houses, gardens and appurtenances whatsoever to them appertaining. To have and to hold the said leases for years and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Anne Wilson her executors administrators and assigns for and during such term as yet is unspent in the premises. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Anne Wilson my wife all and singular other my goods, chattels, and personal estate. And lastly hereby revoking and absolutely disannulling all and every will and wills by me heretofore made, if any such were, I do of this my last will and testament nominate and constitute the said Anne Wilson my dear wife sole executrix. In witness whereof I the said Richard Wilson have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed signed and published to be the last will and testament of the said Richard Wilson in the sight of us

Henry Ellin his mark Christopher Johnson R. Atkinson Richard Wilson his mark

#### Obligation

January 9th 1695/6

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattels which did belong & Appertaine to Richard Wilson of Langcliffe within ye parish of Gigleswicke lately deceased, as followeth.

	£	s	d
Inpr. his purse & Apparell	01	10	00
Item his houses & Lands in Langcliffe	40	00	00
Ite one Horse & one Mare	03	00	00
Item Foure Cowes	10	00	00
Ite One Why one Stirke & one Calfe	03	00	00
Ite one Longe Chist	00	06	08
Ite Four other small Chists	00	13	04
Ite Three paire of Bedstocks with bedding belonging		02	00 - 00
Item One Cupboard	00	06	08
Ite Two little Tables	00	10	00
Item in Brasse & pewther	01	10	00
Ite In Wood Vessell	00	10	00
Item Chaires, and Stooles	00	05	00
Ite In Iron Furniture	00	05	00
Item In Meale, Malt, beefe, & Bacon	00	13	00
Ite Two Carts, & two paire of Wheelles		01	00 - 00
Ite For other Husbandry Stuffe		00	06 - 08
Ite For Goods in his shopp	03	00	00

Ite For Corne & Hay	03 - 00 - 00
Ite In lent Money	20 - 00 - 00
Ite In several Sumes in his Debt Booke	15 - 00 - 00

	£	s	d
summa tot	106	- 16	- 4

Apprizers names  
Christopher Johnson  
Matthew Frankland  
Thomas Redshey his mark  
John Armitstead

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM WILSON 1623 Borthwick v37 f523**

In the name of God amen in or about the eight and twentieth day of October in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and (*sic*) years William Wilson of Tipperthwaite within the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman did make and declare his last will and testament nuncupative as follows, that is to say after he had commended his soul into the hands of Almighty god he willed that all his goods movable and unmovable should be divided in three equal parts whereof Isabbell his wife to have one part and his children to have another part equally divided amongst them and for the other part called the deads part he willed that after his funeral expenses paid and discharged that which should remain thereof should be divided equally betwixt his said wife and Margarett his youngest daughter and he did nominate and appoint Isabell his said wife sole executrix thereof these being witnesses: Thomas Paley elder of Paley Green and Robert Wildmann.

*Tipperthwate*  
*Gigleswicke*  
*Paley Greene*

**ISABEL WINDSER 1621/2 Borthwick v36 f703**

Memorandum that upon the three and twentieth day of February in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and twenty and one Isabell Windser of Settle in the county of York widow late wife of Robert Windser deceased did make and declare her last will and testament nuncupative as follows: first having commended her soul to god she did declare that all her former wills either made before that day should be void and then for her worldly goods she said she would and did give first her apparel to the two daughter and the daughter in law of her late husband Robert Windser to be distributed and divided in such manner as she had rehearsed and declared unto Margaret Windser her sister in law. Also she did give to Isabell Windser her



goddaughter twenty shillings. And she did also give to Alice Harrison daughter of Robert Harrison five shillings to buy her a couple of lambs with and to John Windser her son in law one chest and her part of husbandry gear between him and her. And the rest of all her goods after her debts and funerals (*sic*) paid she did give to the said John Windser and to his wife and two sisters equally amongst them and she did appoint the said John to be the sole executor. These being witnesses: Oliver Windser, Margaret Windser and Agnes Knowles.

*Settle*

**ROBERT WINDSER 1621 Borthwick v36 f707**

In the name of god amen upon the tenth day of April in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred twenty one I Robert Windser of Settle in the county of York blacksmith being crazed in body but of perfect memory I praise god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have free remission of all my sins and to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. Also I will that my debts be paid of my whole goods. Also it is my will and mind that John Windser my eldest son shall have all my messuage land and tenement with appurtenances in Settle aforesaid now in the possession of me and him. Always reserving unto Isabell Windser now my wife one third part of all the said messuage land and tenement and of the edifices with the appurtenances to the same belonging only for and during the space of forty years next after my decease if she the said Isabel shall and do so long live and keep herself in pure widowhead so long. Also it is my will and mind that the said John Windser my son shall have all my tools and instruments belonging to my trade and two parts of my husbandry gear in three parts to be divided in full satisfaction of his filial part and child's portion of my goods. Also my will and mind is that Isabel my wife shall have her thirds of my goods according to the custom of the country and the other third part of my husbandry gear not bequeathed the same to be reckoned unto her within her thirds. And whereas I have been loving and kind unto my sons William Windsor and Brian Windser and have heretofore bestowed and delivered unto the said William Windsor my son in goods and money to the value of six pounds and unto the said Brian Windser my son in goods and money to the value of four pounds yet upon love zeal and affection that I bear to them and for their better preferment my will and mind is and I give and bequeath unto the said William Windsor and Brian Windser one third part of my goods not bequeathed and the full moiety and one half of the whole third part of my goods called the deads part to be divided equally between them upon condition that they the said William and Brian my sons shall seal and deliver several(?) (*or such?*) general acquittances to my executor for all their and either of their filial parts and children's portions of my goods at or before the receipt of their or either of their equal parts thereof and concerning the other moiety and one half of the other third part of my goods called the deads part I give and bequeath the same unto the said Isabell Windser now my wife because she has been painful\* loving and kind unto me and unto all my children. And I desire John my son and William Hinde of Giggleswick to be helpful to the said Isabell my wife in the due execution of this my

last will and testament and to be loving and kind unto her And I make ordain and appoint the said Isabell Windsor now my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And all former wills I do utterly renounce and forsake. These being witnesses Thomas Carr, Robert Carr, Brian Bainbrigg.

*\*i.e. has taken pains*

*Setle*

*Gigleswicke*

**ROBERT WINDSOR 1697 Ref. Borthwick.York. Bundle Nov. 1697  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen This sixth day of September Anno Dom: 1697, I Robert Windsor of Setle and pish of Gigleswick in ye county of yorke Blacksmith, Being weak of Body but through the mercy of God of sound and perfect memory do make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following Vizt, First I give & bequeath my soul into ye hands of allmighty God who gave it me, And my Body to be decently buried & interred at the discretion of my friends and executor hereafter named & expressed, And as for temporall estate; I dispose of As followeth. Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew John Windsor, All my lands, houses, messuages & tenements, he paying and discharging all my just debts, legacies and funerall expences to him, his heirs and assignes for ever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew William Windsor the sum of forty five pounds to be paid when he shall attaine to the Age of twenty one years, and for non payment of the said sum he the said William Windsor to Enter into one Close, lying and situate at Rundley Bridg Comonly Called Rundley Bridge Close & one other pcell thereto adjoyning known by the name of Greenridge Close, to have hould, occupy possess & enjoy to him and his heirs & Assignes Till the payment of the sume of forty five pounds as afforesaid

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Neece Elizabeth Windsor the sum of forty pounds to be paid within the space of one whole year after my decease

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Neece Mary Windsor the sum of twenty pounds to be paid in manner and form as above said

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Neece An Windsor the sum of twenty pounds to be paid in manner & form as abovesaid giving a lawfull discharge to my executor hereafter mentioned

Item I Give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Blakey of Wheatley in the County of york the sum of forty shillings

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Nephew John Windsor abovesaid one paire of bedstocks in the parlour with the Bedding and furniture usually thereto belonging; one Cupboard in the parlour wch was my fathers, one long table in the house, one Arke in the Chamber over the house & one Arke in the Barne, with all the Ranges & grates now as they stand, with all husbandry Gear & Smithy Toolls to me belonging, Item I give and bequeath all the remainder of my houshold goods to be equally divided amongst William Windsor Elizabeth Windsor, Mary Windsor & An Windsor, all abovesaid, And Lastly I give and bequeath all the remainder of estate both real & psonall undisposed of unto nephew John Windsor abovesaid whom I constitute &

apoint sole executor of this my last will and Testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Sealed, signed, published & declared  
 in the sight & presence of us  
 Thomas Carr  
 Chr: Dodgson  
 Jos: Robinson jurat

Robert Windsor

*Settle modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

A true & perfect Inventory of all the Goods Chattell and Chattells Late of Robert Windsor deceased Apprized by us whose names are undr writt

	li	s	d
Inprim. purse & Apparell	02	10	00
It. 3 Cowes & one Heiffer	10	00	00
It. one Mare	01	00	00
It. 13 Sheep	02	10	00
It. 1 pigg	00	06	08
It. Corne	02	10	00
It. Hay	06	00	00
It. Bonds Bills & debt Booke	10	00	00
It. Carts & Wheels & Husbandry Gear	02	00	00
It. 1 Stiddy, 1 pair of Bellows & Smithy tools	03	00	00
It. 2 Arks	00	15	00
It. Goods in ye parler	02	00	00
It. Goods in ye house	02	00	00
It. Brass & pewter	01	10	00
It. 5 Chests	01	00	00
It. 4 Beddstocks & Bedding	03	00	00
It. Wood vessel & all other Hussemt.	00	10	00
It. Turffs	00	05	00
	50	16	08

Thomas Carr  
 John Robinson  
 Jeareiah Boueskell  
 Robert Austwicke

**ROBERT WYLDEMAN 1632 Ref. Borthwick v41 f790**

Memorandum that Robert Wyldman late of Paley Green within the county of York now deceased being in his lifetime viz. upon the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1632 in perfect mind and memory yet somewhat crazy of body by reason of his age did make and ordain his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following viz. first he did bequeath his soul to Almighty god and his body to the grave. And for his temporal estate which god had endowed him with he gave [?] and disposed in these words following or to the same effect viz. he gave the messuage and tenement whereon he then dwelled at Paley Green and all the grounds thereunto belonging (being held by lease) to Isabell his wife for and during her natural life and the remainder of the same lease he then gave to one Robert Wyldman son of John Wyldman his brother whom he christened during the expiration of the said lease he the said Robert, when he entered to the same, paying unto William Tomlinson of Giggleswick the sum of forty shillings. And he then did name and make executors of the same will the said Isabell his wife And John Wildeman his said brother. These being witnesses: James Foster of Armitsteade and Richard Lynsey of Paley Green .

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke in will*

*Paley Green spelt Paley Greene in will*

