

Clapham Wills Post 1700

Miscellaneous collection transcribed by various people. Sources not always known.

ARMITSTEAD Nathaniel 1790 Borthwick - should be 1731

NOTE

The vicar of Clapham Nathaniel Armitstead died in 1696 according to the church history. His wife is Anne and no son William is named. George II reigned 1727 to 1760. Confusion over dates needs to be sorted out.

In the name of God Amen the 11th day of March in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George II by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith anno domini 1790 (**should be 1731**) I Nathaniel Armitstead vicar of Clapham in the county of York and diocese of Chester being sick and infirm of body but of perfect mind and memory (praised be God for the same) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say first and principally I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator and unto Jesus Christ my Redeemer steadfastly hoping and assuredly believing through gods mercies and Christ's merits to be eternally saved and to have a full pardon and free remission of all my sins. And my body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executor hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of such worldly estate as it has pleased the Lord in his mercy to bestow upon me my will and mind is that the same be employed in manner and form following. Imprimis I give devise and bequeath unto Anne Armitstead my loving wife one chest of drawers which stands in the parlour. Item I give unto my son Thomas Green two pair of bedsteads one pair whereof now stands in the back parlour and the other pair in my closet. Conditionally that he allow my said wife Anne Armitstead his mother the use of one pair of them during her life. Item I give unto my niece Elizabeth Armitstead of Austwick the sum of 20 shillings to be paid within 12 months after my decease. Item all the residue of my personal estate whatsoever I give and bequeath to my truly and well beloved friend Thomas Banks of Orcaber upon this special trust and confidence and to this intent and purpose that he will or cause to be sold all my said personal estate (books only excepted) and that after my just debts and funeral expenses be discharged he do yearly pay or cause to be paid unto the above said Anne Armitstead my wife the interest yearly arising out all the said personal estate for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease it is my will and mind that he yield up all my said personal estate and likewise the books unto Thomas Armitstead son of my nephew John Armitstead of Austwick his executors administrators or assigns for ever. Item it is my will and mind that the said Thomas Banks have all reasonable charges yearly allowed him out of the said personal estate which he shall or may be at in the execution of this my will. And I do hereby appoint him the said Thomas Banks executor of this my last will and testament for the trusts and uses above named and to no other use interest or purpose whatsoever. Lastly and I do hereby revoke and make void all Wills by me formerly made. In witness whereof I the said Nathaniel Armitstead have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and published by the testator in our presence and by us subscribed as witnesses in his presence part of the 14th line being raised out before the execution hereof.

J. Jackson, G. Jackson, jurat, Thomas Dickinson his mark, John Mitton?

ARMITSTEAD Nathaniel 1724 and 1736

Warning. This appears not to be the same person as Nathaniel Armitstead, will of 1731/1790.

Borthwick

Condition of and obligation concerning Nathaniel Armitstead 1724

Concerning Ruth Armistead of Lawkland in the parish of Clapham with Richard Proctor of Lawkland and John Maidson (?) of Giggleswick

concerning the administration of the will of Nathaniel Armitstead the husband of Ruth Armistead late of the parish of Clapham

signed by Ruth Armistead her mark, and Richard Proctor

in the presence of John Carr Roger Mitton and John Maidson (?)

did he remarry to Ann?

Borthwick

Condition and obligation on Ruth Armistead and Nathaniel Armitstead 1736

executors of the will of the late Nathaniel Armitstead of the parish of Clapham for bringing up and educating William Armistead minor, son of the late Nathaniel Armistead, until the child is 21 years or married.

Signed Ruth Armistead her mark, Nathaniel Armitstead and Alice Place her mark

in the presence of John (?) Dryden

see following pages

ARMISTEAD William of Clapham

Modern English

Tuition August 1736

On 27th of August 1736 tuition of the person and portion of William Armistead a minor, the natural and lawful son of Nathaniel Armistead late of the parish of Clapham county Lancashire and province of York was granted to Ruth Armistead his mother and Nathaniel Armistead his brother, being first sworn before John Audley Doctor of Laws surrogate.

ATKINSON Agnes 1741 Austwick Borthwick original

In The name of God Amen The fourteenth Day of July in the year of our Lord god one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven I Agnes Atkinson of Awstick in the parish of Clapham and County of yorke widdow; being sick of Body but of good and perfect memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same, Do make this my last will and Testament in manner

and Form following first I Commit my soul to Almighty God my maker hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have full Pardon and Forgiveness of all my sins and I Commit my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And now as for settling my personall Estate I Dispose of as followeth; Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my nephew Anthony Willkinson the sum of forty shillings Item I give unto my nephew Robert Willkinson the sum of forty shillings Item I give unto my nephew william Willkinson the sum of forty shillings Item I give unto my nephew Richard Willkinson the sum of forty shillings Item I give unto my nephew John Willkinson the sum of Twenty shillings Item I give unto my nephew Stephen Willkinson the sum of Twenty shillings Item I give unto my neice mary King the wife of Tho: King the sum of forty shillings Item I give unto my nephew Christopher Atkinson the sum of forty shillings Item I give unto my neice Alice Atkinson the sum of four pound Item I give unto my neice Isabell Atkinson the sum of three pound It: I give unto my neice margrett Clapham the wife of Richard Clapham the sum of forty shillings It. I give unto my sister Elliszabeth \Battersby/ the sum of five shillings It I give unto Tho: Scott the sum of ten shillings It I give unto Jen: Jenson and Chris. Jenson the sum of five shillings each It I give unto Edward harrison two Children the sum of five shillings each: And Lastly I Do Apoint and make my Dawghter margrett Green whole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament she paying all my Just Debts And funerall Expences, And all the Legacies are to be paid within a twelve month and one day next after my Decase: Lastly I do hereby revoke & make void all wills by me formerly made In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seall the day and year first above written

Test Elliszabeth \her marke/ Battersby

Isabell Rycroft

Thomas Green

Agnes \her marke/ Atkinson

BALDERSTONE Richard 1732 Inventory Borthwick Original

A True & Perfect Inventory

of the Goods Chattles Creditts

& Personall Estate of Richard

Balderstone late of Clapham

in the County of York Grocer deceased

made & Apprized by us Whose Names are

hereunto Subscribed this 12 day of June

Anno Domini 1732

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Imprimis Purse & Apparell	15 0 0
Upon Specialty about the Shop	115 0 0

Upon Bond for Book Debts	30	0	0
Upon Bills for Book Debts	30	0	0
Book Debts Good & Bad	70	0	0
Beds & Bedding	10	0	0
Linnen of All Sorts	5	0	0
A Clock	2	2	0
A Tunn of Lead	14	0	0
A Jack	0	6	8
Brass & Pewter	5	0	0
Wood Vessell of All Sorts	1	10	0
Chairs Stools & Buffets	1	10	0
A Chest of Drawers & Tables	2	0	0
Implements Belonging to Book Binding	0	10	0
Books	2	0	0
All other Utensils belonging to Housekeeping	2	0	0
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	Totall	<u>305</u>	<u>18 8</u>

Apprized by us

Oliver Thornton

Wm. Skirrow

Edmund Robinson

John Lawson

BATESON Robert 1856

WILL - ROBERT BATESON 1856

The last Will and Testament of me Robert Bateson of **Browside** in the Parish of **Clapham**, Farmer.

In the first place I order and direct all my just debts funeral and Testamentary expenses to be paid by my executrix hereinafter named as soon as convenient after my decease. Then I give and devise to my daughter Ruth Gorrill wife of William Gorrill of Dovenanter Farmer the sum of nineteen guineas to be paid to her by my executrix as soon as convenient after my decease. I give and devise to my wife Mary Bateson the sum of ten pounds per annum to be paid to her half yearly during her natural life the first half yearly payment to commence and be made six months after my dec(e)ase. Then I give and devise all the rest residue and remainder of my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto my daughter Ann Bateson for her sole use and benefit. And I appoint my said daughter Ann Bateson sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Robert Bateson have to this my last Will set my hand this twentieth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty six -
Robert Bateson -

Signed and acknowledged by the said Robert Bateson as his Will in the presence of us present at the same time and who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses - John Gibbins Bank Manager Settle
- Charles Gibbins Banker's Clerk, Settle./

In Her Majesty's Court of Probate -
Wakefield District Registry

On the 9th. day of June 1863 the Will of
Rober Bateson late of Browside in the Parish
of Clapham in the County of York Farmer
deceased was proved by the oath of Ann Bateson
Spinster the daughter of the said deceased the
sole Executrix named in the said Will she having been
first sworn duly to administer - Effects under £200.
Testator died 17th. December 1862.

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Probate extracted by Messrs.G.&W.Hartley Solrs.
Settle.

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CARR Thomas 1707 Borthwick Original vol 64 fol 95

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Carr of Israell in the perish of Clapham and County of Yorke husbandman beeing sum what sicke in body but of good and perfect Memory God bee prayed for it and as touching what worldly goods as god Allmighty hath bestowed upon mee my will and mind is as followeth, first I bequeath my sowle to Allmighty god my Maker in full and Certan hopes of resurection to Eternall life secondly my body to bee buried in such decent sort and order as my executors shall think be Convenient

Item I give all my Custamerry estate Lying at Israell to my Kinsman Thomas Carr to enjoy it After the death of my sister Agnes Brenand shee to enjoy it whilst shee lives paying to my sister Marget Nicholson twenty shillings in the year dureing her life and to the said Thomas forty shillings a year whilst whilst (sic) that shee lives but if it happen that the said Agnes dye beefore my sister Marget the said Thomas entering to the land shall pay and Continow to the said Marget the said twenty shillings yearly dureing her life and if it happen that any offise bee put on the Customery estate now Lying at Israell the said Thomas beeing tenant shall defray the same Charge, And as for the Morgis of land that I have at Graine I Give all my right titell and Intrest Cleime or demand whatsoever to my Kinsman Thomas Carr paying yearly to my sister Margret three doughters Agnes Alice and Grace yearly the sum of thirteen shillings and foure pence apeece untill such tymes as the land bee louse or Monney bee made of it sum other way and it is my will and mind whensoever money be made of that land that the said Thomas shall pay to each of of (sic) those three sister doughters the sum of thirtene pounds six shillings and eight pence apeece Lickewise I give to Agnes Kendale my sister doughter eight pounds Allso I give Alise my sister doughter all the house hould stufe and husbandry Gear now as the stand expecting nothing but one table that I give to my Kinsman Thomas Carr Allso I give to my sister agnes the sume of ten pound and to my sister Marget three pounds all so I give to all the Childer that I was Godfather to two shillings six pence a peece all which sums above mentioned to bee paid within twelve months after my decease except beefore excepted and I do apoint Richard \Jurat/ Gryme Larance \Jurat/ (Rauston and James \Jurat/ Kendale my sister doughters husbands my whole and sole executors when my depts and funerall

expences payed of first, Macking this my last will and testament revocking all other what soever and to this my last will and testament I put my hand and seall the twenty sevent day of June in the year of our lord 1707

Sealed sined and delivered

in the sight of

Thomas \his marke/ Carr

Testes

Tho: Wilkinson

John Carr Jurat

Richard Procter Jurat

A True and perfect Inventory of all the goods Chatells and Credits weither upon speciality or without beelong to the late deceased Thomas Carr of Israell vallowed and prised by us whose names ar under subscribed the 3rd. day of July 1707

	li	s	d
Imprimis his purse and apparrell	3	00	00
Item Cart and wheeles & other husbandry gear	1	00	00
It houshould stufe	1	00	00
It. Money upon speciality			
It. Thomas Nicholson	10	00	00
Christopher and John Johnson	10	00	00
Willyam hardecker	5	00	00
Thomas Wildman	6	00	00
Thomas Mason	6	00	00
Thomas Carr	10	00	00
Richard Procter	6	00	00
Rob ert Wilkinson	3	00	00
Geoarge Robinson	3	00	00
Peeter Wigelesworth	2	10	00
Christopher Carr	3	00	00
Will Knipe	2	00	00
John Moore	4	16	8
Robertt Carr	00	19	00
It. Monney upon and security	55	00	00

It. in desperat debts	10	11	6
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Prisers Names	debt the sume is	li	s	
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Robert Bradley

henery Maudsley

John Carr

Richard Procter

CLAPHAM William of Clapham 1717

Lancashire Record Office WRW/L/ R558A/45

In the name of God Amen 16th day of January in the year of our Lord God 1717 I William Clapham of Clapham in the county of York yeoman being infirm in body but of sound mind and disposing memory praised be God for the same do hereby make and ordain this my present last will and Testament in manner and form following. First and principally I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting through the merits death and passion of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And as touching the disposal of that estate wherewith it has pleased God in his mercy to bestow upon me I give devise and bequeath the same as follows. First it is my will and mind that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid and discharged out of all my personal estate by my executors hereafter named. Item I give unto my son Jonas Clapham and to his heirs and assigns for ever all my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and all my right and title to the same. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Guy my maid servant the sum of £10 of lawful British money to be paid to her by my executors hereafter named within 12 months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath all my goods and chattels and personal estate whatsoever unto my loving wife Isabell Clapham and to my said son Jonas Clapham and I do hereby make them joint executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published the same the day and year first above written.

Sealed signed published and declared by the testator in our presence and by us subscribed in his presence

William Clapham

Wm Skirrow

Nicholas Hannam

Rich. Jackson

Obligation in Latin and English

A true and perfect Inventory and Aprizement of the goods and Chattels rights and creditts which did belong unto William Clapham of Clapham in the County of Yorke yeoman Deceased made and apraized by us whose names are hereunder written the 27th day of January Anno Domini 1717

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His purse and apparel	6	0	0
His mare bridle and saddle	5	0	0
One mare and foale	3	0	0
One yearling colt	1	0	0

Goods at Crynehaw bottom

Four steers	8	0	0
Four heifers	10	0	0
Five calves and two why stirks	7	0	0
Sixty sheep	15	0	0
Hay and corn in the barne at Crynehaw bottom	3	0	0

Goods at Lawhous Barne

Four oxen	16	0	0
Hay in the said barne	1	10	0

Goods in the great barne at home

Six cows	18	0	0
Oates Shrafh..(?) and in the Sheafe	5	10	0
Barley Shrafh.. (?) and in the Sheafe	4	0	0
Beanes	1	0	0
Hay in the said Barne	5	0	0
One Swine	1	5	0
Carts wheels, Plowgeare and all other Husbandry geare	2	0	0

Goods in the Bodystead of the House	2	0	0
Goods in the Parlour with one bed and bedding thereon	1	0	0
Goods in the Parlour Chamber	2	0	0
Goods in the body stead chamber being three Arkes, two pair of bedstocks with the bedding thereupon	2	10	0
Goods in the Chamber over the Buttery			
One bedd and bedding		13	4
Goods in the Chamber over the Porch			
One bedd and bedding		13	4
Meale Malt beefe and bacon	2	10	0
Brass Pewter Panns Potts Linnen and all other the household goods	5	0	0
Money owing to the deceased	20	0	0
Sum total	148	11	8 (<i>correct</i>)

Apraized by us whose names are hereunder subscribed the day and yeare above written

Willm Jackson

Richard Guy

Wm Skirrow

Rich. Jackson

CLEMENTSON Matthew of Eldroth 1744 Borthwick vol 89 fol.288

In the name of God Amen I Matthew Clementson of Eldroth in the parish of Clapham and county of York husbandman being grown aged and under indisposition of body yet of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ 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 at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty god to bestow upon me I give and disposed thereof as follows. First I will that my just debts and funeral charges shall

be duly paid in convenient time after my decease. Item I give unto my eldest son John Clementson of Eldroth abovesaid the sum of five shillings to what he has already had and received from me namely the one half of my goods cattle chattels etc but whereas some part of the said cattle etc. remain yet mean between me and him and have not hitherto been divided it is my will and mind that if the said goods and cattle be not divided between us before my decease that my said son John shall have his proper share thereof namely the one half of the aforesaid goods. Item all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate of what kind or nature soever the same may be of I give and bequeath equally unto my beloved wife Easter Clementson and my son and Richard Clementson whom I do hereby nominate and appoint joint executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord 1744.

Signed sealed published and declared in the sight and presence of us

Matthew Clementson (his mark)

Witnesses Anthony Yeadon Roger Ayerton

Obligation in English

November 10th 1744

A true and perfect the inventory of all and singular the goods cattle chattels and the effects which did belong to Matthew Clementson late of Eldroth in the parish of Clapham and county of York husbandman at the time of his decease as they were appraised and valued by us whose names are hereunto subscribed.

Imprimis his horse purse and apparel bridle and saddle	5	0	0
A sale bill of cattle sold in open sale	20	13	3
Four oxen	16	5	0
Four kine	12	0	0
Three heifers	6	10	0
Two ox Stirks and three calves	5	15	0
One mare and foal and one young colt	4	5	0
Sheep	4	0	0
One swine		15	0
Geese		16	6
Hay and corn	31	10	0
Carts wheels and cart gear	1	1	0
Ploughs plough gear harrows etc.	1	0	0

Sacks		9	0
Other small husbandry gear		5	0
Brass and pewter	1	0	0
Ark chests coffers etc.	1	0	0
Bedsteads and bedding		15	0
Tables chairs and wood vessel	1	0	0
Meal malt bacon etc.	2	5	0
Huslement		5	0
Baking stones and other things appertaining thereto		10	0
Frying pan with all other things of iron		5	0
	Tot.	117	4 9 (<i>correct</i>)

John Dixon

Richard Jackson

Roger Aerton

Anthony Yeadon

COATES Christopher of Newby, Clapham 1743

Lancashire Record Office WRW/L/R559B/1

In the name of God Amen the sevent (*sic*) day of November in ye year of our lord god one thousand seven hundred forty three I Christopher Coates of Newby in the parish of Clapham and County of Yorke Yeoman being of perfect mind and memory doe make this my last Will and Testament in maner following first I bequeath my soule in to the merciful hands of Jesus Christ to have pardon and forgiveness of all my sines past and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor heare after named First I will that my Debts and Funerall Charges be paid and Discharged out of my personall Este and lands and for payment of all my debts I make all my lands subject to the same Item I give to my sisters Margret Taylor Alice Carr Grace Coukin Mary Bankes to each of them tow pownds to be paid with in one year and one day after my deseas and if any of my sisters shall happen to deii before the said Legacies be due it shall return to my Executor hereafter named Item give to Richard Coates my Brother after my debts and funerall Charges be paid three pounds a year During his life one pound ten shillings to be paid ye first day of May after my deseas and one pound ten shillings to be paid at Martinmas after and soe on during his life Item I give to Mary Jackson my Housekeeper the sum of six pounds to be paid within one year and one day after my deseas Item I give to Thomas Carr son of Richard Carr the sum of tow pounds to be paid within one year and one day after my Death Item I give to William Carr

son of Richard Carr the sum of five shillings to be paid one year and one day after my Death
 Item I give to William Coates sone of Richard Coates the sum of one pound to be paid with
 in one year and one day after my Death All the Rest and Residue of my goods Chatells
 Lands Teniments whatsoever to me belonging I give to Richard Coates son of Richard Coates
 my Brother son, to him and his Heirs for ever and nominate and appoint him my sole
 Executor of this my last will revocking all former wills by me hearetofore made as wittness
 my hand the day and year above written.

As witness
 Nicholas Grime
 John Armistead
 Thomas Grima

Christopher Coates

January the twenty second Day A.D. 1744 Richard Coates
 The above mentioned Executor appeared personally and was
 sworn upon the holy Evangelists well and truly to execute
 and perform the Will above written and so forth before me

Js. LeTousey
 Surrogate

[Obligation in English]

A true and perfect Inventory and apprisement of all the
 Goods and Chattles of Christopher Coates late of Newby
 In the parish of Clapham and County of York
 Yeoman deceased Taken by us this 21st day
 Of January 1744

	L	s	d
Purse and aparell	10	0	0
Six Cows	24	0	0
Two Oxen	09	0	0
One Heffer & a Stear	06	0	0
Two Twintor Heffers and a Stear	07	0	0
Three Calves	03	0	0
Two Horses	06	0	0
A Swine	01	1	0

Hay & Corn	14	10	0
Husbandry Gears	02	10	0
Meal & Malt	04	0	0
Bodystead	04	0	0
Parler & Shop	03	0	0
Parler Loft	02	0	0
Bodystead & Buttery Loft	01	10	0
Buttery	01	0	0
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Total	<u>98</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>

Apprysed by us

Stephen Knowles
Chr: Foster

Edward Wilson

William Wilkinson
