

## CLAPHAM PARISH WILLS 1603 to 1700

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### ALTHAM James 1626 Borthwick vol.39 fol. 234

In the name of god amen. The thirteenth day of March In the yeare of our Lord god 1626 I James Altham of Clapham sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance god bee praised for it doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following That is to saie First I bequeath my Soule to god almightie my creator and redeemer And my bodie to bee buried in Clapham Church Alsoe I give & bequeath all my goodes moveable and unmoveable to Ann Altham my wife & appoint my said wife to bee my whole and sole Executor And I appoint John Foster of Armitstead Roberte Knipe of Astwicke Robert Altham and James Jackson of Clapham aforesaid to bee Supervisors Over this my last Will and testament. Witnesses hereof James Foster James Jackson  
4 lines Latin

### ALTHAM Robert of Feizor 1648

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**A true and perfecte** Inventory of all the goods and Chattles Moveable and Immoveable of Robert Altham late of Clapham in the County of york Husbandman Deceased, prysed by Regnold Nicholson Robert Wilcocke James Jackson and Christopher Jackson all of them of Clapham aforesaid, The seaven and twenteith day of November xxiiij to Carolj Anno Domini 1648 As followeth vizt,

Imprimis Six kine	xviiij li	
Item five Steares and one heffer	xv li iiij s iiij d	
Item five Calves	iiij li vj s viiiij d	
Item one Meare	iiij li vj s viiiij d	
Item Threescore and seaventeene sheepe	xxj li xiiij s iiij d	(67.5d each)
Item one Hogg	xj s vj d	
Item in Haye	iiij li	
Item in Beefe	xx s	
Item in Corne	xj li xiiij s iiij d	
Item seaven Coverlettes two Blanketts and three Boulsters	j li xviiij s	
Item Wooll	iiij li vj s viij d	
Item Lynnen	ij li	
Item Meale	xviiij s	
Item fire vessell	j li vj s viiiij d	
Item Wood vessell	j li	
Item in pewther	x s	
Item one Arke and three Chists	j li	
Item Three Tables	viij s	
Item Bedstocks	v s	
Item in husbandry geare	x s	
Item a Windinge Cloath and six secks and Poaks	j li	

Item Chaires Stooles & Quishions	vj s viij d
Item in Wheele Timber	viij s
Item Cartes and Wheelles	xvj s viij d
Item his Apparell and Saddle and Bridle	j li x s
Summa totall	xCv li viij s vj d

Debts dew to the Deceased as followeth	
Imprimis of Hercules Chapman	xvj li xiiij s
Item of Franncis Lupton	xxxiiij li j s vj d (?)
Item of Rowland Carr	vij li x s
Item of Charles Clapham	iiij li
Item of James Battersby	vij li
Item of James Baines	ij li x s
Item of Robert Wilcocke	ij li
Item of Thomas Foster	xv s
Item of Thomas Prockter	x s
Item of Alice Foster widdow	x s
Item of Robert Prockter	v s
Item of Myles Jackson	xv s
Item of Richard Harleinge	j li x s
Item of Leonard Wetherhead	iiij li

Summa totall lxxx li – 1s – 1 d

**ARMITSTEAD Adam 1640**  
**Borthwick Bundle July 1640**

(June) the Lij<sup>th</sup> 1640

In the name of god Amen I Adam Armitstead of Lawkeland wthin the parishe of Clapham and countie of yorke yeoman being at this tyme sick in bodie but of sound and perfect remembrance praised be god do Ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following first and principally I doe comend my soule unto god allmightie trustinge faithfully through the (mercie) of god and merits of Jesus Christ to have my sins forgiven and to be made partaker of gods kingdom in heaven next I do comit my bodie to the ground and to be buried in or at the parishe Church of Clapham And for my personall estate and it is my will and mynd that my mesuage farme and (tenement) grounds shall goe & descend/ to my elder doughter \Elizabeth/ according to the Custome of the the (sic) Lordshipp of Austwicke And it is my will and mynd that Alice my wyfe shall have the educacion of her and the occupacion of my tenement until she came to hir full age The widdowright of my mother and my wyfe allwayes to them reserved according to the said Custome and by my moveable goods it is my will and mynd that Alice my wyfe shall have hir thirds out of the same, and for another third it is my will and mynd that Marie my younger doughter shall have the same And for the last third called the deades part It is my will and mynd that out of that shalbe paid all my funerall expences Church dues \and legacies/ And for the residue of that third parte I give it whole unto Alice my wyfe to dispose of at hir pleasure I give unto Tho Remington Xiiis iiiid Item I give unto Richard Hargraves and my brother Robart Armitstead eyther of them fortie shillings And I do intreat them \two/ that they wilbe aidinge and assistinge my wyfe in hir occacion concerninge the goverment of my Children and there porcions, and that they shall have all their chardgs borne when they ar imployd about theis occacions And I do ordaine and make the said Alice \jur/ my wyfe whole executrix of this my last will and testament witnesses hearof Richard \jur/ y(ounger?)

Richard \jur/ Nicholson  
Robt \jur/ Armitstead  
Tho: Remington

Eliz: & Mary Armitstead lait .....Alice pre.....

**ARMITSTEAD Richard 1613 of Lawkland    Modern English**

**LRO R540A/47**

**Probate seems to be 1619**

In the name of God Amen the 16th of April in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England 1613 I Richard Armitstead of Bankend in Lawkland in the parish of Clapham and county of York Yeoman being sick in (body) but of perfect memory God be praised therefore do now advisedly (come) in the presence of god 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 trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer to be made partaker of everlasting life and for my body I commit the same to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my friends. Item my will and mind is that my debts shall be discharged out of my whole goods. Also it is my will and mind and I do hereby ordain that my mother shall be well and ....keep with meat and drink and apparel and all other necessaries needful and fitting to and for her calling provided nevertheless that if my said mother do mislike of this said.....with meat drink and apparel which she shall have of my son Adam he ....paying her third or widowright according to a covenant made between me the testator and her my mother then my will and mind and I do ordain that my said son Adam shall pay or cause to be paid to my said mother quarterly every quarter (?).....20 shillings which is in the whole four pounds every year and for default of payment of the afore recited sum of money and also for default of aforesaid (?) .....according to covenant made and before herein expressed then my will and mind is that she shall have her widowright to her own use again. Also my will and mind is that my son Adam shall keep with meat drink and apparel and all things necessary my uncle John Armitstead so long as my uncle shall like their use (?) and if he shall mislike then and I give ordain and bequeath unto my said uncle all those grounds and cattlegates with ..... given by him by a deed of gift and also 40 shillings by year to be paid by Adam my son. Also I give and bequeath unto my son John Armitstead his children and assigns according to the custom of Austwick....all those grounds and the winterings thereto belonging granted by Roger Armitstead of the Armitstead unto John Armitstead my uncle and from the said John my uncle unto me by a deed of gift to enter unto the same after the decease of my uncle excepting my wife widowright of in and to the same grounds .....said John Armitstead sealing and delivering ....general acquittance at the request cost and charges of my executors as his child portion or filial part of in and to all my grounds ...also those grounds granted by Jacke alias John Ash unto me the testator by deed as by the same may appear. I give unto my said son John his children and assigns according to the custom of Austwick ....to enter into the said grounds immediately after the decease of my uncle John excepting my wife widowright of in and to the same. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Robert all the interest right and title of in and to one messuage and tenement lying at Ennershaw to me the said testator granted by one deed thereof made by James Armitstead my brother as by the same may more at large appear and also I give and bequeath unto my said son Robert Armitstead with the benefit of all covenants therein contained by the said Robert doing and performing all covenants which on the part and behalf of me the said testator are to be performed. Also I give and bequeath unto William Armitstead my son all those leases which I have or should have of the right Hon the Earl of Cumberland Richard Jackes of Crynnrigg and John Banks of Giggleswick of and upon certain common or pasture ground lying

upon Giggleswick Skarr with wintering thereto belonging Paying all rents dues and duties belonging to the same. Also my will and mind is that Adam my son shall pay or cause to be paid the whole sum of £20 unto my son William £10 thereof at or before St E... day in anno domini 1615 and the other £10 to be paid at such days (and) times as my supervisors shall think fit. Also I give unto my son Adam Armitstead my whole messuage and tenement with the appurtenances thereto belonging .....yearly rent of 16 shillings and all other grounds thereto belonging unto .....he the said Adam ..... performing and paying all such things sums of money .....which by him the said Adam my son by this my last will and Testament is to be truly done performed and paid excepting the widowright of my mother if that my son Adam do not other(wise) keep..... I have ordained in this my will or do not pay unto her such sum or sums of money now by this my will imposed upon him and also executing my wife widowright of and in to the said messuage and tenement with the appurtenances thereto belonging and also her widowright in and throughout all other grounds which I shall authorise upon. Also my will and mind is that my wife shall have the third part of all my goods and tenements movable and immovable. Also I give unto Agnes Tenn[an]te my servant three ewes and lambs to be delivered at the discretion of my supervisors if she do stay(?) with my wife and children. Also my will and mind is that my wife and my son Adam Armitstead shall upon their equal charges educate maintain and keep at school my three childs John Robert and William until they shall at the discretion of my supervisors be thought fitting to be prentices or other ways preferred. And all the rest of my goods movable and the immovable I give and bequeath unto my daughters equally to be divided between them .....Alice and Jane .... all expenses being discharged and my husbandry gear after the decease of my wife excepted. And lastly I do ordain and .....my wife my executor of this my last will and Testament and do request John R.....my brother in law my brother James Armitstead, Thomas Wildman my brother in law, James Foster to be executors of this my will trusting they will see the same executed according to the true meaning thereof upon the reasonable request and charges of my executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and sign the day and year first above written. In the presence of us .....

**Obligation - hand written**

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Elizabeth Armitstead do well and faithfully etc.

the last will and testament of Richard Armitstead late of Clapham etc.

signed Elizabeth Armitstead her mark, John Radcliffe, James Foster

**An inventory** of all such goods and chattels movable and immovable as late were and did belong to Richard Armitstead of the Banke and within the parish of Clapham in the county of York yeoman deceased truly valued and (ap)prised by Robert Thornton Frances Lupton James Foster and William Guy yeomen the 29th day of November in the year of our Lord 1615 in manner as followeth

**INVENTORY (Modern English)**

	£	s	d
Imprimis his apparel and riding furniture	2	13	4
Item six horse and mare	15	0	0
Item in sheep	10	0	0
Item six oxen	23	0	0
Item four steires	7	0	0
Item eight young cattell	8	0	0
Item thirteen kine	28	0	0
Item nine calves	5	0	0

Item beef and bacon	30 0
Item one swyne	20 0
Item in meal and malt	3 0 0
Item barley and oats	23 0 0
Item in all the hay	10 0 0
Item in timber .....	20 0
Item turves	20 0
Item eleven pair of sheets	2 13 4
Item in linen cloth	16 0
Item seven coverlets and one blanket	2 6 8
Item one feather bed one clusebed (?) one bolster	20 0
Item three stone of wool and a half	15 0
Item four brass pots and eight pans	3 0 0
Item five silver spoons and twenty pieces of pewter	58 4
Item three candlesticks and one chafingdish	6 8
Item twelve forks and one windecloth	20 0
Item one cupboard three arks and five chests	4 0 0
Item four pair of bedstocks	20 0
Item in wooden vessel	33 4
Item in husbandry gear	3 6 8
Item in other household stuff and hustlement	20 0
Item in pullenn ( <i>chickens</i> )	2 0

Sum        .....

166 6 4

Debts which were due and owing to him at the time of his decease

Imprimis Richard King one by a bill	7 0 0
Item John Armitstead of Friar Stainforth one by a bond	35 0
Item Richard Tennant	6 15 0
Item Richard Foster of Borwaynehouse	11 0 0
Item Richard Ash of Eldroth	7 6 8
Item John Wildman of Gilbeck	2 13 4
Sum debtors	36 10 ..

**ASHE Richard 1619 Borthwick vol. 35 fol. 375 mic. 951**

Memorandum that upon the xxijth day of May Anno domini 1619 Richard Ashe of Eldroth within the pareishe of Clapham within the dioces of Chester and province of yorke beinge sicke in body but of perfecte mind and memory did Nuncupatively make his last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge First he did Commend his soule to god and his body to the earth alsoe he did give grant and bequeath unto Elizabeth his wife all that his messuage tenement and grounds which he held of Mr. Ingleby and Mr. Shuttleworth Esquires within the Lordshipp of Awstwicke Alsoe he did give and bequeath unto Elizabeth his said wife all his goods moveable and unmoveable ... debts bad debts and he did ordaine and make the said Elizabeth his wife sole Executrix of his said will And he did appoynt Thomas Proctor Clerke Robert Thornton James Remington Thomas Remington & Richard Nicholson to be Supervisors of his said will alsoe he willed that his said wife should give unto every one of the said Supervisors xxs. These beinge witnesses Thomas Proctor Clerke Robert Thornton James Remington Thomas Remington Richard Nicholson and Thomas Smith

Latin text

**ASHE Rowland 1620 Borthwick vol 36 fol 402**

In the name of god Amen the xvjth day of January Anno Domini 1620 I Rowland Ashe of Chapmanbancke within the parish of Clapham in the Countie of yorke yeoman feeleinge my selfe well growne into yeares and knoweing that all flesh must die and every one in time of best health and memory should sett and order for their temporall goods and posesions soe now and advisedly in the feare of god make and ordeine this my last will & testam<sup>t</sup> hereby revokeinge all former wills by me made And now first I commend my soule into the \mercifull/ handes of Almighty god trustinge yet through the meritts and precious bloodshed of my sweet savior Christ my soull after this fragill life ended shall be maid partaker of eternall wyes in the heavenlie kingedome And my will is that my \body/ be buried in the parish church yeard of Clapham att the discretion of my wife and freinds Item as concerninge my Tenemts and Lands which I doe nowe hould accordinge to the Custome of the mannor or Lordshipp of Awstweicke I give the same and all my right interest and estate thereinafter my decease unto Christopher Foster sonne of James Foster of Armitstead and to his heires and Assignes for ever accordinge to the said Custome Provided allwaise and upon Condicion that he the said Christopher his heires and assignes shall permitt Elizabeth now my wife and her assignes to occupie and enjoy the same and take and have all the Fines and profitts thereof to the use of her and her assignes for and dureinge the tearme of her naturall life if she doe over live me her said husband and allsoe upon Condicion that the said James Foster his father before his said sonne be admitted Tenante of the said lands shall give securitie by bond of one hundred pounds and a sufficient suerty at the discretion of my supervisors that my said wife may enjoy all my said Lands and grounds dureinge her widowhead to her owne use and most Commoditie And if the said James will not soe doe before two next Courts to be kept within the said mannor after my decease Then I doe hereby give devise and bequeath all my said Lands and Tenemts unto the said Elizabeth my wife and to her heires children and assignes for ever Accordinge to the custome of the said mannor Item I give xls towards the maynteyneinge of Eldroth Chappell Item I give to Issabell Armitstead of Armitstead x<sup>li</sup> Item I give to william lawson parish Clarke of Giglesweeke x<sup>s</sup> and the rest of all my said goods I give to my said wife Provided allwaies and yet neverthelesse my will is that if my wife die before she have proved this my will and taken upon her the execucion thereof That then I give all my goods that shall remaine after my legacies herein conteyned be (devided) the half unto w<sup>m</sup> Carr sonne of brother in Law Thomas Carr And the other halfe unto the said Thomas Carr and the rest of his children equallie amongst them And then I doe make and ordaine my said brother in Law Thomas Carr and the said William Carr his sonne to be ..... of this my last will and Testamt And I desire my loveinge freinde the said w<sup>m</sup> Lawson and John Swainson of Rauthmell and Thomas Carr sonne of Stephen Carr of Ragged hawe to be Supervisors of this my last will and Testamt desireinge them to aide and assist my said wife in defending her right when she shall have occasion to use their helpe And I will that she shall beare those reasonable charges And I doe appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my last will and Tesamt

3 lines Latin

**BAINES Rosamond 1615  
LRO R544A/13**

In the name of God Amen the last day of April 1615 I Rosemond Baines late wife of William Baines late of Awstwick deceased sick in bodie but whole and perfect of mind and remembrance laud and praised be to god Almighty do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I do commend my soul into the hands of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer hoping that -- -- -- blood shedding to have full and free forgiveness-- -- -- sins and my

body to be buried in the parish church of Clapham Item it is my full mind and will that John Ratcliffe my brother shall have the education and bringing [up] of my children and likewise the occupation of my tenement untill my eldest son James Baines shall accomplish the full age of 21 years Item it is my full will and mind that my son James shall pay unto my son -- -- Baines the sum of £20 in consideration of his agreement when he shall accomplish the age of ... years Item I give unto my two daughters Alice and Elisabeth Banes all my part of all my goods and chattels my debts legacies and funeral expenses being paid and the rest to be equally divided among the three younger children out of the whole goods Item it is my will and mind that John Ratcliffe my said brother shall have my husbandry gear and shall bestow the -- -- of my children and as he hereafter shall think fitting And lastly I make my said brother my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament

(signed) Rosemond Banes

witnesses hereof

Christopher Knype elder

Richard Armistead

John Lawson and Lawrence Stallman

The Inventory of all the goods and chattels movable and immovable of Rosamunde Baines of Austwick in the county of York widow deceased and late wife of William Baines deceased made and prised by Richard Armistead of Bankende James Rimingtonn of Austwick aforesaid John Lawsonne of the same town and William Marsdonn of Langshawe in the said county of York yeomen in the eighth day of May in the year of our Lord God 1615 as follows

Imprimis one yocke of oxen	6-0-0
Item seaven kine	15-0-0
Item two stirks and three calves	4-0-0
Item one stag	30-0
Item one mare	3-13-4
Item seaven and thirtie sheepe	9-8-4
Item one hogg or swyne	6-8
Item in husbandrie geare	20-0
Item bedding	3-14-0
Item in firevessell	3-6-8
Item in meale and barlaie	10-0-0
Item the crop sowne upon the fieldes	10-0-0
Item in beefe and bacon	6-8
Item in sakes pookes and a -- cloth	16-0
Item arkes cheistes and -- --	30-0
Item in powder	6-0
Item wooden vessell	10-0
Item in bords cheres stooles and other hustlements	13-4
Item pullen	2-0
Item her apparell	4-4
Summa bonor	75-16-0

Debts due unto her the said Rosamunde and by whome

Imprimis Robert Skreth 27-0

Item John Radcliffe 26-4

Debts which the said Rosamunde did owe at her decease and to whome

Imprimis to John Radcliffe 15-4-0

Item to her children Peter Baynes and Alice Baynes  
for oate meale oats and barley which was given them  
by their grandfather James Baynes 12-9-0

Item to Robert Johnsonn for a bushell of malte 7-6  
Item to Christopher Knype for halfe a bushell of malte 3-9  
Item to John Yeadonn her servante 6-0

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**BANCKS John 1643 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 faithe 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 pfict 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 thappurtenances 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 his marke

jurat

Roger Armitstead  
(Thos) Remington



*Giggleswick – (modern spelling)*

*Feizor " "*

**BANKES Robert Nuncupative will 1624**

**Lancashire Record Office R544A/17**

**Modern English**

Memorandum that upon the four and 20th day of August in the two and 20th 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 in the fifty seven anno domini 1624 Robert Bankes of Feizor within the parish of Clapham and Archdeaconry of Richmond did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following. First he did commit his soul unto God and his body to the earth. Also he did bequeath the benefit use and occupation of his tenement unto Elline his wife until John Bankes his son has accomplished his age of 21 years. Also it was his mind and will that after the said John has accomplished his said age of 21 years that he the said John should have two third parts of his said tenement and that Elline his said wife should have the other third part of the said tenement during her life and after her death the said John Banks his said son to have the said tenement. Also it was his mind and will that all his due debts and funeral expenses should be paid out of his whole goods so far as his goods would extend and reach and if his goods would not extend and reach to pay all his said debts it was his full mind and will that so much of his said tenement should be let as should pay all the rest of his said debts that his said goods would not extend and reach to pay. Also it was his will and mind that his said son John Bankes should have one great ark, one cupboard or aumbry, and all his husbandry gear if the same could be spared from the payment of his debts. And he did name and appoint Elline his said wife to be sole executrix of this his will.

Witnesses hereof Robert Clapham of Feizor and John Burton of Giggleswick

The inventory of all the goods and chattels of Robert Bankes late of Feizor within the parish of Clapham and Archdeaconry of Richmond deceased truly valued and appraised the 27th day of August in the year of our Lord God 1624 by Robert Clapham Thomas Hall Roger Armitstede and John Burton as follows vizt.

Imprimis two mares, two foals and two colts (ap)prised	£11-0-0
Item four oxen	13-6-8
Item 7 kine and whyes with two calves	16-0-0
Item four stirks (ap)prised	3-6-8
Item 40 only sheep and 14 lambs	12-12-0
Item barley and hemp on the fields	5-5-0
Item oats on the field	5-15-6
Item hay	12-0-0
Item meal, malt, groats dust(?) and salt	20-0
Item two brass pots	20-0
Item five pans	13-4
Item pewter and brass	20-0
Item wood vessels	20-0
Item sheets with two tablecloths	50-0
Item bedding	3-13-4
Item sacks(?) windowcloths pokes and cushions	3-0-0

Item woollen cloth yarn and wool	3-0-0
Item new boards and wheel timber	40-0
Item ploughs and plough gear with iron	40-0
Item carts and wheels	30-0
Item arks chests tables chairs stools	
bedstocks with hustlement in the house	3-10-0
Item butter and cheese	20-0
Item pullen	20-0
Item turves	20-0
Item his apparel and riding gear	4-0-0
Sum totals	114-4-6

Debts which he did owe at the time of his death

Imprimis to Thomas Braishaie	13-0-0
Item to Christofer White	7-14-0
Item to Christofer Wyldman	11-0-0
Item to Elizabeth Frankland	15-0-0
Item to Anthonie Clapham	11-0-0
Item to Hugh Bawdewaine	8-6-8
Item to Roger Armitsteade	5-10-0
Item to Thomas Remington	4-8-0
Item to the town of Feizor	5-6-8
Item to William Bankes younger	31-11
Item to Marie Lupton	38-6
Item to William Bankes elder	10-0-0
Item to Thomas Browne	3-10-0
Sum debits	98-5-9
Sum bonor debita deduct	15-18-9

**BRADLEY John 1606**  
**Lancashire Record Office R543D/4**

In the name of God Amen the 27th day of March in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith and of Scotland the 39th anno domini 1606 I John Braydlaie of the high grayne within the parish of Clapham and county of York sick in body but nevertheless whole and perfect in mind and memory God be praised do 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 Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour by whose death and passion I believe faithfully to be saved and my body to the earth from whence it came Item I give and bequeath unto Alexander Wearinge 13 shillings 4d also I give unto -- -- -- which I am grandfather unto 10 shillings also I give unto every one that I am Godfather unto 4d also I give unto the two children of my son Richard 4d also I give unto my brother William my jacket doublet and hose -- to the children of Robart Bartonne my worken day jacket doublet and hose and also I give unto Richard my son my husbandry gear and my boots I give unto every child that I am grandfather unto 4d And I ordain and make Jenite my wife whole and sole executrix of my last will and Testament unto whom I give all the rest of my goods unbequeathed both movable and immovable  
witness -- -- --

Probatum Latin text

The inventory of the goods and chattels of John Bradley late of the high grayne deceased prised by William Howsonne Thomas Carr John Lemying and John Carr April -- 1606

Imprimis two oxen	£3-10s
Item a cow a calf with two heifers	£5
Item four young stirks	8s 4d
Item a mare	30s
Item sheep	46s 8d
Item the -- in the house in the fields	34s 4d
Item household stuff	6s 8d
Item sacks	3s 4d
Item husthellment	2s 6d
Item his apparel	20s
Summa	£17 2s 6d

Debts which he did owe	
Imprimis William Howson	33s
Item Richard Howson	£5 2d
Item to his son Richard	20s
Item William Yeadon	11s 8d
Item to Alexander wearinge	10s
Item to John Carr	41s 8d
Item to John Radcliffe	6s 6d
Item to George Foster	2s 6d
Summa	£11 5s 10d

**BRADLEY Thomas 1618**  
**Lancashire Record Office R544D/20**

In the name of God Amen the five and 20 day of February Anno domini 1617 I Thomas Bradley sick in body yet nevertheless of perfect remembrance laud and praise 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 my maker hoping through the merits of Christ Jesus my Redeemer to be saved and I commit my body to the earth whereof it was framed As for my worldly possessions first I give to Robert Bradley my eldest son all my messuage and tenement and all my husbandry gear and one great hammer and all my working tools whereof I am now possessed and after he shall accomplish the full age of 20 and one years if Margaret now my wife do keep herself sole and unmarried Item my will is that after my said son shall accomplish the age of 21 years that Margaret my said wife shall have a third part of my said tenement during her widowhood and if she fortune to marry before my said son shall accomplish the said age then my will is that during his nonage all my said messuage and tenement shall be and remain for the bringing up and educating of all my children Item I give to Margaret my wife the third part of all my goods which is her widow right Item I give to William Bradley and Alice Bradley my son and daughter and to such child or children now contained in the womb of my said wife another third part of my said goods and the same to be equally distributed amongst them Item after my funeral expenses be discharged I give my part to the said William and Alice my said son and daughter and to such child or children as aforesaid equally to be divided amongst them Item I do make and ordain Margaret my said wife sole executor of this my last will and Testament Item my will is that my said wife have the tuition of all my children so

long as she keep herself unmarried Item my will is that Robert my eldest son immediately after he shall accomplish the age of 30 years shall pay to the said William and Alice my said son and a daughter and to such child or children now contained in the womb of my said wife as aforesaid the just sum of £30 of lawful English money equally to be divided amongst them or amongst the so many of them as shall then be living

Witness hereof John Radcliffe John Carr Anthony Wiglesworth Richard Bankes

The inventory of the goods and chattels of Thomas Bradley late of Keasden deceased prised by John Ratcliffe Anthony Wiglesworth John Carr and William Bayliffe the third day of March anno domini 1617

Imprimis his apparel and money in his purse	40s
Item 1 stote	56s 8d
Item five kine and two calves	£12 10s
Item a whye	35s
Item a mare	53s 4d
Item hay and straw	36s
Item oats	£5
Item bedding	18s
Item one ark and a chest	6s 8d
Item bedstocks	2s
Item wool	20s
Item working tools and a great hammer	16s
Item harrow and harrowing gear	3s 4d
Item axletrees	2s
Item wheel	8s
Item yarn	7s
Item Canmis cloth	2s
Item gray cloth	12s
Item a table and loose boards	6s 8d
Item pewter	4s
Item fire vessel	14s
Item wood vessel	8s
Item sacks	9s
Item stools and chairs	6s
Item carts and wheels	10s
Item two digging spades	20d
Item two scokes and two scythes	2s 8d
Item quishions	12d
Item spades	10d
Item one pick and two hammers	12d
Item pullen	2s
Item one spinning wheel and two pairs of cards	2s
Item turves and huslements	2s
Summa	£36 8s 2d
Debts due to him	
Imprimis of William Rawson and Thomas Rawson his son	£3
Item of William Nicholson wife	47s
Item of William Marsden	38s 6d

Item of Anthony Bradley		22s
	Summa	£8 7s 6d
Debts which he did owe		
Imprimis to John Carr wife		£4 19s
Item to Geane Carr		2s
	Summa	£5 12d

Latin text obligation

Condition of obligation on Margaret Bradley

### **CARR Isabel of Clapham 1603**

#### **Lancashire Record Office R553A/21**

Fragment of record repaired 5297

Lonsdall  
Issabell Carre

Inventory Widdowe  
Clapham

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The Inventorie of the goodes and .....  
of Isabell Carr widdow late....  
deceased prised by John Rimingtonne (?)  
John Radcliffe ... Willm Rimingtonne  
m....undecimo ann domini 1603

Imprimis iiij oxen	x li
Itm v kyne with iij calves .....	
Itm iiij Stirk ...	...
Itm ij in ...	
Itm the crope.....	.....
Itm a Swyne and beaf.....	.....
Itm meale and malt .....	.....
Itm houshold and stufe .....	.....
Itm Torffes	vj s v....
Itm husbandr[ie] geare	xi ...
Itm pullan	vj s
Itm hushellmt	vj s iiij ...
Itm his ( <i>sic</i> ) apparel	xxx s
Summa	xxxv li ij s x d (?)

Administration to be Comitted To Janet(?) Ratcliffe daughter to the said Issabell Carr diceassed

**CARRE Robert 1642 Nuncupative will Borthwick Bundle Feb 1645/6  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

*Latin text*

of Lawkland Clothier

Memorandum that Robert Carre did make his last will and testamnt Nuncupative or in words to this effect vizt first it was his desire that his debts should be first paid out of his estate, as for the rest of his estate it was his mind that it should be equally devided betwixt his Mother his two brethren & his sister, and withall he did \further/ say that George Kidd his father in Law \nor his children/ should not have any parte of his estate and this he spoke in the presence of

Wittnesses hereof

jurat

Thomas Kidd

Thomas Wilkinson

his marke

Roger .....k

jurat

..... Thompson

his mark

*Written sideways at bottom of document*

Craven

I Rob: Car de Lawkland ...

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1645

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**CLAPHAM Jonas of Clapham 1690**

**Lancashire Record Office R557B/18**

Obligation in Latin and English

Inventory

January 13th day 1690 This day a prizment made of the goods of Johnas Clapham of Clapham late desceased by us whose names are subscribed viz.

His purse and Apparell

five pounds

Thomas Jackson (his mark) Witnesse our hands

..... Clapham

William Clapham (his mark)

Nicholas Hannam (?)

**CLAPHAM Thomas 1631**  
**LRO W/RW/L R555A/41**

In the name of God Amen the Eight day of March, Anno domini 1630 I Thomas Clapham of Austwick within the parish of Clapham and countye of yorke yeoman, being att this instant viscited with sicknesse & other Infirmities in bodie but whole and perfect in mynd & remembrance prayed therefore to god doe make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in manner and forme followeing First & principallie I doe Commend my soule into the mercifull handes of of almightie god hoping and assuredlie persuadeing my selfe that through the precious blood shedding of my sweete Saviour & redeemer Jesus Christ to have full perdon and Free remission of all my sinnes And as for my bodie I committ to the earth to be buried within the parish Church of Clapham afforesaid att the discretion of my freindes Item I give & bequeath unto James Clapham my sonne All my Message & Tennement with it appurtinances in Austwick afforesaid and all my landes & groundes there unto belonging To have and to holde to him his heires & assignes forever and so reenter to the same att Candlemas next Item it is my mynd and will that all my children shall keepe house together till Michaellmas next and that a Croppe shall be made of my Tennement and when the said Cropp shalbe Inned and sett in my houses that then it shalbe equallie devided amongst my foure children James Jane Agnes & Alice Clapham Item it is my mynd and will that my debtes and funerall expences be fullie paid and discharged out of my whole goodes Item I give and bequeath out of my said goodes to my daughter Alice the summe of Twentie six poundes and to John Johnson my sonne in Law xl s. and to Thomas Johnson my grandchild two gimmer hogges And for the rest of my said goodes unbequeathed I give them equalie to my said three doughters Jane Agnes & Alice to be devided amongst them Item it is my mynd and will that the xxvj li given in this my present will to my daughter Alice out of my said goodes shalbe presentlie after my decease sett forward for her most benefitt & profitt And lastlie I make my said doughters Agnes and Alice Clapham executors of this my last will & Testament and my said sonne James Clapham and John Johnson supervisoros thereof.

Witnesses hereof James Remington Christopher Johnson Thomas Waite & Richard(?) Stalman

The Inventorie of the goodes & chattells of Thomas Clapham late of Austwick deceased prised by James Remington Christopher Johnson Richard Nicholson & Richard Johnson the xxv th daie of March 1631

Imprimis foure Oxen & two steares price	xviij li
Item fyve kine one Heffer and a Calfe	xiiij li vj s viij d
Item Fyve yong cattell	vj li
Item two horses & a mare	x li
Item Eightie eight sheepe	xxix li vj s viij d (20d each)
Item Oates sawne on the ground with other Oates & Barlie	xiiij li
Item one swyne	xiiij s iiij d
Item hey and strowe	xxx s
Item Coverlettes sheetes quishions & lynneing	v li x s
Item a fether bed three chaffebedes & boulsters	xxx s
Item Canvas cloth	viiij s
Item lynnyn yarne	vj s viij d
Item ... and chistes	xxxvj s
Item pottes panns & other fyer vesseles	xlvj s
Item pewter	x s
Item wood vessell	xij s
Item seeffes and ridles	xviij d

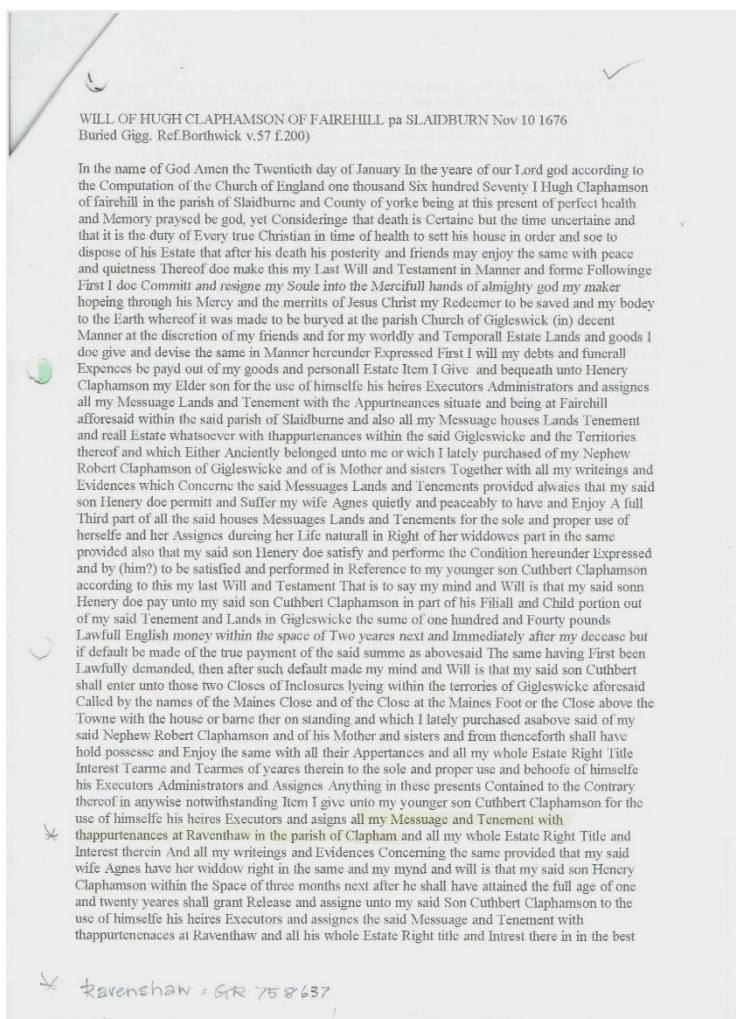
Item huslementes	ij s	
Item sakes pooches & windocloth	xxvj s viij d	
Item Beefe	xiiij s iiiij d	
Item Meale	x s	
Item pullan	xx d	
Item turves	xviij d	
Item his apparell	xx s	
	Sum 97 li 11 s 10 d	(actually £110-17-00)

debts oweing to him

Imprimis of Robert Becroft	x li xvj s
Item of John Clapham	v li viij s
Item of Peter Chapman	xl s
	Sum xviiij li iiiij s

**CLAPHAMSON Hugh of Slaidburn 1676 Borthwick vol 57 fol 200**

Included because of property in Clapham





and most Legall manner that by my said son Cuthbert or by his Counsell Learned in the Lawes  
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  
himselpe 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 summe of Twenty poundes Item I give unto Christopher Johnson heir  
son the summe of Tenne poundes 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 witsesse 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

\* Lithe Birks = GR 726649

**ELLIS Samuel 1661 Borthwick Vol. 50 fol. 80 MIC 969**

In the name of God Amen I Samuell Ellis of Newby ..<sup>th</sup> in the parish of Clapham and County of Yorke Yeoman being of sound mynde and Memory, but weake in body doe hereby settle this as my Last will and Testament In manner and forme Followeing, First I bequeath and Comend my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty god, my maker, trustinge that by the meretts and mediacion of my Redeemer Jesus Christ to be made partaker of Eternall Glory after this mortall change and for my body I will the same be buried in the Church or Church yard of Clapham aforesaid decently att the Discretion of my friends and as for the Annuity of tenn pounds per (anum) given me by my father Mr. John Ellis Deceased and payable by my sister Mis Isabell Ellis she having neglected and refused the payment thereof to this tyme and having received my said Annuity and arrears thereof from my Brother Mr George Ellis I doe therefore give bequeath and Grannt all the arreares of my said Annuity behinde and unpaid to my said Broth: George Ellis and all and every summe and summes of money whatsoever that is or in any kinde ought to be due to me; Item I give and bequeath unto my Landlord Henry Walker of Newby aforesaid Carrier my Bible Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Walker the sonne of him the said Henry my stuffe suite of apparrell And I doe hereby Constitute appoynt and make my said Loveing Brother George Ellis of London Gentleman sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament where unto I subscribe my hand and sett to my seale the twenty second day of November In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty and one And in the 13<sup>th</sup>. yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the second over England (etc.) Samuell Ellis published & declared sould and subscribed in the presence of us signed Christopher Foster Thomas Robinson Christo: Robinson

**FOSTER William 1653  
TNA PROB 6 / 30 x/L07856**

William Foster the 16th day a commission issued forth unto Alice Foster widow the relict of William Foster late of Armestead in the county of York deceased to administer the goods chattels and debts of the said deceased she being first legally sworn truly to administer

20th of July to 20th of August

**GREENFIELD Henry of Newby 1696  
LRO WRW/L R568C/20**

July 26<sup>th</sup> 1696

A True and perfect Innvitorye & an apprizement of the Goodes Catteltes & Chattles of Henery Greenfeild Late of newbye deceased Apprized by us whose names are under written

Imprimis his purse and his apparell	5 <sup>li</sup>	0 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item one Cubbard	1 <sup>li</sup>	10 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item two Langsettles		10 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item two Tables and Formes		10 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item 4 paire of bedstockes	1 <sup>li</sup>	0 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item in bedding	2 <sup>li</sup>	13 <sup>s</sup>	4 <sup>d</sup>
Item Arkes & Chestes and one deske	3 <sup>li</sup>	0 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item in meale & malt	3 <sup>li</sup>	0 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item in beefe and Bacon	1 <sup>li</sup>	0 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item in brasse and pewter	2 <sup>li</sup>	10 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item in wood vessel	1 <sup>li</sup>	0 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>
Item in Chaires, stooles and wishins		5 <sup>s</sup>	0 <sup>d</sup>

Item one rainge one reckon one dripping pan	1	0	0
Item Cartes & wheeles & Husbandry Geare	3	0	0
Item Sackes & poakes		5	0
Item 2 Steeres	8	13	4
Item 4 steeres	16	0	0
Item 6 Cowes & a Calfe	18	0	0
Item 5 Heifers	10	0	0
Item 3 Sterkes	3	0	0
Item one Gelding & 2 mares	5	0	0
Item Twenty sheepe	5	10	0
Item Loose wood & boardes and Huslement in ye House		5	0
Item in money p Bond	74	0	0
	166	11	8
The whole is			

John Procter  
Leonard Wildman  
Gyles Redman  
William Battersbie

Exhibit sub pteste

**GREENFIELD Richard of Newby 1662**  
**LRO WRW/L R567D/3**

In the name of god Amen, the Thirtieth day of December in the Foweteenth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. Anno Domini one thousand six hundred sixtye two I Richard Greenfield of Newby within the parish of Clapham and Countye of yorke Husbandman being crassie of bodye, but of whole minde and in good and perfect Remembrance Laude and praise be unto Almightye god, Make and ordaine this my present Testament containeing herein my last will in manner and forme following That is to say First I commend my soule unto Allmightye god my maker and redeemer and my bodie to be buried in the parish Church or Churchyard of Clapham afforesaid at the discession of my wife and friends, And as for my temporall estate the which god hath midned me with I give and bequeath as followeth vizt. First it is my will and minde that out of \my/ personall estate, my due debts and funerall expences be fullye discharged and payd, And after the same be discharged out of my said personall estate, One third part of the remainder thereof I give and bequeath to Mary my now wife in lew and full satisfaction of her widdows right out of the same Item I give and bequeath to Maude Margret and John Greenfield my children another third equally to be devided amongst them, Item the last third part I give and bequeath wholly to my said daughter Maude together with my parte of the beasts and sheepe which are betweene me and Leonard Wildman as yet undevided Item I give and bequeath one meale arke, and all the tables and bedstockes in the fire house and all my husbandrye geere to Henry Greenfield my elder sonn in lew and full satisfaction of his childs parte and portion out of my said goods Item I give and bequeath to my said sonn Henry Greenfield my reall estate Messuage and Tenement with the appurtenances scituate Lyeing and being in Newby afforesaid To have and to hould to him the said Henrye Greenfield his heires and assignes for ever, he the said Henry Greenfield his executors or assignes paying out of the same to Maude John & Margret Greenfield his Brother and sisters everye one thirteene pounds six shillings

and eight \pence/ of currant money at such time as they shall come to the age of one and twentye yeares Lastly I make and Ordaine Mary my now wife whole executrix of this my last will and Testament In wisse whereof I have hereunto set my hand Marke and seale the day and yeare first above written

Sealed and signed

in the presence of us Richard \Marke/ Greenfield

William \jurat/ Greenfield Marke

Henry Greenefeild

John Foster

Thomas \jurat/ Remington

Memorandum it is my will and minde anythinge within written to the contrary notwithstanding that my sonn Henry shall not pay the within mencioned thirteene pounds six shillings eight pence to his sister Maude untill she accomplish the age of twentie and two yeares and not before

Witnesses hereof

William \jurat/ Greenfield Marke Henry Greenefeild John Foster Thomas \jurat/ Remington

A true and perfect Inventorie of all the goods and Chattels moveable and unmoveable of Richard Greenfield late of Newby in the parish of Clapham and Countye of yorke Deceased, Prized by us whose names are subscribed the 16<sup>th</sup> of January .... *Latin text....* 1662

Imprimis Quick goods	li	s	d
Two oxen valewed to	7	10	0
Item Three steers	7	0	0
Item Five kine and one calfe	16	0	0
Item Five yonge beasts	6	0	0
Item Fiftye Nine sheepe	18	0	0
Item Two Mares	4	10	0
Item One Swine	1	0	0
Item Pullan	0	5	0
Item Bees	1	6	8
Item The Moytie of goods and money being undivided betweene the Deceased & Leonard Wildman valewed to	11	5	0
Dead Goods			
Corne and hay	12	0	0
Item Meale and Malte	1	0	0
Item Beefe	0	16	0
Item Wooll	1	3	4
Item Bedding	4	0	0
Item Fire vissel	1	15	0
Item Pewder	1	2	0
Item Wood vessel	1	6	8
Item Sackes, pookes and winding cloth	0	12	0
Item One Arke and Chists	1	5	0
Item One seat, chaires, stooles & quishings	0	8	0



## **HEATON Robert of Wharfe 1669**

### **Lancashire Record Office R572B/25**

In the name of God Amen I Robert Heaton the elder of Wharfe in the parish of Clapham and county of York being old and infirm of body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. Imprimis I give bequeath and commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping that through the merits of his dear son Jesus Christ to have everlasting life and glory and my body to be decently buried where it shall best please my friends. And for my temporal estate I dispose of it as follows. First I give and bequeath unto my natural son James Heaton and to my natural daughter Ellen Heaton to them their heirs children and assigns for ever all that my mansion or fire house wherein I now dwell with all houses barns stables gardens courtyards garths tofts and crofts unto the same belonging and also all those three parcels of ground called Causey Ing Close and also that parcel of ground enclosed and adjoining to the highway over against the said close and also all one other close called Wharfe yeates together with the parcel of ground therein contained called Short Butts and also two cattle or beast gates in a pasture close called Hunter Stye with all appurtenances belonging to the premises or any of them they being of the ancient annual rent of one shilling and 3d. Item I give and bequeath unto said son James Heaton and to his heirs children and assigns for ever one cattle or beast gate in a pasture close called Studrigg of the annual rent of 6d. Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Ellen Heaton and to her heirs children and assigns for ever one cattle or beast gate in a pasture close called Hunter Stye or sometimes Armetstead. Item I give devise and bequeath unto Isabel my now wife and to her heirs children and assigns all benefit and advantage of the redemption of those two closes called White Stone Close being of the yearly rent of 5d and after the redemption to have and to hold the same closes to her the said Isabel the heirs children and assigns for ever. Item I give unto Agnes Gregson and to the heirs children and assigns for ever one rood of the fourth part of a rood of ground lying on a place called Raisures of the annual or yearly rent of 2d. Item I give and bequeath unto Isabel my now wife a full third part of all my goods credits cattles and chattels movable and unmovable and another third part I give and bequeath unto my son James Heaton and my daughter Ellen Heaton to be equally divided between them. And for the last part of the three parts of my said goods it is my will and mind that my funeral expenses and charges be paid and discharged out of the same and all that shall remain of the last third part I give and bequeath unto my said son and daughter James Heaton and Ellen Heaton they paying unto my son Robert Heaton each of them ten shillings and also unto Ralph Baines Francis Richardson and Thomas Wharfe of Wharfe each of them three shillings and fourpence. Provided still and it is my will and mind that Isabel my now wife (if it shall please God she survive me) shall have and during her natural life the mansion house and premises mentioned in the first bequest of this will to James and Ellen Heaton according to the tenor of a certain deed bearing date the 20th day of February in the 21st year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles II. And I hereby appoint nominate and make Isabel Heaton my now wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby making void all other and former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the said 20th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1668.

Witnesses hereof Robert Remington John Remington Richard Baynes

Obligation in Latin and English

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods credits cattels and chattels of Robert Heaton the elder late of Wharfe in the parish of Clapham and county of York deceased as they were prised by Ralph Baynes Thomas Rimington Roger Lupton and Francis Richardson the 20th day of May Anno Domini 1669

Imprimis his wearing apparel riding furniture and money in his purse	£1 10s 0d
Item brass pewter and pans	£1 6s 8d
Item wooden vessel with a salting tub	6s 8d
Item arks chests and bedstocks	£1
Item meal malt beef and bacon	£1 10s 0d
Item coverlets blankets beds sheets pillows and other linen	£1
Item cart wheels plough and other husbandry gear	£1
Item tables forms chairs stools rackoncrooks and tongs	6s 8d
Item wool hempen yarn spinning wheel and wool cards	10s 0d
Item one mare	£2 3s 4d
Item five kine	£10 0s 0d
Item five stirks	£5
Item nine ewes and lambs and seven other sheep	£4 15s 0d
Item corn now growing on the place called Slanedale and Wharfeyate	15s 0d
Item corn growing on the place called Tofts Whitelands and Coaterood	15s 0d
Item hay and beans with sacks winnowing cloth lanthorn and other old decayed utensils	5s 0d
Total	£32 3s 4d
Item a Bible with other books to be added hereto appraised	5s 0d

#### **HOWSON Richard 1619 Borthwick vol.35 fol. 463**

Memorandum that Richard Howsonne late of Howeth within the parish of Clapham and in the Countie of Yorke beinge sicke in bodie but of perfect memorie did the day and Yeare above Sd declare his last will and Testament nuncupative in these words or to this effect that is to say First he did Comend his soule in to the hands of allmightie \god/ Alsoe he did give unto his brother Bernard Howsonne his Children ten pounds and alsoe to his brother William Howsonn daughter her Children x<sup>li</sup> and to the Children of his brother Roberte Howsonne deceased ten poundes and that his brother William Howsonne shall have the said x<sup>li</sup> wich he did give unto his brother Robert Children to put forward until the Children come to lawfull yeares of age and he did give to Elizabeth Howsonne daughter of Robert Howsonne one stone of woole and he made Agnes his wife whole Exectrix of his last will and testament Witnesses William Howsonne Thomas Carr & Roberte heaton  
3 lines Latin

#### **LEEMING John 1624 Borthwick. Vol. 38 fol. 451 mic. 955**

In the name of god amen The Eight and twentieth Daie of Januarie in the two and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our ... soveraigne That nowe is etc: Anno Domini 1624 I John Leemeing of Israell within the Parish of Clapham in the dioces of Chester Sicke in bodie by gods visitation but yet of perfect minde and memorie praisinge him for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend my soule unto Almightye god my onelie saviour maker & Creator hopinge and faithfullie beleiving through the death & passion of his sonne Christ Jesus I shalbee saved and my bodie to bee buried within our Parishe Churche of Clapham aforesaid when I shall depart out of this world & wherein I now live Item I give and bequeath unto Robte Leeming the some of sixeteen poundes besides all that money which hee hath in his handes in Consideracion that he shall seale a Lawfull release upon the receipt thereof unto Agnes my wife and her assignes Item I give unto John harling sixe shillings and eight pence Item I give unto James harling five

shillings Item I give unto the wife of william ..... tenn shillings Item I give unto the wife of Richard Bradley de (South) banke tenn shillings Item I give unto my sister in Lawe Jennett Hindley widowe tenn shillings All the rest of my goodes moveable and unmoveable whatsoever I give them and everie part of them unto Agnes my wife and I make her my whole Executrix of this my last will and testament shee payeing and dischargeing all dues and duties Legacies with funerall expences and to bring mee honestlie forth to the Churche according to my abilitie witnesses hereof Thomas Carr Robte Bradley and John Carr

Latin text

### **LOCKIE Christopher 1628 Borthwick vol. 40 fol. 484**

In the name of God Amen the Twentieth day of November in the fourth yeare of the reaigne of our soveraigne lord Charles by the grace of god kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the fayth etc. Annoque domini 1620 I Christopher Lockey of newbie within the parish of Claphame and county of yorke Beinge Crasyed and infirme of Bodye yett of perfecte mynd and memorie (prayed be almighty god doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First and principally I give and bequeath my soule to almighty god my maker Confidently beelevinge throughe the death and passion of Jesus Christ my redemer the same shalbe reserved into perpetuall joyes of that everlastinge kingdome of heaven ther to remayne amongst the blessed Saynts for Ever and my bodye to be buried within the parish Church of Clapham wheras it shall please my kinsfolk & frendes, and as concernyng my temporall estate which god hath endowed me with I give & dispose as followeth etc: First I give and dispose and bequeath unto Alexander Craven my sister sonne partely in consyderacion of Fourty pounds I owe unto him and xxli to his sister Jennett Craven which is to be payde at my death as by my bonnds for the same appeareth and partley for the naturell and affection and love I leave him all that my whole state right tittle interest claime of tenant right coustumarie hold use possession and demand which I ever had now have or herafter of right ought to have of in and to all that my two messuags or tenements with all and singular ther appurtenances scytuate lyeinge and beinge at Newbye aforesaid And now in the possission of me the said Christopher Lockey or my assignes of the yearly rent of vjs or therabouts To have and to hould the said two messuages or tenements with appurtenances unto the said Alexander Craven or his assynges for and dureinge his lyffe naturall and after the decease of him the said Alexander Craven my will and mynd is the same shall come and discend unto John Craven naturall and lawfull sonne of the said Alexander and to his heires and assignes for Ever accordinge to the Currant and laudable Costome used and observed within the mannor or lordshipp of Newbye aforesaid, Provided alwayes and my true meanyng & will is that the said Alexander Craven his executors or assignes in consideracion of this my last recyted Legacye shall content satisfie and paye unto Jennett Craven his sister her executors administrators or assignes the full and Just somme of Twenty pounds When and at such tymes as it shall please god to take me furth of this world accordinge to a bond with condicion indorsed under my hande and seale for the paiment therof and shall also hold himself Fully contented satisfied and payd of the summe of Forty pounds For which he hath likewise my bonnd to be payde at my death as by the said bonnd appeareth and that he shall bringe both the said bonnds discharged and cancelled and deliver them to my executor or executors within six monthes after my decease, And also my will and mynd is that if the said Alexander Craven doe refuse to content and paye unto the said Jennett Craven her executors or assignes the foresaid sume of twenty pounds \as/ aforesaid and likewise do enye and refusse to allow his owne debts of Forty pounds and to deliver the bonnds to my executors to be cancelled as aforesaid sett downe, then I give and bequeath the aforesaid Two messuags tenement or tenements with all and singular ther appurtenances unto the said John Craven sonne unto the said Alexander Craven and to his heires and assignes for Ever, he the said John Craven First conteintinge satisfyng and payinge unto the said Alexander Craven & Jennett Craven the foresaid summes of Forty pounds and xxli and bringe and deliver the two bonnds for the payment therof unto my executors within six weeks after



my death as before is expressed Item my will and mind is that the said Alexander Craven and John Craven ther heirs and assignes shall peacablye & quietly permitt and suffer Anne Lockey my brothers daughter to occupy and enjoye duringe her lyffe one fyre house which she now dwelleth in with a garth and parrocke and the backsyde therof scituate and beinge at dowgill gate within the towne of newbie aforesaid beinge parcell of the messuages or tenements aforesaid together with these parcells of ground followinge vizt. halffe an acree of arrable or meadow ground lyinge and beinge in Rycroft one Rood of arrable or meadow ground lyinge on selber side a rood and an halffe of arrable or meadow ground lyinge and beyinge on Langrigge one Close of meadow ground which I bought of Alexander Prockter lyinge and beinge in dowgill another little close adjoyninge therunto upon the north syde of the aforesaid Close in dowgill aforesaid and also the one halffe of my layth or barn to my now dwellinghouse in Newbe aforesaid belonginge and also one Roode dale lyinge and beeinge next windowgill gate all which parcells of ground and housses ar belonginge to my foresaid tenements at Newbie aforesaid she the said Anne yeilding and payinge to our soveraigne lord the kinge his successors or assignes duringe her lyfe naturall the yearly Rent of xvjd at the rent dayes therefore due and accostomed: Item I give unto James Wilson my sisters sonne xxli Item I give unto the poore of Claphame and Newbie lordshipp Tenn pounds to remayne to them for ever and the same to be letton furth by the Churchwardens of the fortesaid Lordshippes for the tyme beinge to sufficient persons at the rate of xvjd a pound yearly and \no/ more and to be equally devided amongst them by the said Churchwardens at the yeares end vizt. the use money of five pounds beinge thone halffe thereof to the lordshipp of Newbie and the other halfe thereof to the lordshipp of Clapham Item I give to the Children of the said Alexander Craven ..... every of them ... pounds .... shillings and eight pence appeec Item I give to Jennett Craven her base Child ijli Item I give and bequeath my Brother vizt James Lockey Clerke ijli bjs viijd to drinke in penny sheets Item I give Forty shillings towards the repayringe of Awstwicke Chappell accordinge to my promisse to old Mr Watsonn Item I give to William Banks of Gigleswicke xs accordinge to my promisse for his company one tyme when I lay sicke Item I give xxs towards the buyldinge of a stonne bridge over croked becke next to the grene Close (fords) Item I give unto Elizabeth Burrowe my servant Fortye shillings and a yeare wags. Item I give to Robert Guy xxxs to buy him a suyte of apparell Item I give to the wyffe of Thomas Gregson and her Children xxs Item I give to Thomas Guy children to every one of them Fyve shillings a peece Item I give to henry Parrocke his wiffe and two youngest Children twenty shillings amongst them Item I give to Elizabeth Ewbancke widdow and those two poore Children of Thomas wildman which goeth with her to everyone of them vs apeece Item I give more to the said Elizabeth Ewbancke vjs viiij to be payd her duringe her lyffe by my executors towards her mainetenance and lodginge Item wheras I have a note under Mr Parkers one hande for (C li) due unto me whereof ther is xxli alreedy payd by his wyffe Mrs Margrett Parker \widow/ my will and mynde is that she shall have xl li therof to bestowe of her daughters when she dyeth as she pleaseth Conditionally that she pay the rest to my executors Item I give unto Mr Robert Banks of Gigleswicke son of Mrs banks widow five pounds to be payd furth of the debt his mother oweth me Item I give to Josephe Banks and Anne Banks beinge both Children to the said Mrs Banks widow to eyther of them fyfty shillings, Item I give to John Armitstead beinge servant to Mrs Banks iijs all which to be payd furth of the debt she oweth me and the resydue of the debt Mrs Banks oweth unto me I give unto her selffe and doe hereby (wish) my executors upon discharginge of these Legacies to deliverr in her bill to be cancelled, Item wheras I bought a nagge of one Martyn (G..tyth) a buyer and seller of grocery wares for three pounds to be payd at an uncertayne daye which I thinke is now voyd in Lawe because he is now dead yett notwithstandinge because I had the nagge and the somme as yett unpaid, I therfor give and bequeath in discharge therof unto the executors or administrators of the said martyn (G.tyth) the said summe of Thre pounds and if ther be neyther executors nor administrator to demand the somme then my will is that the same shall be payd to some honest person of his next a kin who will discharge my executors therof to thend the same may be devided amongst the rest of his nearest kin(ffellows) Item I give to margrett feildhouse daughter of Thomas Feildhouse deceased Five shillings Item I give unto James Harlinge of Clapham taylor vs, Item I give unto Anne Walker

servant to Edmond Proctor xs Item I give unto mychaell Bradley the minister vs, Item I give unto Thomas Bradley of Awstwicke vs, Item I give unto John thomson of keysden the scuttle-maker ijs, Item I give to the poore people of Bentham Parische three poundes to be devided amongst them by the Churchwardens ther Item I give to the poore people of Gigleswicke parrish Fortye shillings to be devyded amongst them by the Churchwardens ther Item I give Five pounds towards the repayinge of Clapham Church and to be employed as the Churchwardens and twelve men shall thinke meett and convenient, Item I give towards the repayinge of the (swythe)bridge in Clapham xxs Item I give to John Carr Clarke xs Item I give to Christopher kellett thelder of Eldroth xs Item I give to Arthur Taylor of Clapham vs and to his daughter margrett Taylor ijs Item wheras my nephew John Lockey late deceased was indebted dyvers summes of money to severall personnes as namely a debt pretended by Elizabeth (...soote) servante to Thomas Guy of scaleber the summe of xxs or therabouts which said summe of Twenty shillings I will shall be payd unto her by my executors in consideration of the said debt in Regard she is a poore servant Item (*this line obliterated*) which I likewise will my executors to paye in Discharge therof, Item I give John Walker of Ingleton in Discharge of his pretended debt due by John Lockey the somme of vjs and for the rest of his debts which appears to be true and Just debt and not already satisfied my will is that my executors pay them as the supervisors of my will shall thinke Fyttinge, Item I give to the poore people of thornton parish xls to be devided amongst them by the Churchwardens ther Item I give to Thomas Knypp his wyffe and Children vjs viiijd, Item I give to Agnes Lupton of newbycoate her children everyone of the xijd apeece, Item I give to Lawrence dowbikin mylner vs, Item I give to the poore people of horton parische the summe of xls to be devided amongst them by the Churchwardens ther, Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Lockey my brothers daughters xxli Item I give unto marmaduke Grott wyffe and her children xs Item to Jennett Batersbye syster to John Batersbie of netherhardacre vs to thend her brother william may sett it forward Item I give unto Elizabeth Carr being syster to william Batersbye wyffe of newby hall vs Item I give and bequeath towards the maintenance of a Reader at Eldroth three poundes to be lett furth and employed yearly by the governors and overseers of the said Chappell accordinge as they do the money geven by Gyles moore and others for that purpose, Item I give john harrison vs, Item I give to Peter Harlinge of Clapham thelder vs Item I give to Thomas Proctor wyffe late of hall.....tt and now of yarlsber xs Item I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Kidd wyffe of william (Kidd) of Settell xs Item I give and bequeath unto James Pearsons children of Linghawe ... to thomas, John, James (Luke) Agnes, Isabell, Hellen, Elizabeth and marie Pearson to every one of them vs apeece, Item I give to martha Clapham servant to Mrs Parker xxs Item I give and bequeath unto James Lupton of newbycoate beinge lame & impotent my Rydinecoate I weare dayley Item wheras Lawrence Lupton of newbiecoate is indebted unto me the summe of three poundes by Bonnd my will and mynd in regarde he is a very poore man and hath a great charge of poore children and sowe overcharged with debt that he shall have abated xls of the said debt and for the remainder beinge butt xxs my will and mind is that he shall pay the same in fower yeares next after my decease vizt vs a yeare until the said xxs be payd and thenhis said bonnd to be delivered by my executors to the said lawrence lupton to the end the same may be cancelled Item my will and mynd is and I give and bequeath unto John Gregson and Christopher Gregson sonnes of Elizabeth Gregson of newbie widdow eyther of them a paire of old britches which I weare dailye and the rest of my apparrell which I have not bequeathed I give unto John Craven sonne of Alexander Craven my nephew in reagard of his paynes which he hath taken with me in my sicknes, Item wheras Edward Batersby sonne of william Battersbie of Goatgapp hath divers tyme taken great paynes for me in goinge for me to (Grotton) and usburne and hath but bene rightly recompensed for the same I give in regard therof over and besides the other legacies which I have geven him xijd to bestowe as as (sic) he thinke fyttinge Item I give unto Jennett (fregleton) vs Item I give to Jennett Batersbye daughter of william batersbie dwellinge at newby hall xs, Item I give unto Elizabeth wildman daughter of henry wildman iijs to buy her a lambe with, Item I give unto James Lupton the sonne of Ellen Lupton of newbiecoate widow xs in regard of his impotencye, Item I give and bequeath unto Lawrence lupton of newbiecoate xs and to (every of his) children xijd apeece Item I give unto william Battersby of goatgap iiijjs Item to his wiffe ijs and to every one of his children begotten with

his now wyffe xijd apeece, Item I give unto John wood of Blaykebanke ijs Item I give unto Reynold Jackson wyffe of Clapham ijs, Item I give to william Burton of Clapham xs Item to his sonne george Burton xs and to every one of george Burton Children ijs apeece, Item to Richard Procktor to his wyffe and children amongst them xs Item I give unto Mr Haniball Clapham xs Item I give to Mr Sallomen Clapham and his wyffe vs, Item I give to Peter Harlyng the younger of Clapham church steele Five shillings and to every one of his children xijd apeece, Item I give to Thomas Jackson and Richard Jackson sonnes of Charles Jackson of Clapham to eyther of them ijs apeece, Item I give to Richard Redman and Thomas Redman his son of newbie to eyther of them vs apeece, Item to Helen Lupton of newbiecoate widow xs Item to Christopher Guy of newbiecoate ijs iiijd to buy him a paire of gloves with Item I give to Henry wildman of newbie iiijs Item to henry Swainson of newbie ijs iiijd Item I give to the poore people of Awstwicke the somme of vli to be lett furth yearly for Ever by the church wardens therof for the true beinge at xvjd the pound and the said use money to be devided yearly for ever amongst the fore said poore people by the churchwardens Item I give to the poore people of the parish of Ingleton xls to be devided amongst them by the Church wardens of the same parish Item the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give & bequeath to Alexander Craven and John wilson beinge both my sisters sonnes wome I make executors of this my last will and testament Item I give to margrett Parker widow James Pearson Thomas Guy and william Batersby to every one of them three pounds a peece and I desire them all to be Supervisors of this my last will and testament and to se the same performed in (which respect) and wheras my executors ar but simple and weake persones both in estate and understandinge for executinge and discharginge these my Legacies therefore my will and mynd is and I make them executors upon condicion that they enter bonnd in (DC) li to the Supervisors aforesaid or so many of them as shalbe liveinge at the tyme of my death to performe and fulfill this my will in every respecte and to discharge the Legacyes accordingly and like wise if any controversye or disagreement shall hereafter happen to grodue betwixt my executors or any other person or betwixt themselves concernynge this my will or any matter or thinge therein conteyned, that they reffer themselves to the orderinge and settinge downe of these my supervisors and that they performe the same in every Respecte accordingly And lastly that they shall doe and performe in all things concerninge the executinge and performinge of this my will what soever my supervisors shall think meet and fyttinge, and to have the Competent chargs allowed them when soever They goe about the same and if eyther of my fore named Executors doe refuse to performe this my will or to take upon them the execution therof, Then my will and mynd is that these forenamed supervisors or so many of them as shall be livinge at the tyme of my death shall take upon them the execucion therof and performe the same accordingly and have the beniffitt due to the executors, any thinge in this my will to the contrary not with standinge accordinge to abound with Condicion bearinge dayte with this my will enfered By my fore named Executors to the supervisors aforesaid In wisse of all wich I Have hereunto put my hand marke & seale the day and yeare First above written witnesses herof Thomas Guy, william Battersbye of Newbie hall & Robert Guy etc.

4 lines Latin

scuttlemaker – a basket maker, a scuttle being a large open basket used for carrying corn, earth, veg. etc.

### **FRANCIS Lupton 1626 Borthwick. Vol 40 fol 125**

In the name of god amen The twelfe daye of August 1626. I Franncis Lupton senior of Feizer in the Countie of yorke yeoman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance praised bee god doe make and ordaine this my last Will and testament in manner and forme following First I commend my Soule into the handes of Almightye god my Creator maker and redeemer trustinge throughe the meritts of the blessed blood shedding of Jesus Christ my onelie Saviour to bee saved and my bodie to bee buried in the Church of Clapham at the sight of my wife and freindes Itm I give unto

Francis Lupton my eldest sonne and to his heires lawfullie begotten forever all my whole Estate right tytle and interest of all my houses landes and tenements whatsoever, I have wthin the Lordshipp of Awstwicke together with all assurances thereunto belonging and in full recompense of his filiall parte & porcion of all my goodes and Chattells whatsoever reserving unto Ellene my wife thone halfe during her life, in Consideracion of her widowe right And alsoe if it please god that my sonne Francis Lupton die without issue liveing lawfullie begotten of his bodie Then my Will and mynde is And I doe give all the aforesaid houses lands and tenements whatsoever within the Lordshipp of Awstweeke unto Roger Lupton my second sonne and to his heires lawfullie begotten forever (the one halfe thereof out of the foresaid guift of theis (*landes*) excepted to my wife as aforesaid) Itm I give unto my sonne Roger Lupton all those two Cattle gates upon Clapham Whaite and wthin the Lordshipp of Clapham (or fremman) pasture there for Cattle as for foure shillings rent will conceive as by my deed in wryting doth appeare Itm I give to Ellene Lupton my wife all my tythe of Corne and Strawe beeing thone halfe of the Towne of Feizor for and during her life naturall and after her decease I give the same unto Francis Lupton my sonne if soe bee that my sonne Francis will Bee an obedient sonne to his mother and acquaint her wth his mariage Then hee shall have the said Tythe and paie unto his mother the some of XX li within sixe monethes after the mariage of the said Francis And if hee doe not fullfill her mynd according to this my will then hee shall paie unto his mother the some of Fortie five poundes in Consideracion of the said Tithe Itm I give unto my sone Roger Lupton all my goodes whatsoever if it please god that hee live to hee come to the full age of twentie one yeares leaveing not issue living lawfullie begotten or to bee begotten (at) the tyme of his death Then my will and mynd is And I doe give all the aforesaid landes unto my sonne Francis Lupton Itm my will is that my debts shall bee discharged and paid out of my whole goods and likewise all my funerall expences discharged and then I give the same as aforesaid Itm I give unto Thomas Armettstead sone of John Armettstead of Knight Stainforth tenn shillings Itm I give to my god(sone) Francis Lupton of Settle Xs Item I give to everie one besides whom I am GodFather unto Foure pence wich said Legacies to bee paid out of my foresaid goodes Itm I give unto my sonne Roger Lupton all my right upon Giggiswicke Skarr whatsoever Itm I give unto John Ash Richard Ash and Willm Ash one Cowe wich is in the Custodie and keepeing of Annas Ash their mother Itm I doe make and ordaine and appointe Ellene Ash my wife sole Executor of (this) my last Will and testament Theis beeing Witnesses Anthonie Bainbrigg (Richard) Clapham Francis Lupton Ellene Lupton

*4 lines Latin*

**MOORE Gyles 1627 Borthwick vol. 39 fol. 252**

In the name of God Amen The twelwe day of July Anno Domini 1627 I Gyles Moore of Eldreith in the Dioces of Chester and Countie of yorke beeing at this instant crased in body but of perfect memorie god bee prased doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I doe Comend my soule into the hands of Almightye god trusting by the death and resurrection of his sonne and my saviour Jesus christ to have full remission of all my sinnes And my body to be buried in the parish church of Clapham neare unto the place where my sonne John Moore was buried And it is my will that Jennett Moore my wife shall have the third of all my messuages tennements and grounds within the lordshipp of Austwicke according to the Custome of there And also that she shall have her full third of all my goods which are due unto her Item it is my mind that Nicholas Moore my sonne shall have all my husbandrie geare and halfe of my household stuffe And that Jennett my wife and Issabell my daughter shall have the other halfe equally betwixt them Item it is my will and mind that Nicholas Moore my sonne shall have all my messuages houses lands tenements (ackes) and leases of ground..... Except three Cattell gaites in one Close called .....shaw within the Lordshipp of (N)uby which I had by the assignemt of William Kinge of the greene close And also one close or (parke) lying at the east end of one house called the chappell or school house at Eldrothe in the occupacion of one Thomas Yeadon conteining by estimacion five roodes bee it more or lesse And one ..... (parke) lying on a place called ould Eldreith conteining by estimacion five roodes bee it more or lesse now in the occupacion of one Robert

Bennington which said cattle gaites and two closes or (parkes) I give grant and bequeath unto Nicholas Moore my sonne Thomas Heaton my sonne in law and my trustie friend Anthonie Wiglesworth and to their heires and assignes for ever as friends in trust to and for such use as hereafter insueth but to and for no other use that is to say that they and their heires shall from tyme lett the said grounds for so much yearly rent as they canne soe they lett not the same above thirtie shillings for one year And the yearly rent thereof growing. I will that they shall yearly bestow the same of some reeder or schoolmaster that shall reede prayers or teach schollers in the chappell or schoolhouse at the Badger ground in Eldreith aforesaid which said some I give for the love and ..... I beare to have prayers redd and children taught there being farr from anie other place of comon prayer or school for teaching of Children and partlie because James Armestead failed in perform(ence) of that some of money which he promised towards the maintenance of the said chappell or schoole As also in regard of my promise which I made unto some of my neighbors after the death of John Moore my sonne willing that their may bee some poore schollers yearly taught there graces out of the increase of this my legacie vixt two in regard of my said sonne John and two in regard of the house I now dwell in And if anie thing cann bee Spared out of the yearly rent of the premisses either for want of poore schollers in tyme of anie vacancie or want of a reeder or schoolmaster it is my will and mind that the same shalbee putt forwards towards the raysing or granting off a (fund) for the better maintenance of the said Chappell or school with a reeder or teacher there. Alsoe it is my will and mind and I doe give grannt and bequeath unto the poore (souls) of the parishaners of the parish of Clapham the some of twentie pounds of good and lawfull money of England upon condicion and soe as the fower churchwardens which from tyme to tyme shalbee appointed and ..unreadable..... or some other fower honest and able men of the said parish at their Discretion or (chose) of these ..... shall have power to take b..... by this my will shall and doe yearly enter bond unto my Executor hereafter named, or ..... the death of my Executor then to the owner and occupier of my house and syte at Eldreith for and in the some of fortie pounds to maintaine and keepe the ..... of twentie pounds upstanding and to putt forth the same for use, soe as they do not take and ..... sixteene pence in the pound for one year (with) loane. And it is my will that the moyetie or the one halfe of the yearly increase thereof shalbee yearly bestowed by the said Churchwardens or those that shall under bond for the same of the poore of the said parish at their discretions with the consent and approbacion of my Executor or those that shall take bond from tyme to tyme for the same for ever And the other halfe of the yearly increase to be yearly towards the putting forth of some poore youthes of the said parish for their better preferment to some honest trades at the discretion of the said Churchwardens or those that shall enter bond for the same with consent afforesaid Item I give unto Eamondson my sonne in law fyftie shillings. Item I give unto the children of James Ca..per which was begotten of my neece Issabell his late wife twentie shillings equally to be devided amongst them. Item I give unto Agnes Bradley daughter of Tho: Bradley ten shillings and unto Christopher Bradley his sonne three shillings fower pence Item I give unto my men servants everie of them five shillings and to my men tenants everie of them three shillings fower pence. Item I give unto Thomas Heaton two Children ether of them three shillings fower pence. Item it is my will and mind that all my due debts legacies funerall expences and church dues shalbe paid out of my whole goods. And the rest and residue of all my goods chattells and debts unbequeathed I give them whollie unto Nicholas Moore my sonne And I doe ordaine and make the said Nicholas Moore sole Executor of this my last will and testament. And I do ordaine and appoint John Radcliffe of Keasden head John Bankes of Gigleswicke Thomas Remington of Feizor and Thomas Bradley of Eldreith to be Supervisors of this my last will and testament. And I do give unto them fiftie three shillings fower pence equally amongst them.

Witnesse heareof Tho: Remington

4 lines Latin

**NICHOLSON John of Clapham 1668**  
**Lancashire Record Office R587C/9**

Memo. That on or about the 20th day of August anno domini 1667 John Nicholson of Robin Cragg in the parish of Clapham and county of York husbandman being of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same did declare these words or words to the like effect foll. to be his last will and testament That is to say I do give all my whole personal estate unto my son William Nicholson  
witnesses hereof  
Cuthbert Guy his mark

Obligation in Latin and English

The condition..... Willm Nicholson..... last will of Jon Nicholson late of parish of Clapham....

Witnesses

William Nicholson John Newton George Kellit

The inventory of the goods and chattels of John Nicholson late of Robin Crag deceased prized and valued by those four honest men Cudbert Guy Christopher Nicholson Ralph Marsden and Henry Bullocke the 24th day of August anno domini 1667  
*[very difficult writing]*

	£	s	d
Imprimis his apparel	1	0	0
Item for a stocke ..... and a shackle	0	2	6
Item for two teams and plough length	0	2	6
Item for a tenter and a shock	0	3	0
Item for seckes	0	11	0
Item for a bed	0	2	0
Item for two tables	0	2	0
Item 3 chairs	0	1	0
Item for brass and pewter	0	6	8
Item for a girdell	0	4	0
Item for a spite and a frine pan and pair of tongs	0	1	0
Item for wood vessel	0	3	4
Item for meal	0	10	0
Item for two stone of butter	0	7	4
Item for two kists	0	5	0
Item for two agis	0	0	6
Item for a hog	0	7	0
Item for two pecks of dost	0	0	2
Item for yokes bowes and bands	0	2	0
Item for tooke and a teake crooke	0	1	0
Item for a coupe and a plough	0	1	6
Item for peates	0	5	0
Item for a pair of wheels	0	6	0
Item for one cow	1	6	8
Item for two cows and part of one of ....	3	10	0
Item for hay	1	10	0
Item for corn	3	10	0
Item for five beasts	7	0	0

Twenty two pounds one shilling two pence

Cudbert Guy Christopher Nicholson Ralph Marsden Henry Bullocke

**NICHOLSON Mary of Crownest, Clapham 1659**  
**TNA PROB 11/299/481**

In the name of God Amen the 11th day of April in the year of our Lord God 1659 I Mary Nicholson of Crow Nest within the parish of Clapham and county of York sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator etc. And my body I commit to the earth from whence it came the same to be buried within the parish church of Clapham wherein my husband and ancestors have been formerly buried as near as it can conveniently be to them And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following And first I give and bequeath unto my cousin John Stalman son of my uncle Lawrence Stalman late of Austwick in the said county of York all those my customary messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever with their and every of their appurtenances whatsoever and also all that kiln or malthouse situate lying and being on my customary estate on a place called Calgarman (?) and also all other my estate and estates right title and interest challenge claim and demand whatsoever of me the said Mary Nicholson of in or unto all other the messuages lands tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances situate lying and being within the parish of Clapham or elsewhere within the Commonwealth of England did either come or descend to me by the death of my late brother Mr Christopher Thornton deceased or by the death of my late husband Richard Nicholson or by any other lawful ways or means. Item I give unto the said John Stalman all my annual and yearly rents as are due and payable unto me upon deaths alienations or change of estate of Robert Banks of the Lane end in Lawkland and John Nicholson of ..... andshaw and all fines and other dues due and payable unto me upon deaths alienations change of Lord or tenant or otherwise if the same be due to have and to hold the said messuage lands tenements kiln and malthouse rents and duties and all and singular other the premises with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances unto the said John Stalman his heirs and assigns for ever under the rents and services therefore due and of right accustomed. Item I give unto my aunt Jennet Stalman £20. Item I give and bequeath unto Ann Hall wife of William Hall the younger late of Gargrave £20. Also I give unto Mr Robert Carr of Middleton Tynes (?) £10. Item I give unto Jane wife of Stephen Sedgwicke of Tatham five pounds. Item I give unto Jennet wife of John Lapton five pounds and to their son William 40 shillings. Also unto Christopher Lawson 40 shillings and to Isabel Johnson wife of John Johnson of Austwick 40 shillings and to Jane Mitchell 40 shillings. Item I give unto Agnes wife of Christopher Forster 40 shillings and unto Alice late wife of Matthew Johnson 40 shillings and to Isabel late wife of James Clapham 40 shillings. Item I give unto Elizabeth the late (*crossed out*) wife of James Mercer 40 shillings and to Alice Lawson late wife of Michael Lawson 40 shillings also to Jane Rymington 40 shillings. Item I give unto Anne wife of Richard Coare 40 shillings to Agnes wife of Richard Birtwistle 40 shillings. Also Cuthbert Peele 40 shillings and to John Shaw of Clapham 40 shillings. Item I give unto my kinsman John Lawson four pounds and unto Jane Birtwistle three pounds. Item I give unto my servant Christopher Johnson five pounds and unto Katherine Lawson three pounds. Also to Christopher Capestake my apprentice 40 shillings and to Thomas Stocdale of Lawkland 40 shillings. Item I give unto Isabel the wife of Stephen Moore 40 shillings and to Lawrence Stalman 40 shillings. Also I give unto every one who I am grandmother unto 20 shillings apiece. Item I give unto Jennet Stalman 40 shillings and unto Robert and Thomas Johnson sons of John Johnson of Austwick 20 shillings apiece. Item I give unto William Clough and Lawrence Clough sons of Anthony Clough late of

Broughton five pounds apiece and to Thomas Wilkinson the elder late of Lawkland 40 shillings and to Isabel his daughter 20 shillings and to his other two daughters either of them ten shillings apiece. Item I give unto Mary Yeaden 20 shillings and unto Fardinando Nicholson 20 shillings. Item I give unto Robert Bankes of the Lane end in Lawkland 40 shillings and to Thomas Lawson of Clapham 50 shillings which is already in his hands and to his sister Elizabeth the wife of John Proctor of Clapham 20 shillings which is in the hands of the said Thomas Lawson. Item whereas there is a bond of £160 due to be paid me or my assigns by Arthur Ingolsby Esq condition for the payment of fourscore pounds immediately after the death of Mrs Marie Ingolsby his mother I give and bequeath the said bond and fourscore pounds and penalty thereof unto Thomas Foster and John Stalman they paying out of it unto the aforementioned two sons of Anthonie Clough when the same is by them received £10 apiece. Item I give unto every one of the children of James Mercer five shillings apiece. And to every one of the children of Alice Johnson five shillings apiece. And unto Alice Clapham and Thomas Clapham the son and daughter of Isabel Clapham five shillings apiece. Item I give unto Elizabeth Walker wife of Robert Walker of Austwick 20 shillings. Item I give unto Edward Capstacke of Ewbanc 40 shillings and to his four children which are now at home with him five shillings apiece. And I also forgive him all such moneys as are owing unto me by him. And I also give to him his heirs and assigns for ever all that yearly rent which I have issuing out of one tenement of his in Austwick and all..... right of common on Dove...anter due to the same. Item I give unto Anne wife of Christopher Easton 20 shillings and to Robert Proctor 20 shillings and unto Thomas Forster one of my mares which himself likes best. Item I give unto Elizabeth wife of Robert.....owson 20 shillings and unto.....en Wharfe 20 shillings and unto Margaret Peacock 20 shillings and unto Margaret the wife of Robert Settle 20 shillings and unto the four children of Anthonie Moore five shillings apiece. Item the rest and residue of my goods and chattels movable and unmovable unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto John Stalman and Thomas Foster whom I make sole executors of this my last will and testament and my will and mind is that they have one years time for the payment of the legacies before by me given by this my will and if any one to whom I have given any legacy shall anyway molest or trouble my said executors nor be contented with his or her legacy then my will and mind is that the same legacy or legacies be null and void. And I give the same to my executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first written.

Mary Nicholson her mark  
sealed published and declared in the presence of us  
Francis Layton Hue Armstead his mark

[In the margin] Item I give unto..... Lupton of the coate for..... and to Margaret Forster..... shillings the younger]

## **NICHOLSON William of Clapham 1617**

### **Lancashire Record Office R587C/18**

In the name of God Amen the .... of November in the ..... year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland and defender of the faith etc. anno domini 1617 I William Nicholson of Lankshaw in the..... sick of body but of whole and perfect memory I give God thanks thereof..... my last will and testament in manner and form following..... unto  
..... from whence it came and the..... to be buried at the discretion of my friends  
..... and mind that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods..... my will and mind that my wife have her widow right of all my whole goods..... my debts and funeral expenses being paid And also that she shall have the full use possession and occupation of



my whole goods lands and..... my eldest son John Nicholson shall accomplish the age of 20 and four years she honestly..... my six children during the aforesaid term with meat drink and apparel and all things necessary and fitting for their calling at the sight of discretion of my supervisors And as for the rest of my goods unbequeathed my debts being paid and my wife have..... it is my will and mind that my eldest son shall have my husbandry gear.....unto Isabell Johnson daughter to Robert Johnson eight shillings And the rest of my goods..... five younger children viz. Isabel [Christopher] Fardinando Maude and Thomas equally divided amongst them provided that Isabel's portion be.... at the discretion of my..... Also it is my will and mind and hereby I ordain that my eldest son John or..... lands and tenements shall descend or come truly pay or cause to be paid unto my younger children the full sum of five pounds of current English money And my will and mind is that he to whom the lands or tenements shall come shall have no use of my said lands or tenements until he have either paid or given good security for the true payment thereof to my younger children at the discretion of my supervisors And then the said eldest son to whom the lands or tenements shall come quietly enter to the same And lastly I do hereby make and ordain my wife my whole and sole executrix of this my will and Testament and I do hereby earnestly entreat Thomas Ingleby Esq Gyles More John.....this my last will and Testament giving and hereby..... to my said supervisors..... to set down order and amend any thing herein omitted or miswritten Witnesses hereof John..... Gyles More..... Atkinson James Johnson and Robert Remington

#### Obligation in Latin and English

Condition ... bounden Elizabeth Nicholson .....William Nicholson late of Lanckeshaw ...parish of Clapham...  
children John Christopher Fardinando Thomas Isabell

signed Elizabeth Nicholson Anthony Bradley Robert Bradley

The inventory of the goods and chattels of William Nicholson late of Lanckshay deceased prized by John Radcliffe Robeart Bradlay William Marsden and John Carr the 13th of December anno domini 1617

*(not easy to read)*

Imprimis his apparel	20s
Item two oxen	£8
Item corn and hay	£17 ?
Item four oxen	£17 ?
Item 3 kine	£6
Item a horse and a mare	£5 6s 8d
Item two swine	26s 8d ?
Item husbandry gear	30s ?
Item a borde	5s
Item 2 arks	13s 4d
Item 5 coverlets	15s
Item 7 sheets	12s
Item 7 sacks	10s
Item bedstocks	11s
Item fire vessel	13s 4d
Item pewter	18d
Item wood vessel	13s
Item chairs	6s
Item hemp and yarn	3s

Item pullan	8d
Item meal and grotes	20s
Item all huslements	2s

Sum £80 15s 8d (???)*seems wrong*)

Debts due to him	
Imprimis Anthonie Kellit	6s
Item Richard Hargrave	£9
Item Henry Backrofte of the flasks	53s 4d
Item James Lucas	11s
Sum £12 10s 4d	

Debts which he does owe	
Imprimis to Richard Nicholson	£9 15s
Item to John Radcliffe	£9 2s
Item to William Howson	£8
Item to Richard Howson	£3 4s
Item to Thomas Knipe	8 ?
Item to James Johnson	£13
Item to William Kendel	40s
Item to Giles More	11s
Item to John Jackson	11s
Item to William Marsden	8s
Item to Richard Emondson	13s 6d ?
Sum	£56 5s
Sum declare	£20 ??s
Sum declare (crossed out)	£37 12s ?

## **NICHOLSON William of Lawkland 1686**

### **Lancashire Record Office R587C/19**

In the name of God Amen the 17th day of February in the third year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord King James II over England etc. defender of the faith anno domini 1686 I William Nicholson of Lawkland in the parish of Clapham and county of York being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be god for the same do here make my last will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I commit my soul to God who gave it hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that he will forgive me all my sins and make me an heir in his everlasting kingdom And as for my body to be interred in the parish church yard at the discretion of my wife and children And as for my worldly goods I give and bequeath as follows viz. I give unto my three sons John William and Cuthbert Nicholson sixpence a piece in full lieu and satisfaction of their filial or child's portions Item I give unto my daughters Catherine Jackson Mary Harlin Isabell Jane Allis Elizabeth and Margaret Nicholson 6d apiece in full lieu and satisfaction of their filial or child's portions and I will that my youngest daughter Margaret have my best coat and hat Item I give unto Jennet Nicholson my now wife all the rest of my personal estate movable and immovable and lastly I make Jennet my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament she paying and discharging all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses In witness whereof unto this my last will and testament I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year above written

signed William Nicholson

Witnessed by Richard Clough his mark Cuthbert Nicholson Thomas Dawson

Obligation in Latin and English on Jennet Nicholson

signed Jenett Nicholson her mark

Richard Clough his mark Thomas Dawson

witnesses Nicho. Waterman Rich. Procter Not[ary] Pub[lic]

The inventory of the goods and chattels of William Nicholson of Lawkland in the parish of Clapham and Diocese of Chester deceased appraised the 26 day of February in Anno 1686 by us Michael Lawson William Wildman Anthony Armistead Thomas Dawson

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and apparel	1	0	0
Item 1 cow	2	0	0
Item one old geldin		13	4
Item bedstocks and bedding		10	0
Item brass and pewter		5	0
Item 2 chests		3	4
Item chairs and wooden vessel		5	0
Item Tongs and reckincroke with other huslements		2	0
Item in bonds and bills	13	6	0
	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

### **PEELE Henry of Clapham 1671**

#### **Lancashire Record Office R590B/2**

In the name of God Amen the 18th day of September in the year of our Lord 1671 I Henry Peele of Crownest within the parish of Clapham and county of York being somewhat sick and craised in body yet nevertheless of good and perfect remembrance praised be God for the same and considering the certainty of death and the great uncertainty of the time and place thereof do demise and put this my testament in writing containing therein my last will in manner and form following. First I commit my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God who gave it me trusting in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my merciful Saviour and Redeemer to have full and free pardon and remission of all my sins. And I also commit my body to a Christian burial within the parish church of Clapham at the discretion of my friends. And as for my temporal estate I dispose of it in manner and form following. First it is my will and mind that George Clough my stepfather and Mary my mother shall have occupy possess and enjoy one dwelling house at the Crownest called the kytchin during their lives or the longer liver of them and also one barn called the Corn laith one garden lying above the garden wall joining upon Marcer close and also one parcel of land called Gurnill pasture and Hodders Acres and also .....dalle and granser close and two acres and also Thornton hill and the little Oakes. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Francis Peele the sum of £120 to bring him up at the University and for and in default of the said sum then I give unto my above said brother all my land lying at Lyngthwaite for and during the time of non-payment of the same. And if it shall please God that my brother Francis shall prove sick or not be fit for the annuity then to have meat and drink and apparel during his life at the proper cost and charges of my brother John Peele. Item I give and bequeath unto my sisters Ann and Ellin to either of them the sum of £40 and the same to be paid by my brother John forth of my lands at Crownest. Item I give

unto my half brothers and sister Richard George and Jane Clough to every one of them the sum of £13 six shillings 8d and the same to be paid to each of them within the term of six years and if any of them shall happen to die before six years and be expired then it is (my) will and mind that his or her part so dying go to the survivors of them. Item I give unto James Clough three pounds. Item I give unto John Thomas and Ann Clough to each of them one pound. Item I give unto George Clough the son of John Clough the sum of two pounds. Item I give unto the daughter of Richard Carr of Westdub which I am Godfather unto the sum of 10 shillings. Item I give unto Ellinor Bankes five shillings and I give also unto my kinsman John Walker 40 shillings. Item I give unto John and Ellin Peele children of my uncle Cuthbert to each of them one pound. And lastly I give unto my brother John Peele all my full and whole estate interest and title of in and unto all my houses lands tenements and customary hould lying at the Crownest or within the parish of Clapham or elsewhere he paying and discharging all my just and due debts legacies and funeral expenses. And I do constitute nominate and appoint my said brother John Peele and my stepfather George Clough executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the day and year first above written.

Memorandum that it is my mind that the £20 I promised to my sister Ann at the day of her marriage be part of the £40 I have here above in this Testament given her.

Signed Henry Peele

witnesses hereof Thomas Wilkinson John Walker his mark Thomas Dawson Anthony Wiglesworth

Memorandum that it is my will and mind (for the brotherly love and affection I bear unto my sister Ellin Peele) that my brother John shall keep her at the Crownest during her life with meat drink and apparel except she marry and her portion to go forward to her use and likewise I give unto Henry Peele son of my uncle William Peele the sum of two pounds

witness to these two codicils

Columbus Ingleby Anthony Wiglesworth

The inventory of the goods are of Henry Peel gent of Crow nest deceased gent prized by us Columbus Ingleby gent and Thomas Dawson

	£	s	d
Imprimis in apparel and purse	3	10	0
item a pair of bedstocks and bedding	1	10	0
item 3 chairs and a little table		8	0
item 1 ark	1	0	0
item a pair of bedstocks		3	0
item in books	1	0	0
	7	11	0

Obligation in Latin and English

### **PROCTER Thomas 1623 Borthwick vol. 37 fol. 367 mic. 954**

In the name of God amen The fift day of June Anno dm 1623 I Thomas Procter of Newby Cote within the parish of Clapham and Countie of yorke yeoman sicke in bodie Nevertheles in perfect remembrance god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Following First and principallie I Comend my Soule unto Almightye god my maker and Redeamer and my bodie to be buried in the parish Church of Clapham and all dewes and dewties to be done as of right they are accustomed Imprimis I give unto my sonne Christopher Procter the title and

tenant right of my tenement at Newby Cote which Came to me by marriage of my wife Item I give unto my said sonne Christopher one hundred pounds to be taken forth of my whole goods and my will is that my brother John Procter shall take my sonne Christopher and the hundred poundes and have the tuition of him and mainteyne and bring him upp with meate drinke learning and apparell untill he shall accomplish the full age of one and twentie yeares and at the expiration thereof my brother John to paie unto my son Christopher the aforesaid somme of one hundred poundes againe Item my will is that all my debts legacies and funerall expences be taken forth of my whole goodes the legacye before given unto my sonne Christopher excepted all the residue of my goods moveable & unmoveable which are lawful to be carried awaie my will is that they shall equallie be divided betwixt Elizabeth my wife and the childe which is in her wombe if it please god it may Come into the world or be ... to live but if it please Almightye god to call it to his mercye my will is that that portion of goodes that should fall dew unto it shall equallie be divided betwixt my wife Elizabeth and my sonne Christopher. Item my will is that all my husbandry geare which I have of my owne on ...by my father in Lawe shall remaine at the house dureing his life and so long as my wife doth remaine at my house And afterwards my mind is that it shall remaine unto my sonne Christopher. Item I give unto my sonne Christopher one Ironn Spitt a paire of (croo)kes and a Dropping pann and my will is that Elizabeth my wife shalbe full and whole Executor of this my last will and testament \ Item I Desire my father in law Christopher Guy and Richard Chapman to bee supervisors of this my last will & testament/ and to see the same truelie performed and Executed as my trust is in them Witness thereof Christopher Guy Richard Hallburne & Thomas Dawson & Jennet Baynes  
Latin text

#### **RADCLIFFE John and Robert 1694**

##### **Lancashire Record Office R594A/1 Obligation**

Latin text

English text

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Radcliffe his heirs executors administrators or assigns or every of them do well and honestly educate and bring up Robert William Isabel and Elen Radcliffe the natural and lawful children of John Radcliffe their late father late of Austwick deceased with sufficient meat drink and clothes and all other necessaries agreeable to their condition and estate during their minority and make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits belonging to the said children and exhibit the same into the registry of the ecclesiastical court at Richmond at or before the 20th day of March next ensuing the date hereof and also make or cause to be made a true and just account of the same when he shall be thereunto lawfully called and do also well and truly content satisfy and pay or cause to be well and truly contented satisfied and paid unto the said Robert William Isabel and Hellen Radcliffe their executors administrators or assigns all such filial or child's part and portion gifts grants legacies and other personal estate and all other rights dues and demands due or owing to them by the death of John Radcliffe their late father deceased or otherwise when they shall accomplish the age of one and 20 years be married or otherwise lawfully demand the same and moreover if need require enter into better bond with more sufficient sureties for performance of the promises as the judge of the said court for the time being shall think requisite and needful and lastly do save defend and harmless keep the within named commissary and all his officers and ministers against all persons by reason of the promises then this present obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Edmund Lodge Marmaduke Lambert Robert Radcliffe John Armitstead William Ash

Latin text

English text

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Ratcliffe father and administrator of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of John Ratcliffe late of Austwick in the parish of Clapham deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which came or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Robert Ratcliffe or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the registry of the archdeaconry of Richmond at or before the 20th day of March next ensuing and the same goods chattels and credits and all other the goods chattels and credits of the deceased at the time of death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his Administration at or before the 20th day of February next ensuing and all the said goods chattels and credits which shall be found upon the said administrators account the same being first examined and allowed of by the judge or judges for the time being of the said court shall deliver and pay and to such person or persons respectively as the said judge or judges by his or their desire or sentence pursuant to the true intent and meaning of an act of Parliament in that behalf made shall limit and appoint and if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said deceased and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Robert Ratcliffe above bound being thereunto required to render or deliver the said letters of Administration (approbation of such testament being first had procured) into the said court then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Edmund Lodge John Capstack Robert Radcliffe his mark William Ash John Armitstead

**RADCLIFFE Charles 1662 Borthwick vol. 45 fol. 597 mic. 964**

In the Name of God Amen The Third day of February in the yeare of our Lord God One Thowsand Six hundred Sixtie and two and in the Fifteenth yeare of the Raigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Lord Kinge Charles the Second of England etc. I Charles Radcliffe of Awstwicke in the County of Yorke Yeoman being sick of bodie at present but of good and perfect memorie praised be God doe make and ordayne this to be my last will and Testament Revoaking all former Wills by me made whatsoever First I Commend my soule into the Tuition of the Allmightie hoping and assuredly trusting through the Onelie Meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made pertaker of the everlasting Kingdome of glorie And as for my bodie I Committ that to the Earth from whence I came to be buried att the discretion of my friends And as Concerning that Temporall estate with the which it hath pleased God graciously to blesse me I demise it as followeth Item I give unto John Carr my Newpew liveing in Tossett the Summe of Tenn pounds, Item I give unto his Brother Thomas Carr Sadler and my Nephew Five pounds, And unto Rosamond Garforth my Neice the Summe of five pounds, Item I give unto my syster Jane Mason of London the sume of Tenne pounds And unto my Brother Richard Radcliffe the sume of five pounds Item I give unto John

Radcliffe the sonne of Robert Radcliffe of Awstwicke aforesaid the Summe of Fiftie Shillings And unto Marie Radcliffe my sister Fiftie shillings. Item I give unto Elizabeth Garforth Isabell Radcliffe Marie Radcliffe my Sisters and unto the abovesaid Rosamond all my Lynnen which I have att Wakefield in the County aforesaid and equally to be devided amongst theise Fower persons Item I give unto my Brother Henrie Radcliffe of Clapeham Forty shillings and unto Susan his wife Forty shillings. And unto his Six Children eche of them Twentie shillings apeice Item it is my mind that the abovesaid John \Jur/ Carr my Nephew shalbe my sole Executor he paieinge and discharging all my debts Legacies and funerall Expences within the space of one whole yeare next after my decease, Also I desire my friends and Neighbours William Beecroft and John Backhouse to my Supervisors to that intent as they be Assystant unto my said Executor and to see my Will performed, In Witness whereof I the said Charles Radcliffe have hereunto put my hand and Seale the daie and yeare above written Charles Radcliffe Sealed signed and delivered in the Sight and presence of us William Baynes John Backhouse his marke William Beecroft Elizabeth Garforth \Jur/ mark

**RADCLIFFE John of Austwick 1662**

**LRO R593A/2**

In the name of God Amen the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord God 1662 and in the 14th year of the reign of King Charles II of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I John Radcliffe of Austwick in the county of York gent unprofitable servant of God being sick of 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. Revoking and setting void all former wills by me made whatsoever first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting and as for my body I commend it to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my friends. And for that temporal estate with the which it has pleased God graciously to bless me I devise it as follows. First it is my mind and will that presently after my decease that all my goods which I died .... and possessed of at the time of my departure as well movable and immovable shall be sold and disposed of to the best advantage and in manner and form following. That is to say first of all that my debts and funeral expenses shall be discharged and out of the whole and the remainder to be divided into three parts as first I give one third part to Hester Radcliffe my loving and careful wife and a second part or portion to Robert Radcliffe my son and Mary Radcliffe my daughter equally to be divided between them two. And as for the third or last part I give and bequeath the same unto Hester my said wife Robert Radcliffe my son and the said Mary Radcliffe my youngest daughter equally to be divided amongst them three. They paying some small legacies out of the said last third part as hereafter are bequeathed and mentioned. That is to say I give and bequeath unto Henry Radcliffe my son the some of 12d. And I give more unto Richard Radcliffe Charles Radcliffe Elizabeth Garforth Jane Mason and Thomas Radcliffe all my sons and daughters the sum of 12d apiece within six months next after my decease to be paid. Item my mind and will is that the said Robert Radcliffe

(part of line missing) charging him to be careful of the same in satisfying my debts legacies and funeral expenses and to have a special care of his mother and youngest sister in assisting of them in any respect as may tend for their best advantage and that they may have their full and due right herein bequeathed according to my mind and this my last will. In witness whereof I the said John Radcliffe unto this my said will have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

John Radcliffe his mark

Sealed signed and published in the presence of us

Robert Armitstead his mark  
William Nowell  
William Becraft

An inventory made and drawn up the 16th day of June 1662 of all the goods and chattels as well movable and immovable of John Radcliffe late of Austwick deceased gent and prised by Robert Armitstead Charles Radcliffe William Nowell and William Becraft as follows vid[e]l[icet]

Imprimis his apparel money in his purse prised to	2-0-0
Item 2 horses and two mares prised to	12-0-0
Item four shears prised to	13-0-0
Item for cows prised to	10-0-0
Item 3 heifers prised to	7-0-0
Item 6 small beasts prised to	6-0-0
Item 3 suckling calves prised to	1-0-0
Item a hogg or swine prised to	0-10-0
Item geese and pullen prised to	0-6-0
Item oats beans and barley prised to	5-0-0
Item 2 pairs of bedstocks and four chests prised to	1-10-0
Item four coverlets and six pair sheets prised to	2-0-0
Item 3 chasa(?) beds bedstocks and other bedding prised to	0-10-0
Item 8 sacks and one window cloth prised to	0-16-6
Item brass and pewter prised to	2-0-0
Item 1 table two forms chairs stools and cushions prised to	1-0-0
Item for shelves or loose boards and wood vessel prised to	0-10-0
Item for meal malt beans bacon and other provisions prised to	1-10-0
Item 1 great ark prised to	1-0-0
Item 1 Bible valued to	0-4-0
Item husbandry gear and huslement prised to	2-0-0
Item 1 bond due by Stephen Carr of	10-11-0
Item 1 bill due by John Remington of the sum of	0-12-0
In total this sum amounts unto	80-19-6

The hands of the prisers

Robert Armitstead his mark  
Charles Radcliffe  
William Nowell  
William Becraft

**REMYNGTON Jane 1664**  
**Borthwick vol. 47 fol. 342 mic. 966**

In the name of God Amen the Sixteenth day of November Annoque Domini 1664 I Anne Remington late of Austweeke & now of Stainforth in the County of Yorke widow Sicke in body butt of good and perfect remembrance thanks be to god Doe make this my last will and Testament in manner & forme as hereafter followeth That is to say I the unprofitable Servant of God Doe



willingly and with a free heart and minde render and give againe into the hands of my \Lord/ god my Spiritt which hee of his Fatherly goodness gave mee when hee fashioned mee in my mothers wombe in making mee a Lively Creature Nothing doubting butt that for his infinitt meritts Sett forth in the precious blood of his dearely beloved sonne Jesus Christ hee will receive my Soule into his glorie and place it among the Company of heavenly Angells and blessed Saints And as concerning my body even with a good will I give over Commending it to the Earth whereof itt caime Nothing doubting butt according to the Article of my faith att the great day of the Generall Resurreccion I shall become the same body againe by the mighty power of God: not a Corruptable & vile body as now itt is: Butt an uncorruptable immutable and perfect body in (such spiritts) like unto the Glorious body of my Lord and Sweet Saviour Jesus Christ & soe be buryed in Christian buryall att the Discretion of my friends and Executors in the Parish Church of Clapham, Also my will and mind is And I doe give unto Richard Foster of Stainforth in the Parish of Giggleswick my sonne in Law All that the Tytle of Tennant right and my full and whole Estate tytle intrest (right) Custome Challenge clayme and Demannnd whatsoever which I the said Jane Remington ever had now have; or which I my heires or assignes or any of us ought might or may have of in and unto the Severall Parcellls of ground hereafter named, vizt. of in and unto One Close or inclosure of Arrable and meadow ground lyeing and being within the Townfeilds of Austwick called by the name of Great Croft and by what other name or names soever the same be called or knowne as the same is now inclosed containeing by Estimacion three Acres of ground be itt more or less being late Parcell of the Messuage and tenement of Robert Bentham of Austwick aforesaid also all that One Close or Parcell of inclosed ground commonly called new close containing by Estimacion foure Acres be itt more or less and also one house therein Standing and being which said Close and house did lately belong to Henry Gregson of Wharfe Also all that the Severall Parcellls of ground within the Towne feilds and Territories of Austwick vizt. One Roode and a halfe lyeing and being on a place called Tarry crofts, One Roode and a halfe be itt more or less lying on a place called Flass and also One Roode of arrable ground be itt more or less lying on a place called by the name of Thorpin croft All which said severall Parcellls of ground were late Parcellls of and belonging to William Donneham of Austwick aforesaid and also all that one Parcell of Arrable ground lyeing and being on a place called Morgin cross containing by Estimacion halfe an acre be itt more or less, also one other Parcell of Arrable ground lyeing on Morgin cross aforesaid containing by Estimacion one Roode and a halfe be itt more or less lyeing within the Townefields and Territoryes of Austweeke aforesaid To have and to hold all the said Severall Parcellls of ground and premisses thereunto beonging unto the said Richard Foster his heires Executors Administrators and Assignes forever dureing all such Terme & termes as the said Jane Remington holds the same, Also I give unto Jennett Wildman wife of John Wildman of the Parish of Bentham the sume of Twenty shillings And also I nominate and appoint Richard Foster of Stainforth my sonne in Lawe my whole Executor of this my last will and testament, Witnesse my hand and Seale the Day and yeare abovesaid Jane Remington marke. Sealed signed and Delivered in the presence of Robert Twisleton. Robert Foster Thomas Foster

### **REMYNGTON Thomas 1611 Borthwick vol. 31 fol 687**

In the name of God Amen the xxth day of December in the Eight yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of god Kinge of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc and of Scotland the Forty fower 1610: I Thomas Remington of the Dickhouse within the parish of Clapham and County of york sick in body but perfect in remembrance praised be god doe Ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing First and principally I Commend my soule into the writfull handes of god trusting faithfully through Jesus Christ to have my synnes forgiven and to enjoy everlasting liefe and my body to the ground from whence it Came And to be buryed within the parish Churchyard of Clapham Alsoe it is my will that my debts legaces funerall expences and dues be paid out of my goods and debts Alsoe I give unto Martin Remington my youngest brother seaven pounds Alsoe I give and bequeath unto William

Remington my brother vij<sup>li</sup> Alsoe I give unto my brother Richard Remington Fyve pounds xs Alsoe I give unto my brother John Lijs iiijd Alsoe I give unto James Remington sonne of Robert Remington my brother xls Alsoe I give unto Maude Remington and Elizabeth Remington my sister doughters one Cowe which is in the kepeinge of there mother and my parte of the increase of her Alsoe I give unto them thirty shillings to buy them a Quye withall to putt furth to their use Alsoe I give unto Thomas .... two doughters xls. Alsoe I give unto Anthone Kellett Thomas Nicholson and William Nicholson my godsons every of them xijd And unto Agnes Winzer wiefe of William Winzer iijs Alsoe I give unto my syster Isabell Remington widowe of ..... my better Chest Alsoe to my syster in lawe Isabell my brother Christopher wiefe my other Chist and one great pan Alsoe I give unto Robert Remington of Awstwick and Gyles M(oore) iiijs And my will is that they shall bestowe the same of the repayreing of Notto bridge or other nedefull use within the Lordship Alsoe I give unto my Brother Christopher Remington xs of right money he oweth me Alsoe I give unto my Brother Christopher Remington my ..... Robin Cragg Close ...../ ..... unto Thomas Remington his sonne and my god sonne the some of v<sup>li</sup> when he Cometh to the age of seaven yeares And if the said Christopher doe not pay the said some of Fyve pounds as above said and with consent of twoe friends one of his Fathers syde and another of his mothers syde doe not putt furth the some to such use of the said Thomas my will is that the said Thomas shall have my parte of Robin Cragg Close for ever any (thrug) beforesaid to the contrary not withstandinge Alsoe I give unto my mother xs. Alsoe I give Christopher Remington my brother the east end of the ground Called the Cragg and Cragg Mosse from the dyke of our fence at Robin Cragg to the west end and of the grounds \their/ belonging to the dykehouse and soe streight to the streeke. Alsoe it is my will that if the inhabitants of Eldreith Lanshawe Birks and hie moore or any of them doe within fower yeares next ensueinge the date hereof build a house for a schoole or a house of prayer for their use which in the west end of the said groundes called Cragg or Cragg Moss that they the said Inhabitants shall have my tytle and Tenantright in the said west end of the Cragg and Cragg moss towards themaintenance of such house for ever But if the said Inhabitants be not content with my legacie without they doe not build such a house within four yeares as is aforesaid I giveth the \said/ west end of the Cragg and Cragg mosse unto Christopher Remington his Children and assignes for ever any thing before said not withstandinge And I doe ordeyne and make Christopher Remington my brother and William Remington my brother my whole Executors and unto them I give the residue of all my goods unbequeathed Witnesses hereof Gyles Moore and Thomas Remington Robert Remington of Blythesgarth ..... witnes to one legacie of this will vizt That Thomas Remington did give the west end of the Cragg and Cragg mosse as in the said will is lymmited and then the Condicion in the will sett downe and declared Robert Remington

3 lines Latin

**SMOORETHWAITE Jane 1682            Modern English**  
**Cumbria Record Office, Kendal    PROB/1682/ not found**  
**Deed Poll**

To all true Christian people to whom this present writing shall come to be seen read or heard Jane Smoorethwaite widow of Orcaber in the County of York sendeth greeting in our Lord god everlasting know ye me the said Jane Smorethwaite for divers good causes and considerations and hereunto moving but especially for and in consideration of the sum of eleven pounds and ten shillings of lawful money of England to me in hand and contented paid and satisfied before the sealing and delivery hereof by Francis Lupton of Wharfe in ye County aforesaid yeoman ye receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and confess thereof and of every part and parcel thereof I do release exonerate and discharge him ye said Francis Lupton his heirs executors administrators and assigns and every of them forever by these presents **To have** bargained sold given granted assured assigned and setover and by these presents doth fully and absolutely bargain sell give grant alien assure assign set over and confirm unto him the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns

for ever All ye my interest title and customary claim use possession reversion challenge claim and demand whatsoever which of Jane Smoorethwait my heirs executors or administrators ever had now have or in time to come may might or of right ought to have of in unto and upon three roods of arable or meadow ground with one little headland adjoining to ye same be it more or less Lying near ye Millne Brig between ye grounds of Roger Lupton and ye grounds of Charles Ingleby Esq or his assigns together with all and singular ways easements paths and passages hedges fences woods and underwoods water and watercourses and all other profits commodities and advantages now or of right belonging or in any wise appertaining ye same all which said premises are reputed did belong to ye ancient estate of Christopher Spallton of Souertwhaite granted by a deed dated one thousand six hundred fifty one to Mighell Howson of Austweeke Jane Leeming now being Jane Smooretwait having it granted from ye said Mighell her grandfather by deed dated July ye first day anno domi 1667 and released by William Jackson Elizabeth her elder sister to said Jane Leeming ye release dated July ye 20 and third day anno Domi 1674 **To have and to hold** use occupy possess possess (*sic*) and enjoy the said parcels of Arable and meadow ground lying near ye Millne Brig aforesaid with one end of ye same coming down to ye highway being ye south end and all other ye premises with ye appurtenances unto him the said Francis Lupton his heirs executors and assigns to his and their own benefit and advantage forever according to ye custom of ye manor of Austweek aforesaid for and under ye payment of ye yearly rent of sixpence to ye right wor(*shipfu*)ll Sir Richard Shuttleworth Knight or his assigns and by even and equal portions at ye feast of pentecost and St Martin ye Bishop in winter and all other dues rights and services due and to become due for the same from time to time and of the said Jane Smoorethwait for myself my heirs executors and administrators do covenant promise and grant to and with Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns and to and with every of them by these presents That is to say That if ye said Jane Smoorethwaite the time of then sealing and delivery hereof am lawful tenant and owner of ye premises above granted and yet I have in myself (for any act or thing done to ye contrary good right full power interest and authority to grant bargain and sell ye same unto him ye said Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns in manner and form above said so yet by virtue hereof it shall and my be lawful to and for him ye said Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns from time to time and at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly to enter unto have hold use occupy possess and enjoy the above mentioned and granted premises or parcels of arable or meadow ground with the east side side (*sic*) of that ran betwixt ye said Charles Ingleby Esq ground and her ye said Jane Smooretwait and all other ye premises with ye appurtenances without any lawful let gainsaying or denial of me ye said Jane Smoorethwaite my heirs executors or administrators or any other person or persons whatsoever having or lawfully claiming the same every part thereof by from or under us or any of us in any wise free and discharged or otherwise well and sufficiently saved and kept harmless and indemnified by me ye said Janew Smoorethwaite my heirs executors or administrators or by some of us Of and from all former bargains sales debts estates Mortgages wills lease or leases fines feoffments rents or arrearages or rents and all other troubles and incumbrances whatsoever heretofore had had committed done or suffered or hereafter was to be had made committed done or suffered by me ye said Jane Smorethwait my heirs executors administrators or by any of us in any wise and further if I ye said Jane Smoorethwaite either in my own person or else by John Leeming William Jackson ye younger of Wharfe Mighell Nellson customary tenants whom I so appoint to be my lawful attorneys and jointly or severally to come into the next Court Baron to be held at Austwicke aforesaid for ye above said Lord and then and there in open court before the steward and tenants surrender and yield up all it my interest and title of tenant right of all ye above mentioned and granted parcels of arable or meadow ground lying in Austwick town field and near ye Millne Brig or Bridge as above said and all other the premises with the appurtenances unto hime ye said Francis Lupton his heirs children and and (*sic*) assigns for ever according to ye custom above written In witness whereof I the said Jane Smoorthwait unto this deed poll have here unto put my hand and seal the twenty seventh day of July in Anno Domi one thousand six hundred eighty two and in .....of King James ye Second over England Scotland etc

Jane                    O                    Smorethwaite  
Mark

**(Court Baron?)**

27<sup>th</sup> July 1685 By deed poll of this date Jane Smoorthwaite of Orcabar afsd widow in cons'on of £11-10-0 did Give Grant and Assign unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and asgn for ever All her Intt title customary claim etc of into and upon

Three roods of arable and meadow ground with one little headland adjoining to the same was the same more or less lying near the Mill Bridge between the Grounds of Roger Lupton and the Grounds of Chas Ingleby Esq. togr with all ways etc all which sd premises were reputed did belong to the antient estate of Chris Spalton Granted by deed dated 1657 to Mighele Howson of Austwick Jane Leeming then being Jane Smoorthwaite having it granted from the said Mighele her Grandfather by deed dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 1667 Released by Wm Jackson Elizh her elder sister to Jane Leeming the Rel datd 23 July 1674.

To hold unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs executors and asn to his their own use according to the custom of the Manor of Austwick.

Under the yearly rent of six pence to Sir Richard Shuttleworth Knt by equal portions at the feasts of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter. Covt promised Jane Smoorthwaite that either in person only Jno Leeming Wm Jackson or Mighele Nelson customary ten'ts whom she having appointed her att'ies at the next Court Baron to be held at Austwick for sd Sr R Shuttleworth in open Court to surrender the said premises unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and asgns for ever.

Exted by the said Jane Smoorthwaite ...by 3 witnesses.

2d November 1685 In...ment of ....the last abstracted deed that at the Court Baron held that day for the Manor of Austwick the said John Leeming and Wm Jackson in open court surrendered unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and asn for ever All the said premises To hold to him his heirs children and asn for ever according to the custom under the yearly rent of 6d. Whereupon the said Francis Lupton was admitted Ten't accordingly

Signed by Wm Beecroft steward there.

**TENISON John 1624 Borthwick vol. 38 fol. 367 mic. 955**

In the name of god amen. The one and twentieth daie of maie in the yeare of our Lord god 1624. I John Tenison of Austweeke beeing sicke in bodie but of perfect mynd & remembrance thankes bee to god doe make & ordeine this my last will and testament in manner and forme as followeth First I give and bequeath my soule into the hande of Almightye god my maker and redeemer in Jesus Christ. And my bodie to bee buried att the will of my Executors Item I give unto Ann Wadworth a Co(ounter) which is att Burton. Item I give to the same Anne Wadworth a bus of whet (*wheat*) at great bramar ..... which hath a troe() by it Item I give to william Tomlynson a peck of corne to bee delivered att (x)mas Item I give to Thomas Sannderson a pecke of Corne to bee delivered att xmas Item I give to John Robinson a be(dd) and Coberd which are att Barbon in lieu of some rent behind all the rest of my goods moveable moveable (sic) and unmoveable my debtes paid and funerall discharged I give to Ann Tenison my wife whom I make and ordeine my sole executor of this my last will and tenement (sic) witnesses John Kitchin and Henrie Kitchin

Latin text

**THORNTON Christopher of Crowsnest, 1656**  
**TNA PROB/11/273/187 for 1658**

Christopher Thornton of Crowsnest in the parish of Clapham in the county of York clerk. My body to the earth to be buried where my friends think fit. I give to my sister Mary Nicholson late wife of Richard Nicholson my house at Crowsnest with all other my house and lands in Clapham during her life paying out of it to my kinsman Mr Thomas Fallthorpe £10 yearly and after the decease of the said Mary Nicholson I give all my freehold lands in Clapham to Henry son of Frances Pool (Peele?) Late of Horton in the county of York clerk and to his heirs for ever paying £10 yearly to the said Thomas Fallthorpe during his life my customary lands I give to my said sister and her heirs for ever. After the death of the said Mary Nicholson I give my lease land at Youber to Robert Carr of Middleton Tyas in the county of York and his heirs for ever. I give unto the said Thomas Fallthorpe all my books which are at my brother Hales house at the Hoo, Herts. The wooden cabinet I give to my brother Mr John (*sic*) with all the things in it to whom also I give my clock. I give to my sister Mrs Judith Hale my wrought cabinet. I give to my kinsman Mr Christopher Foster of London my new diaper it being already in his possession. To the poor of Giggleswick one piece of ground lying within the town fields of Giggleswick commonly called the Wythies Close as also all my sheepgates which I desire may be let out and the Lord's rent first discharged the remainder to be distributed to the poor of the parish by the ministers and church officers. I give to the poor of Clapham £40 which I desire may be so employed that 40 shillings may thereby yearly be raised for the use of the poor and distributed by the ministers tithe men and churchwardens. I give to the above named Robert Carr of Middleton Tyas all my books which are at Crowsnest and my best suit of apparel. To my aunt Jennet Stalman five pounds. To my kinsman Mr John Stalman £50. To Jane wife of Stephen Sigewicke of Tatham five pounds. To Jennet wife of John Layton of Lawkland five pounds. To William son of John Layton of Lawkland. 40 shillings. I give to William Hall of Gargrave 40s. To Isabel wife of John Johnson of Austwick 40 shillings. To Jane Michell of Giggleswick 40 shillings. To Agnes wife of Christopher Foster of the Coate 40 shillings. To Alice wife of Matthew Johnson of Austwick 40 shillings. To Isabel late wife of James Clapham 40 shillings to Elizabeth Lawson of the Waters 40 shillings. To Jane late wife of Henry Remington 40 shillings. To Agnes wife of Richard Court of Arklden [?] 40 shillings. To Agnes wife of William Birtwhistle of Remington 40 shillings. To Cuthbert Peele of Howith 40 shillings. To Shaw (*sic*) of Clapham 20 shillings. To my servants John Walker John Lawson Christopher John and Jane Birtwhistle Katherine Lawson 40 shillings apiece. To my cousin John Stalman my bay gelding. To my cousin Thomas Foster of Sledburn one of my young mares which himself shall make choice or five pounds in money. John Stalman and Thomas Fallthorpe to be supervisors. Residue to my sister Mary Nicholson she sole executrix.

8th September 1656

Proved by Mary Nicholson 11th of February 1657

**THORNTON Robert 1623 Borthwick vol. 38 fol. 132**

In the name of god amen The sixe and twentieth daye of July in the yeare of our Lord god one thowsand sixe hundred twentie and three I Robert Thornton of the Craw neste in Lawkeland within the Countie of yorke yeoman beeing at this instant sicke in body but of good and perfect memorie praised bee god the ..... Doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing First and principallye I comend my soule into the mercifull handes of Almightye god trusting and assuredlye perswading my selfe that through the onely meritts & pretious blood shedding of my sweet Saviour and redeemer Christ Jesus I shall have free remission and

forgiveness of all my sinns and bee made partaker of life everlasting. And for my bodie I Comitt it to the Earth from whence it came to be buried within the parishe Church of Clapham in or neare the place where I use to kneele and sitt on the Sundayes or holidaiies as Conveniently maye bee. Item I doe hereby revoke all former willes by mee made at anie tyme before the daye of the date hereof. It I give and bequeath unto Thomas Thornton my eldest sonne all my messuage and tenemente with it appurtenances scituate and lying at the Crawneste in Lawkland aforesaid wherein I nowe dwell. And alsoe all other my messuage landes tenemente Leases and other groundes whatsoever which I have within the Lordshipp of Awstwicke or else where in the County of yorke reserveing to Jennett my wife her full third parte during her life. To have and to hold to him his heires and assigne for ever Item it is my mynd and will That the said Thomas \Thornton/ or his heires shall paye and discharge out of my said messuages Landes tenemente and groundes to my said sonne Christopher Thornton and my two daughters Marie and Alice Thornton these severall somes of money hereafter in this (parte) will expressed. That is to saye to my said sonne Christopher Thornton the some of threescore poundes at the end of three yeares next after the daye of my death. And to my said daughter Marie Thornton the some of Fourtie poundes at or upon the tenth daye of August next comeing (save) one And to my said daughter Alice Thornton the some of twentie poundes at the end of three yeares next after my decease. And if it please god shee marrie before the said three yeares bee accomplished then the said xxli shalbee paid to her within one yeare next after the daye of her said mariage. Item I give and bequeath and my mynd and will is That my said daughter Marie Thornton shall have out of my goodes and Chattles the some of Fourescore poundes in pennie and pennies worth And it is my mynd and will that the same shalbee paid and satisfied to her by my Executors hereafter named at or before the said tenth daye of August next comeing (save) one. And likewise that shee shall have as much household stuffe over and beside the said some of Fourescore poundes as Jennett my said wife shall thinke fitting to bestowe on her for and towards a bride wayne. Item it is my will and mynd that my said daughter Alice shall have of my said goodes and Chattles the some of Fourscore poundes \in/ pennye and pennie worth to bee paid and satisfied unto her by my Executors hereafter named within three yeares next after my said decease And if it fortune that she marrie before the said three yeares be expired then the same to be paid unto her within one year next after the daye of her said mariage over and besides as much household stuffe as Jennett my wife shall think fitting to bestowe on her for and towards a bryde wayne. Item I give unto Jennett my said wife and my sonne Thomas aforesaid all my goodes and Chattles unbequeathed to bee equallie devided betweene them. And lastly I make and ordeine Jennett my said wife and my said sonne Thomas whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Thomas Newhouse Robert Faltropp William Jackesse Allan Carr and Lawrence .. (Tulman)  
5 lines Latin

**WATSON Peter 1626 Borthwick vol. 39 fol. 439 mic. 956**

In the name of God Amen I Peter Watson of Awstweeke in the countye of yorke Esquire being of good and perfect memorye (god be thanked for it) doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge And first I Doe Comitt my Soule into the hands of our Saviour Jesus Christ the only sonne of god by whose merits death and passion and (faith) In him I doe beleve fully to be saved. And for the (discrecion) of my goodes debts and Chattels for that they are very small I doe leave them unto the distribution to bee made according unto the Custome used within the Dieses of the province of the lord Archbishopp of yorke whereof late it was my last will and Testament shall bee proved hopinge my said daughter will see It performed accordingly and hereby I doe (render) altogether my last will and Testaments and for this my said will I doe make my said daughter Elizabeth Ashburne my sole executrix: In Wisse whereof I the said Peter Watson have set to my hand and seale the seaventh day of March In the first yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne

lord Charles by the grace of god Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the  
Faith Wit: ....  
Latin text

**YEADON John of Lawkland 1688**

**Lancashire Record Office R614/107 for 1703 Reference needs checking**

In the name of God Amen the 23rd day of April in the 4th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord James II King over England etc. defender of the faith anno domini 1688. I John Yeadon of Lawkland in the county of York husbandman being somewhat sickly in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be god for the same do here make my last will and testament in manner and form following. viz. First I commit my soul to God who gave it hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer to have forgiveness of all my sins and be made an inheritor in his everlasting kingdom. And as for my body to be buried in the parish church yard at the discretion of my executrix hereafter nominated. And as for my worldly goods I do give and bequeath as follows. Item I give unto Thomas Yeadon my eldest 20 shillings in full due and satisfaction of his filial or child's portion. Item I give unto Richard my second son the sum of 20 shillings in full due and satisfaction of his filial or child's portion. Item I give unto Isabel my daughter the sum of six pounds to be paid by my executrix. Item I give unto my youngest son John the sum of five pounds to be paid by my executrix. And lastly I make Mary my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments she paying and discharging all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses. In witness whereof unto this my last will and testament I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

John Yeadon his mark

Witnessed by Nicholas Brigge his mark Thomas Stockdale his mark Thomas Dawson

**Obligation**

A true and perfect the inventory of all the goods credits cattles and chattels which did belong to John Yeadon of Lakeland within the parish of Clapham at the time of his decease as they were appraised and valued by us whose names are hereunder written the 11th day of December anno domini 1708

Imprimis his purse and apparel	2-0-0
Three kine at	6-0-0
One heifer and two calves	1-13-4
Hay and corn	1-10-0
A mare	0-10-0
Brass and pewter	0-10-0
Bedstocks and bedding	1-10-0
One Ark and one chest	0-10-0
Three chairs two stools and all the rest of the huslement	0-10-0
All the husbandry gear	0-6-0
A pig	0-6-8
Moneys owing upon specialty	62-4-6

summa tot

77-10-6

Apprised by us  
Columbus Ingleby William Yeaden Thomas Stockdall his mark William Foster

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