

## The Giggleswick Wills Project

The aim of this project was to ascertain as much information as possible about the changing way of life in the ancient parish of Giggleswick with a view to comparison with other localities and communities in the North of England (e.g. Swaledale for which a similar exercise has been published by the YAS) and particularly Horton in Ribblesdale parish in upper Ribblesdale.

All the wills have been located using the Yorkshire Archaeological Society Record Series volumes for Wills in the York Registry, 1389 to 1688, vols. 6, 11, 14, 19, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 49, 60, 68, and 89; YAS Yorkshire Wills Registered in London 1649-1660; and YAS Consistory Court Wills vols. 73 and 93. There are no inventories to be found with the probate copies of these wills on the microfilms held at the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research at the University of York.

The work of photocopying and transcription of 231 wills (from 1390 to the end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, 24th March 1603) has been carried out by Sheila Gordon, and Mary and Michael Slater mainly during 2005, 6 and 7. Virtually all the wills seen are the probate copies lodged at York and not the originals. A few Somerscales wills were transcribed by Roy Price. A number of wills were provided by Reg Postlethwaite, with and without copies of the originals (deposited in the North Craven Historical Research Archive at Hudson History, Procter House, Kirkgate Settle). Photocopies made from the microfilms at the Borthwick Institute vary very much in quality and sometimes are very difficult to read. The accuracy of transcription cannot be guaranteed.

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The administrations (admons) have not been looked at except for two or three very early ones of local interest. They are not associated with any inventories on the microfilms.

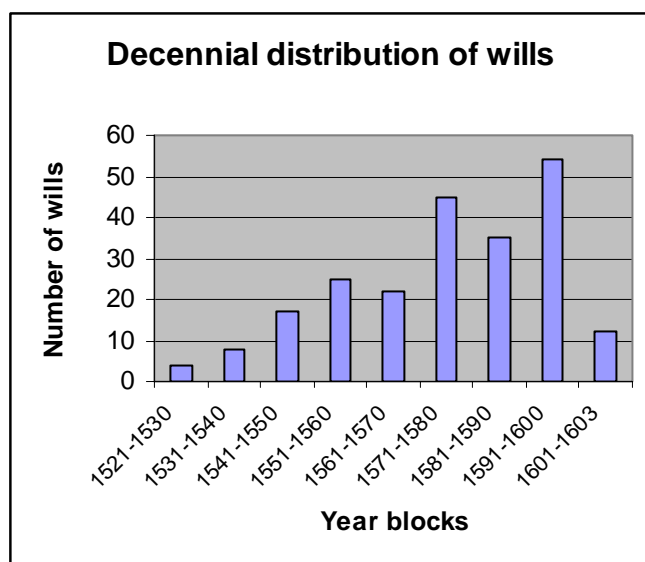
The style of transcription varies with some wills transcribed into modern English using voice-activated software (with inevitable mistakes not noticed), some transcribed as written in the original spelling, and some typed directly in modern English. In reproducing original spelling short forms have not always been written in full except where there might be difficulty in understanding the text. The main concern was to investigate content and not spelling of words or names, and not to attempt a faithful reproduction of every word with ligatures and contractions noted. Indeed the rather low quality of the photocopies must inevitably give rise to uncertainty about some spellings. Occasionally the scribe seems to have made an error and in several places we have inserted (*sic*) to indicate that it is not a typing error or misreading on our part, or it is our best reading of an uncertain word.

The few Latin wills have been translated with the expert help of John Harrop of Austwick but remaining errors are the fault of the authors. The texts of these wills are very difficult to read with many word endings missing.

Any search for names must bear in mind idiosyncracies of spelling and difficulty in reading them. The year dates used are usually those in the will but the probate year may be later.

The total number of wills in this collection is 231 and they are decennially distributed as in the table and graph below.

Pre-1500	7
1501-1510	0
1511-1520	2
1521-1530	4
1531-1540	8
1541-1550	17
1551-1560	25
1561-1570	22
1571-1580	45
1581-1590	35
1591-1600	54
1601-1603	12



It should be noted that Sheila Gordon and Roy Price of North Craven Historical Research Group are currently transcribing further Giggleswick wills from 1603 to 1710. The YAS listings go up to 1688 and further indexes in the Borthwick Institute are being used for later wills. After 1688 the admons frequently contain inventories.

## An introduction to the Giggleswick Parish wills up to 1603

It is necessary to have some background knowledge of various matters if the content of wills is to be understood and given justifiable weighting. The regnal periods of interest are

		Number of wills
Richard II	1377-1399	1
Henry IV	1399-1413	1
Henry V	1413-1422	
Henry VI	1422-1461	3
Edward IV	1461-1483	1
Edward V	1483	
Richard III	1483-1485	
Henry VII	1485-1509	1
Henry VIII	1509-1547	22
Edward VI	1547-1553	21
Mary	1554-1557	10
Elizabeth	1558-1603	171

and the Dissolution of Sawley Abbey took place in 1536.

The bias is clearly towards wills in the Elizabethan period. The death of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603 marks the end of the Tudor dynasty and the start of the Stuarts. It also marks the time of a permanent change in the established church away from Catholicism and the development of more secure legal practices and rights.

The content of wills must be considered along with knowledge of the testator's family circumstances - the context needs to be known and generally this is not available. Wills are rather selective in nature since arrangements for widows and children may already have been made. Many men were content to die intestate because their affairs were settled or satisfied by common law descent of lands and goods. Wills are not representative of the population, perhaps about 30% of men left wills - but we do not know the population count at any time. A will was needed to devolve property in ways in which common law could not so we may see examples which are not representative of common practice. It requires the skills and knowledge of a professional historian of all written evidence before conclusions about many topics can be reasonably inferred. Professor Richard Hoyle has carried out this task for land tenure matters in his doctoral thesis of 1986 at Oxford (British Library D 074195 parts 1 and 2). Any conclusions reached are still specific to Giggleswick parish since conditions elsewhere varied and generalization to conditions in the North of England cannot be sustained.

It may be that oral testimony was sufficient as a will in early times but there was a drift to written contractual agreements in common law as time went by. Declaration to 'recorders' was also an accepted procedure. The Statute of Wills of 1540 made an age of 14 for boys and 12 for girls the minimum for making a will.

Hoyle discovered and read much material in archives before computer searching of catalogues and indexes became available. The transcripts of wills made here make them accessible for others to consider and have allowed us to record factual matters and the frequency of occurrence or reference to various items, with the caveat already made that conclusions must not be drawn from such information alone.

Most of what follows in this section is taken from Hoyle's thesis.

## The religious aspects

Nearly all the wills include a reference bequeathing the soul to almighty God. Further references concerning salvation are often added, first in a Catholic manner, and later in a Protestant manner, or with no further mention. In the north of England it is likely that Catholic customs were not completely to be replaced by Protestant practice until well into Elizabeth's reign.

Up to the point of Dissolution in 1536 the Abbey of Sawley owned land in the parish, mainly in Langcliffe and Stainforth townships, so there are occasional mentions of the Abbey and convent. Furness Abbey was another major landholder; Preston, Knaresborough and Lancaster are also noted in the very early wills.

Pre-Reformation (1536) gifts were made to the church and clergy, money was bequeathed to priests to pray for a testator's soul and payments of the obligatory mortuary fee and for forgotten tithes were normally made (to minimize any stay in Purgatory). Post-Reformation bequests for church repairs, road and bridge repairs, and to the poor were encouraged instead.

In medieval times it was customary to give the best animal belonging to the testator to the Lord of the Manor and the second best to the parish priest as a mortuary payment. There is no record of the best beast going to the Lord but several early requests for the best animal to go to the church. An act of 1529 regulated the payment of the mortuary so that people with goods valued under £30 were exempt and those liable to pay were on a sliding scale. Of the 219 wills in the period 1521 to 1603, 159 (representing 73%) mention mortuary payments so presumably the other 27% were worth less than £30. Thus it is not only rich people who made wills.

Analysis of the religious preamble has been made in terms of reference to

- a) Mary and saints in heaven
- b) masses for the soul
- c) the glorious / celestial company in heaven
- d) Jesus and redemption
- e) no reference at all

The periods used in the table cover the reigns of various kings up to 1508, then Henry VIII. The Dissolution took place in 1536. Henry was followed by Edward VI (1547-53), then Mary (1554-57), then Elizabeth (1558-1603).

Period	No. of wills	No. wills/year	Mary %	Masses %	Company %	Jesus %	Nothing %
1390-1500	6	0.04	100	33	0		
1501-1536	8	0.23	75	63	13		
1537-1546	11	0.58	100	91	18		
1547-1553	23	3.8	13	17	52		30
1554-1557	10	3.3	30	10	70	0	10
1558-1570	23	1.9	4	0	43	0	35
1571-1580	46	5.1	0	0	20	17	20
1581-1590	35	3.9	0	0	0	97	0
1591-1603	66	5.5	0	0	0	76	18

## Charitable bequests

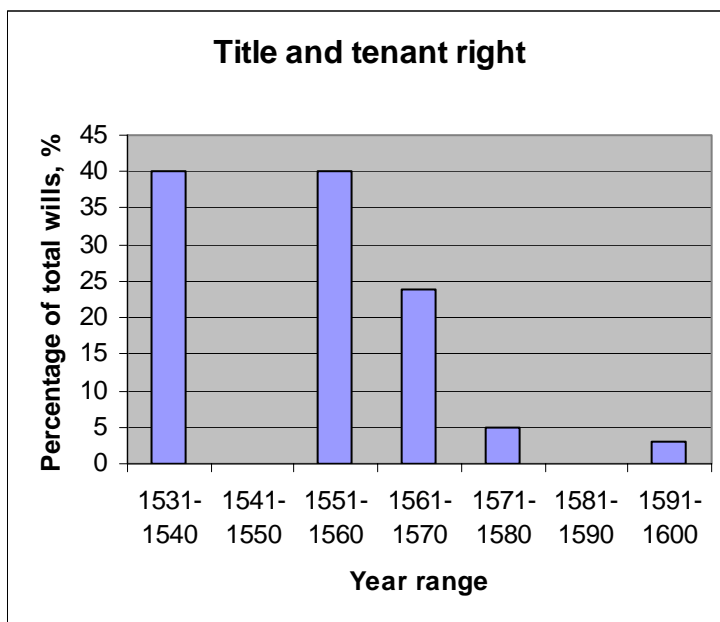
Of the testators of the 231 wills 14% show charitable bequests, mainly to the poor. They deserve to be mentioned by name. The bequests are roughly evenly distributed over the years with no obvious sign of external influence.

Robert of Staynford	1390	to the poor and to those to whom I have done injustice 100 marks
William Newhouse	1541	to the amending of the hieway within the parish of Giggleswicke 6s 8d
Alan Armitstede	1547	2s to the mending of the hiewaie
Hugh Armitstede	1547	" " "
Richard Browne	1548	12d to the common chiste to the scolere that day I am buried 12d
James Saylebanke	1548	4d to the comon chiste
James Wilson	1548	12d to the common chest
Peter Currer	1550	to the poore folke that shalbe at my burial that daie ther dynner
John Howson	1550	13s 4d to the poor people of the parish (if son Sir Thomas Howson does not have it)
Joan Watkynson	1552	4d to the poore mans Boxe they that shall come with me to the church to be buried shall have cheises and bread that shalbe of half a bushel of meall
Thomas Foster	1553	12d to the mending of claishouse lane if neighbours will make it
Robert Somerscales	1553	3s 4d to the mending of Settell Bridge
Sir Richard Somerscall	1557	increase of all my sheep - one half to be divided among the poor people
Richard Altham	1572	13s 4d to the poore and Fatherles children of Settill
Robert Hedilston	1572	to Seaven poore widowes of Settill to every of them a pecke of barley
Thomas Somerscale	1573	6s 8d to the poore people of the hamlet of thorppe 6s 8d to the poore with in the parishe of Rilston
Alan Wharffe	1574	to the relieving of the poor people - as thought mete by executors
Edward Preston	1575	3s 4d to the poore folks of gigleswecke parishe
James Brown	1576	12d to the poor mans box
Hugh Lawson	1577	to the poor men's box one bushel of barley
John Bawderston	1578	2d to the poor man's box
Roger Carre	1579	3s 4d unto twenty of the most needful poor folk in this parish of Giggleswick
Hugh Stackhouse	1579	8d to the poore manes boxe
James Cam	1580	2d to the poor man's box
Robert Altham	1583	....s to the poore people of this parish of Giggleswicke
John Armitstead	1584	12d to the poor people of this parish which stand in most need
Richard Kydde	1589	.... unto the poore of the parishe
Roger Saylebanke	1593	3s 4d unto the poore of the parishe of Gygleswyke
Richard Lynsaie	1595	6s 8d to be bestowed on such poor folk as here after I shall nominate .... before my neighbours
Roger Carr	1597	3s 4d to the poore in Giggleswick parish
William Craven	1597	6s 8d to the poore of Giggleswicke
Giles Foster	1602	5s to the poore of the parish of Giggleswicke

## Widowright

Wills of the early 16<sup>th</sup> century can be rather vague and trying to work out exactly what proportion of the tenement was left to the widow is confusing. 'Widowright' is a term frequently used and not explained, but an 'automatic dower right of a third' (Hoyle, PhD thesis, 1986) seems to have been accepted as the norm in the Dales. This has been the proportion used for the survey when no specific figure was mentioned.

Even more complicated is the term 'title and tenant right' which was used frequently in the wills of the first half of the century. The use of this terminology drops dramatically in the latter half of this period as the wills become more detailed. The graph below shows the decline in the use of these terms as used in wills during this one hundred year period. The term becomes almost obsolete by 1580.



Women generally did not hold tenements in their own right but based their titles on their husband's or son's agreement with their lord, which in the Giggleswick and Settle area during this time was the Clifford family. Early in the century surveyed, the Cliffords issued warrants of agreement which did not specifically state that a proportion of the tenement passed automatically to the widow but, as the tenants believed this was their customary right, the Cliffords turned a blind eye when this happened. This helps to explain why tenants frequently followed the words 'title & tenant right' by 'with the licence of the lord'. A further complication is that warrants granted in the 1540s gave the whole tenement to the widow after her husband's death but those warrants granted later in 1579 reduced this to a third (Hoyle).

A study of the last sixty years of the sixteenth century, when wills became more detailed, shows 8% of men leaving the whole tenement to their wives, 20% leaving half the tenement to them and 37% left one third to their wives. The graph below shows the sustained rise in wills where one third portion became the norm towards the end of the century. This bears out the figures quoted previously of the Clifford

## Women's Wills

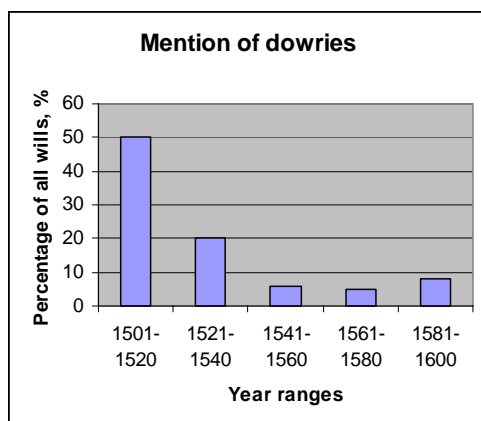
Of the 231 wills studied, only 8% make no mention of women, whilst 10% were actually made by women. Of those females making wills during this period sixteen are widows and seven are spinsters. More than half (56%) of the widows left the residue of their goods to their sons. Three left their goods to their children equally whilst two who presumably had no sons, left their goods to their daughters. Of the seven spinsters in the survey, the residue of goods were left to brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces as one would expect.

The 'title and tenant right' of the message is only mentioned four times, a figure of 18%. This low figure is explained by the fact that the title and right usually went to the son on the death of the husband with provision being made for the wife within the property during her lifetime. This is discussed further under 'widowright'. Three of the above instances where the title and tenant right was mentioned, were bequests to sons or in one case a nephew, with just one instance where the right was passed to a daughter, and even here the widow was merely reiterating the wishes of her husband e.g. the will of Jaine Crake 1597 – 'my said daughter Ann shall obteyne the said tenement according to my said husbands will,' presumably because the widow had no sons to inherit.

## Women's Role In Mens Wills

It was not uncommon for women to take on board the management of the farm, either solely or in conjunction with her son or sons. This however is not often specified but is frequently implied as in the instances where farm implements are bequeathed to the wife, namely 'plough gear'. The first mention of this occurs in 1548 in the will of Richard Browne; 'my wife have all such goods as I the said Richard Browne did have at the house.....one plough one culter one hede yoke and four wayne...'

Of the 190 wills where women are mentioned, only 7% bequeath money specifically for a dowry. We have no way of knowing however whether separate arrangements were made which are not mentioned in the wills. Certainly though there is a steep decline in references to dowries from around 1520 onwards as can be seen by the graph. This reflects the trend in other areas of the survey where there are significant changes through the century as wills become much more detailed.



## Clothes

49 of the 231 wills looked at (21%) mention clothes as bequests. It might be guessed that women would have a greater interest in clothes than men, and consequently clothes would appear in more women's than men's wills. This is borne out by this study. Of the total of 24 women's wills, 10 mention clothing (42%). Of 207 wills of men, only 19% list clothing bequests.

Over the period of the study, 1390 - 1603, only the decades 1521 to 1600 produce enough wills (210) to show any sign of a trend in the numbers mentioning clothes, i.e. a trend downwards from mid-century, but the sample is insufficient to draw conclusions.

Period	Total no. wills	No. wills mentioning clothes	% wills mentioning clothes
1521-1530	4	1	25
1531-1540	8	3	37
1541-1550	17	3	18
1551-1560	25	9	36
1561-1570	22	6	22
1571-1580	45	12	27
1581-1590	35	4	11
1591-1600	54	7	13

Hard-wearing clothes were items of value in the days of draughty houses, outdoor labour and little money for more than the basics. Similarly, for those who could afford a bit more, "best" or holiday wear was carefully hoarded.

Jackets, jerkins, coats, doublets, and cloaks are left in 65% of the wills mentioning clothing. The "best" garment is a frequent bequest. "To John Watkinson my son my best jacket, to Thos. Lawson a violet jacket, a doublet ... to Lawrence Townhead a white jacket ... to Ric. Rome my best violet jacket, to Roger Settill a doublet, to Jeffrey Settill a jerkin ... to John Watkinson my cousin my best jerkin" (T. Watkinson 1558). He clearly is a reasonably well-off man with a good wardrobe. Violet was a costly dye and appears in at least three wills. Other colours are mentioned in the wills (white, blue, black, gray, green, tawny) and different fabrics (frieze, mold (*moleskin?*), leather buckskin, linen, damask). These descriptions define the particular garments and their quality.

Hose (and a late mention of stockings in 1599) appear in 27% of the 49 wills. Gowns also are bequeathed in 27% of wills. Gowns were left by men either early in the study period (J. Malton and J. Mone both 1538, both men of the Church) or in one case by J. Dawson 1580 who leaves a gown "at Embsay undeliv'd" to his sister - perhaps an intended gift not yet given. Women leave gowns, kirtles, petticoats and cloth for their manufacture (e.g. E. Twyssilton 1569).

Shoes appear in only 16% of the wills (not so easy to alter to fit by the recipient). New shoes feature in at least two wills - a recent outlay not to be wasted. Hats feature throughout the period. A suitably clerical "violet felt hat" is left to a Sawley monk in



## Household Goods and Furniture

Of the total 231 wills in the period studied, there were household goods and furniture bequeathed in 59, or in 26%. However apart from two wills prior to 1500 such bequests did not start until the 1530s. In the decades 1531-1600 the picture was as follows:-

Period	Total no. of wills	No. wills mentioning household goods and furniture	% wills mentioning household goods and furniture
1531-1540	8	2	25
1541-1550	17	5	29
1551-1560	25	9	36
1561-1570	22	6	27
1571-1580	45	10	22
1581-1590	35	9	26
1591-1600	54	15	28

This shows that over that period there was a fairly even proportion of the wills bequeathing household items, averaging 28%.

Of the total 59 wills mentioning such items over the complete period 1390-1603 studied, only eight were from women, 14%.

Items most commonly bequeathed were arks, kists (*chests*), armoires or aumbries (*cupboards*), mentioned in 47% of the 59 wills. These (of which many examples are still around today) were often left as heirlooms. "... two of my arks and one old armory shall stand ... in my house as heirlooms for my wife and my ... brother ..." (R. Brayshay 1582). R. Crake 1594 leaves "two of my best oak trees to make (*my daughter's*) arks and chests of", and J. Franklande 1574 leaves his daughter "boards for an ark". W. Yveson 1544 leaves his son a kist and all therein. Other widely mentioned basic furniture includes "boards" and tables in 20% of the wills, wooden chairs, stools and forms in 10%. A sconce (*screen or fixed seat by the side of the fireplace*) appears in R. Browne 1548.

Bedstocks (*the bedstead or its upright framework*) form a large proportion of bequests, in 25% of the wills. With them or as separate bequests are found a similar percentage of bedding, "beds of clothes", feather beds, mattresses, coverlets, (two "bound work" coverlets (E. Twyssilton 1569)), sheets, ("of linen" C. Altham 1461), blankets and cushions.

The other basic household items of value were pots and pans. Brass (or "brazen") ware is mentioned in 7 wills. Two of these are described as "new" and their high value is demonstrated by R. Wildeman 1575 - "...I will that the brass pot which I bought with the gold that the queen's majesty gave me shall be an heirloom at my house and also the great board that stands above the fire and the form in the house shall be heirlooms". In 1568 W. Twyssilton's "great ark and great new pan" were "to remain as heirlooms". There are frequent mentions of other pans, including a brewing pan (I. Palay 1556), and "my greatest pan" (T. Foster snr 1571), appearing in 22% of the 59 wills.

## Farm Goods and Animals

There were 231 wills in the study period, and 102 had bequests of farm goods and animals. The table below shows the proportion of wills bequeathing such items. The average over the decades 1521 - 1600 (where there are sufficient wills to make some statistical sense) is just over 50%. The number peaks at 68% in the decade 1551 - 1560, the same decade that sees a peak in household goods bequests.

Period	Total no. of wills	No. wills mentioning farm goods and animals	% wills mentioning farm goods and animals
Pre-1500	7	2	29
1501-1510	-	-	-
1511-1520	2	-	0
1521-1530	4	2	50
1531-1540	8	5	63
1541-1550	17	9	53
1551-1560	25	17	68
1561-1570	22	11	50
1571-1580	45	22	49
1581-1590	35	15	43
1591-1600	54	15	28
1601-1603	12	4	33

Thirteen of the wills mentioning farm goods and animals are of women, which is 13% of the total 102.

In this rural farming area the commonest category of such goods bequeathed is the general one of "husbandry gear", which is mentioned in 44 of the 102 wills, i.e. 43%. This term does not get used until the 1540s. Such gear is generally left to the eldest son who is inheriting the main tenement. Frequently the term is stand-alone, as in J. Browne 1553 "I will that Robert my son shall have all my husbandrie gear...". H. Cockett 1591 leaves his husbandry gear to his eldest son in satisfaction of his children's portion of his goods. J. Braishey 1597, in a long will of a clearly well-to-do yeoman, wills that his eldest son, already bequeathed other items, shall have all his husbandry gear "paying for it as it shall be priced".

12 wills describe farm gear in greater detail. H. Lawson 1577 requested that his "wain and wain gear, carts and cart gear, ropes and rope gear, plough and plough gear" and his harrow remain at his tenement after his wife's decease. R. Wildeman 1575 mentions his "iron teams and all other iron gear that pertain to husbandry". There are other named items: A. Wharfe 1574 bequeaths to his eldest son "one cornwain one pair of wheels and one head yoke". In 1548 R. Browne leaves a cowpe (*cart*) a pair of cowpe raithes (*removable boards for heightening it*), a plough, a culter (*coulter for plough*), a head yoke, and one knoppe (*a kind of tub*) *inter alia*. R. Crake 1594 leaves "all husbandry gear whatsoever as well gavelockes (*crowbars*) and axes, and for one hacke (*mattock*) and one new spade do belong to the Church...". R. Carr 1597 leaves a gavelock and hack to be "heirlooms at the house". J. Houghton (1588) mentions a great grindstone.

The greatest number of animals bequeathed are, predictably in this area, sheep, which feature in 41% of the 102 wills. There are many specialist terms for these and differing types are left for various purposes. T. Somerscale 1573, a wealthy man with a long and complex will, leaves ewes, lambs and "gimber (*gimmer*) sheppe" in quantities of two to ten to more than ten people including his servant. Grandchildren and godchildren are very commonly bequeathed lambs or ewe lambs, an investment for the future. Sometimes gimmer lambs are promised "to

## Rooms in the house

The earliest reference comes in 1553 from R. Somerscales; 'Thomas shall occupy the fierhowse', meaning the main house with a fireplace. '...my brother Sir Richard the chamber of the back side of my fire house with a sufficient bed and bed clothes'. Sir Richard was a priest (will of 1557). In 1572 R. Foster asks that 'Agnes Foster my sister .... shall have a bedroom in my house'. J. Frankland (1574) says similarly that 'my brother shall have a bed room at my house'.

W. Foster in 1577 says that 'Dorothy my daughter shall have a bedroom with Christopher Foster and Thomas Foster my sons.' R. Carre (1579) requires that 'Agnes my sister in law shall have a bedroom at the house ... she being unmarried and in such convenient place as my executors think most meet for her'. In 1585 J. Edlestone's sister Margaret can have a bedroom in the house. C. Browne (1585): 'My daughter shall have that chamber in the north side of my now dwelling house to lie in at her pleasure as long as she shall keep her unmarried'. J. Houghton wishes that 'my wife Agnes ... shall have one chamber in the nether end of the firehouse and the loft over it. One long chest standing in the loft. My son to have one bedroom with (...) to the same in the mid-chamber upon the backside until such time as he can be better provided for'. In 1589 R. Kydde says 'my daughters shall have a sufficient and honest bed room in the little chamber beneath the house to come and go unto so long as they be unmarried.'

There are eleven more examples from 1590 to 1600 as follows.

T. Foster 1590 'great Ambrie standinge in the Paller...'

R. Crake 1594. '... the great malt arke and the little malt arke in the barn, the meal arke in the chamber, the great salting tub and the almory and the two chests in the buttery, two chests in my chamber and my cupboard in my study, all shelves or boards and all bedstocks in and about the houses as they stand and all the tables, chairs and stools in the houses'. Crake notes money due for his writings so the study was perhaps his work-place.

J. Braishey 1597 'one almory in the cellar...'

J. Brown 1597 'my brother in law shall have a bedroom in my house .... and free access ..as he had during his single life'.

R. Carr 1597 'one high table in the firehouse one joined bed stocks and one pair of bedstocks in the fire house'.

W. Craven 1597 'one great arke standing in the seller'.

T. Hall 1597 ' ... my firehouse there..'

M. Sigsweeke 1598 'Anne my daughter to have ... the chamber called the Shoppe wherein to sett her bed and her chest...'

## The further education of children

Children were generally catered for in wills by inheritance of property or sums of money and if they were under age the mother usually was resourced accordingly. The widow might be bequeathed the whole of a tenement for example rather than a third or a half if children needed support. Another member of the family or supervisors might be appointed to look after the interests of children, taking over the tenement to produce income.

In the 231 wills there is mention of a school master, children's school education, apprenticeship or university training in only 17 cases. In many instances the cost of this education was a major factor in the sharing of the goods of the deceased; typically the educated child did not receive his child's portion, otherwise equally shared out amongst his siblings. Only boys are involved; there are no cases of Inns of Court attendance but this usually followed university. Giggleswick School offered scholarships to Christ Church college, Cambridge and the Alumni lists show that many local boys went to university.

The Giggleswick School Register (H.L.Mullins, 1913) lists only five pupils in the period 1500 to 1600 (four Carrs and Nathaniel Shute, eldest son of Christopher Shute the vicar) but the wills suggest perhaps ten more. Robert Carre, third son of Adam of Grainhouse, matriculated at Christ's in 1578, gained BA 1581 and MA 1585. James the fourth son, matriculated 1579/80, BD St Catherine's 1582/3, MA 1586. He became vicar of Alnwick 1590-3 and died in 1593 (Alumni Cantabrigiensis). There might have been a third son Alan who went to the school. Christopher Shute is noted as going to Pembroke in 1561 and a Lionel Foster entered Trinity from Giggleswick School in 1578.

Education was obviously highly valued by some, but continuation of farming on the tenement was extremely important.

The following extracts are from wills with the earliest one in 1567.

### *Richard Priston 1567*

Thomas my son be kept at the school as long as my supervisors shall think good, and if he be aminded to continue at learning then I will that William my son have the mill, thackwhate and smith, and he to keep Thomas at the school...

### *Adam Carre of Grainhouse 1568*

... unto Addame Carre my son toward his maintenance at the school ....

And where also I have borne at great charges unto Robert and James Carre my sons in keeping them at school ((and so have no further claim on the goods)

### *Adam Somerscales 1569*

... my two children which are at London...

### *Thomas Foster senior 1571*

I will that Agnes my wife and Richard Foster my son keep or cause to be kept at the school George Foster my son until he be twenty years of age.

## Money

The interest in money concerns the amounts noted in the wills, to what causes money is bequeathed and with what coins. Three main areas can be discerned, involving the church, arrangements for inheritance of land, and gifts to relatives, friends, children and godchildren.

The donations to the Church are by way of forgotten tithes, mortuary payments to the priest and scholars, money for masses to be said, church building and repairs, gifts for installing bells, donations to the poor and good community causes such as highway repairs.

The payment of a fine (gressum) when leasehold land passed from the deceased to the inheriting son (usually) was the usual practice, amounting to several years' rent. The matter of continuing to pay rent or receiving rent from land leased to others often received attention in wills. A gift to the landlord to maintain his favour was not unusual.

Small token gifts to godchildren, such as 1d, 2d or 4d were commonly made. Larger amounts were bequeathed to children, especially those other than the eldest inheriting son. Arrangements were sometimes made to compensate the non-inheriting siblings.

There were no banks so money was held in cash or put out on loan to others - relatives or friends. Henry Foster (1589) says that 'much of my goods be in creditors handes and I know not how they be gotten up...' Loans would sometimes be forgiven as a bequest. The coins available were varied and minted in different periods. Some of the following coins are noted in the wills.

Gold: pound 1592 - 1600 (20s)  
sovereign 1489 - 1526 and 1544 - 1553 (20s)  
half sovereign 1509-1547 (10s)  
ryal gold coin first issued in 1465 & worth 10 shillings,  
then 15 shillings under Mary & Elizabeth I.  
noble 6s 8d (half a mark) 1344 - 1464  
angel 6s 8d from 1464  
half noble 3s 4d 1509-1547  
half angel (angelet) 3s 4d 1464 -

Silver: testoon (12d) 1485 - 1547  
shilling 1548 - 1966  
sixpence 1551 - 1967  
groat (4d) 1279 - 1305, 1351 - 1662  
threepence 1551 - 1944  
half groat (2d)  
penny 780 - 1797  
half penny 1279 - 1660

Reference is also made to the mark, worth 13s 4d (two nobles), from the earliest will in this collection, 1390, to the last in 1602. The mark was a measure of weight of gold or silver and a monetary unit originally representing the mark weight of pure silver, worth 13s 4d in English and Scottish currency. There was a Scottish coin of this value and various foreign coins. There is no mention of 3d in any of the wills and only one to 1/2 d by Brashey in 1597 for his rent of 15s 10 1/2d.

Nobles (6s 8d) are mentioned from 1543 to 1599 but the amount 6s 8d is given in wills from 1516. The wills of the 15th century prefer the mark (13s 4d) as a unit and this gives way to thinking in terms of units of 6s 8d and 3s 4d as well as pounds, shillings and pence. The

## Trades and Professions

Before 1500 there are wills for two vicars (Stalmyn and Wodhouse), one chaplain (Altham), and one draper (Chewe, 1473). There are a further three priests up to 1540 (Carr, Malton, Mone). In 1548 Lawrence Yveson has the office of the keeping of Langcliffe mill.

It is only after 1553 that people identify themselves more frequently according to status or trade. Robert Somerscales of Settle in 1553 is a fuller and Miles Wildman of Settle also in 1553 has a walk mill and is a clothmaker. A walk mill is for fulling cloth, taking the name from the German word 'Walker' for fuller. Richard Somerscall in 1557 is a priest (the last one found up to 1603). There are 25 wills in this decade of 1551-1560.

The next decade 1561-1570 with 22 wills has

Priston	1564	clothmaker (tenters, shears)
Iveson	1565	husbandman (cousin Wm. Iveson is the miller in Langcliffe)
Foster	1567	clothmaker (shears, tenters)
Priston	1567	walk mill, smithy
Howson	1568	smithy
Cookhed	1570	clothmaker (tenters, shears)
Watson	1570	cart gear

The word smithy may indicate a worker in metal and perhaps other materials and not necessarily a blacksmith.

The decade 1571 - 1580 with 45 wills has

Foster	1571	clothmaker (tenters, walker shears)
Frankland	1574	smithy
Lawson	1574	husbandman
Preston	1575	cart gear
Brown	1576	husbandman
Browne	1576	lime pit house
Banks	1577	husbandman, weaver (looms)
Houghton	1577	husbandman
Lawson	1577	cart gear
Carre	1579	tools and looms as belong to the smith's occupation

For 1581-1590 we have 35 wills:

Brayshay	1582	husbandman
Husband	1582	husbandman
Watkinson	1582	husbandman
Cookeson	1585	labourer
Carre	1586	yeoman
Lawson	1586	yeoman
Houghton	1587	husbandman
Houghton	1588	husbandman

## **Glossary of words used in the wills**

AMERCE – recompense

AMBRY / ALMORY / ALMERYE / ALMER / AUMBRY – cupboard used for storage of dishes and food

ARKE – wooden chest, often for meal storage

BEAR / BERE - pillow case

BEDSTOCKS – bedstead or its front and back parts, perforated bed frame to support cords

BIGG – barley

BOARDS – flat wooden surface such as a table top

BODIES - bodice

BRANDRETH - grate, gridiron or tripod for holding a cooking vessel over a fire

BRAZEN – something made of brass, often refers to a pot or pan

BRETHERY / BREDREY / BRETHERON - brother

BRIDEWAIN – carriage loaded with household furniture and utensils, which travelled from the house of the bride's father to the bridegrooms house. The wains were drawn by oxen, whose horns and heads were decorated with ribbons

BUTT – small two bedroomed dwelling

CAMLET – light cloth or garment of the same

CHAFFE BED - straw mattress

COWPE / COUP - a dung or lime cart with closed sides and ends on sleds or two wheels

COUNTER – table or desk used for counting

CULTER - coulter

CURON – care of underage children

DOWER - dowry

DOWAGER - A term used in late medieval period to differentiate between son's mother (dowager) as opposed to wife's mother (mother in law)

DUBLER – large sized plate or dish of wood, pewter or earthenware

EWE - twice-shorn female sheep

FATT - vat

FIRE HOUSE - main room of house

FRENNETT – possibly meaning foreign (from German word fremd)

FRIEZE / FRESE – coarse woollen cloth with a nap, usually one side only

FRISE – jerkin

GAVELOCK – crowbar

GIMMER - female sheep under two years old

GIMMER LAMB – first year lamb up to mid-summer

GIMMER HOGG - second year female sheep up to first shearing

GIMMER SHEARING - between first and second shearings

GREAT GOODS – cattle and horses

GRINDLE STONE - grind stone

GRESSUM – payment to the lord on the occasion of change of tenant

HACKE – tool used in the kitchen / mattock

HARDEN / HURDEN / HORDEN – very coarse linen cloth from flax and hemp

HOBBIE - pony

HULLYNG – coverlet

HUSBANDRY GEAR – farming equipment

HUSTLEMENTS – small objects with no specific individual value

**WILL of Christopher Altham chaplain of Giggleswick 1461**  
**Borthwick vol. 2 fol. 451**

*marginal note* Computatum est

In dei nomine Amen In die Sancte marie magdalene Anno domini mill[es]imo  
Quadringe[si]mo Sexagesimo primo Ego xroferus Altam capellanus compos mentis  
condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo  
omnipotenti et b[ea]te marie virgini ac omnibus Sanctis celi Corpusque meum  
sepeliend in eccl[es]ia de Giggleswick. It[e]m lego unum equum nomine mortuarij mei.  
It[e]m lego fabrico ecc[les]ie de Giggleswick omne debitum meum que michi pro(?)  
vicarium ecc[les]ie p[re]dict per suam conscientiam debet. It[e]m lego *cuilit*  
[quili[be]t] capellano existenti ad exequias(?) meas et missam dic Sepultura mee iiii  
d. It[e]m lego Laurencio Altam et pueris eius inter eos dividend xiiij s iij d. It[e]m lego  
Rob[er]to Altam frater meo et pueris eius inter eos equalit dividend xiiij s iij d unam  
murram linifi[c]at cum Argento et unam zonam de serico linifi[c]at cum Argento.  
Item lego Johanni Altam fr[ater] meo et Pueris eius equalit dividend xiiij s iij d cum  
quinque bobus et boviclis ac uno lecto videlic[et] Unum coverlett ij blanketts et duo  
linthiamina. Item lego Elizabeth Altam in Pecunia numerata decem marcas. It[e]m  
lego Pueris henrici Altam xiiij s iij d int[er] eos equalit dividend. It[e]m lego henrico  
Wodewarde et pueris eius xiiij s iij d int[er] eos equalit dividend. It[e]m lego uxori  
Radulphi dogeson et Pueris eius xiiij s iij d int[er] eos equalit dividend. It[e]m lego  
henrico filio eiusd[e]m Rad[ulph]i unam Sicam. It[e]m lego xrist[ist]ofero Altam Scolari  
unum Supplicium. It[e]m lego Will[el]mo Clought monacho in Conventu de Sallay  
Unum Piliu[m] colors de violett et unum Annulum (*mispelt*) Argenti. It[e]m lego  
ux[or]i Will[el]mi Lille unam vaccam seu pretium unius vacce in pecunia numerata.  
It[e]m lego Jacobo Joy unam equam cum una file. It[e]m lego Joh[ann]e Wodwarde  
famulo meo unam vaccam Unum lectum videli[ce]t coverlett ii blanketts et duo  
linthiamina ac dimid Petram lane. Residuum vero omniu[m] bonorum meor[um]  
supine non legatorum do et lego execut meis ad disponend put coram Su[m]mo Iudice  
volu[er]int. Huius autem testamenti mei Johannem Altam fr[at]rem meu[m] et  
Elizabeth Altam Cognatam meam meos exec[utorem] facio et constituo Et Johanne  
Pudsay militem Sup[er]visorem ordino ad om[n]ia p[ro]missa fide[li]te  
p[er]implend[a] In omne rei testimonium huic p[re]senti testamento meo Sigillum  
meum appos[ui]m[us] hiis (*sic*) testibus Rogero Twesilton Radulpho Dogeson et alijs



**Richard Altham 1572**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 336**

In the name of god amen the xth day of aprill Anno Dom 1572 I Richard Altham singleman seike in bodee but of good and pfecte remembraunce loved be allmightie god make this my last will and testament in manr and forme followinge Firste I give and bequeathe my soule to allmightie god and to all the glorious companie in heaven and my bodye to be buried in the prshe church of gigleswicke also I give and bequeathe for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will also I give and bequeathe to Richarde Tatham my sister sonne x li in penye and penniworth Also I give to John Altham my brother xx s and to Jenett Altham my sister xx s for that they shall shall (sic) to my executors a genall acquitance when they shall receive the said monie also I give to John Altham my kinesman sonne of John Altham a bucke skin dublett a paire of newe shoone Also I give to Isabell Altham and Elline Altham to either of them a wedder yf they live or els their skins to Agnes Altham a busshell of malte Also I give to the poore and Fatherles children of Settill xij s iiij d Also my will is that James Armistead of ovrsettill shall laie(?) one arke of mine wch the said James haith in his kepinge at one tyme within this v yeares nexte folowinge and he to pay x s for yt and for the locke vj d also my will is that yf anie of my sister children dye before they be of lawfull aige his or their pte shall remaine and come to him her or them..... The reste of all my goodes my deptes funrall expenses and other ordinarie fees paid and discharged I give and bequeathe unto Cath(?) Tatham and margarete Tatham equally Betweene them excepte my Bagge and my Belte that I give to John Tatham Also I make and constitute my executors John Tatham my brother in lawe and Richarde Tatham my godson I make George Somerscales and John Altham supervisors of this my last will and govnrance of my godson Richard Tatham duringe his nonaige theis witnesses John Hall John Lupton John Iveson John Kinge and Willm sarchinson with others ...

Latin text

In the name of god Amen the fyftene day of Julie in the xxvth yeare of the reigne of ~~our Lord~~  
~~god~~ (deleted) the reigne of (*sic*) our soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god quene of  
England france and Ireland defender of the faith Etc 1583 I Robert Althame of Giggleswicke  
in the countie of yorke sicke in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance prayed by god do  
make this my last will and testamente in writinge in manr and forme followinge First I  
bequeathe m (*sic*) soule to Jesus christe my maker and Saviour and my bodie to be buried in  
the churche yeard at Giggleswicke And also I bequeathe for my mortuarie and other churche  
dues all that right will Itm I give to the poore people of the pishe of Giggleswicke  
....shillinges to be bestowed at the discretione of my suprisores. Itm I give grante bequeithe  
and devise unto wm Halle sone of George Hall laite of Giggleswicke deceased one close in  
Lawkland field called the newclose under the same pcell of those landes wch I latlie boughte  
and purchased of one John ~~Book~~ Banke and all wayes and easmentes needful and lawfull with  
carte, cattall and carriage to and from the same to have and to hold occupie possesse and  
enjoye the same To the said willm Hall his heires and assignes for ever, Also I give devise  
and bequie the unto the said willm Hall his heires and assignes all tht pcell of ground lyinge  
in his newe close, And wch I laitlie boughte of one Richard Lemyng. And all assurances  
towching the same Also I give devise and bequie the unto the said willm Hall and his  
assignes, The whole Bargaine wch I gave together wth one Thomas hall of and in one close at  
Langshawe of the grante of one John Remington, and the whole comoditie thereof in as large  
manr as I myghte or oughte to have had the same. Also I give to the said willm Hall two kye  
one meare and a fole, and also four poundes of money, And one stage or coulte whether of  
the two as he will chewse, And all suche money as I disburse for him to Richard Lemyng for  
the bargaine of the thre Roydes and all his owne household stuffe, and beddinge, And this to be  
unto him in full lue and recompence of his service donne, And of suche goodes as I had of  
his. Itm I give and bequie the unto Richard Hall Brother of the said willm, The halfe of my  
goodes not bequie thed, And for Alkild my wyfe the other halfe of my said goodes equallie to  
be devised betwene theme, Also I give and bequie the unto the said Richard Hall twentie  
markes more of money to be payd to hyme by John Althame, and John Wilkinsone of  
Lawkland in consideracon as hereafter shalbe expressed, Itm my will is that my mother shall  
have the comoditie of those houses garthes in Lawkland wch she nowe occupieth of myne  
duringe her naturall lyfe. Itm my will is, and I bequie the and devise unto alkild my wyfe the  
occupancy of all my landes and tenements in Lawkland. To have and to hold to her and her  
assignes for terme of her lyfe excepte onelie the close under the same before geven to willm  
Hall And the garthes beequie thed to my mother for terme of her lyfe. And after the decease  
of the said Alkild my wyfe my will is and I give and bequie the and devise unto James  
Althame of Lawkland my brother, And to John Althame his sone. And to the heires of the  
bodie of the said John Althame lawfullie begotten all those houses and buyldinges garthes and  
Garthinges in Lawkland wch I laitlie boughte and purchased of one John Banke, together with  
all the closes and pcells of grounde wth thappurtenances hereafter mencioned, that is to saye  
one closse at Kaystelle one halfe acre of land and myddowe be hynd garthe, one halfe Royde  
at muster hole, one Rood and a halfe Roode of land, at the shortt crofte, with all the myddowe  
in the nooke, one halfe acre on the longe one dale at bankstoole one parocke at bankestole, all  
my whole pte on the ~~Beasse~~-Barresse belonginge to the whole lande one pcell of grounde at  
Stainebrige one pcell of land at Laingappe nexte to the groundes of the said James Althame  
my whole pte in the Hawkeheisse the tenante righte of one closse at fairgappe ~~nexte to the~~  
~~grounde of the said James Althame my whole pte~~ of the yearlie rente of two pence, And  
comon of pastur, and all other comodities within and throughe onto the whole comones mores  
and feilds belonginge to the towne of Lawkland so muche as unto two shillings unto  
belongethe accordinge to thorder of neighbourhead, To enter to all the pmisses at the feast  
daye of the purification of our Ladie next after the deathe of the said alkild my wyfe, And to  
have and to hold the same to the said James Althame for terme of his lyfe And to the said  
John Althame his sone And to the heires of his bodie of the said John Althame lawfullie  
begotten And in consideracon of this my gift my will is that the said John Althame his heires

## William Armestead 1602

### Borthwick vol. 28 fol. 736

In the name of god amen the fifth day of June in the 44th year of her Majesty's reign anno dni 1602 I William Armestead of Armestead sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance laud and praise be given to God Almighty do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I give and bequeath my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God hoping to be saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick whereof I am a parishioner. Also my will is that Robert Armestead my son shall have all my tenements which I or my assigns do now occupy both by lease and by custom to him and his heirs for ever and he to enter unto them when he shall come to the age of 16 years. And in the meantime my will is that my cousin Richard Armistead shall have the bringing up of my children if my mother in law and they cannot agree together. Item my will is that when my mother in law and my children cannot agree together my mother shall have half of my tenement of Lawkland of 11 shillings rent during her widowhood. Item my will is that my son Robert Armetstead shall give and pay to his sisters Agnes and Isabell Armestead £40 either of them £20 and to pay the same as they shall come to 21 years of age. And if it please God to call either of them to his mercy before they come to the age of 21 years then my will is that he shall pay £30 to the other then living at such time as he shall accomplish the age of 21 years. Item my will is that if it please God to call my son Robert Armestead to his mercy without issue of his body lawfully begotten the above said tenements shall remain to Agnes Armetstead my eldest daughter and to her heirs for ever paying to her sister Isabell Armetstead three score pounds when she shall come to 21 years of age or else to let her have my tenement at Lackland of the 11 shillings rent to her and her heirs for ever. And if it please God to call my daughter Agnes Armetstead to his mercy without issue of her body lawfully begotten then my will is that Isabell Armetstead my daughter shall have all my tenements to her heirs for ever. Item my will is that John Armetstead my uncle in law shall have all that ground of Lackland belonging to my tenement which he now occupies there of 11 shillings rent from Candlemas day to Candlemas day during his natural life in some consideration of such sum of money as I have before had received of him and after his death the same to remain as abovesaid. And ..... I stand bound for the true .... of £20 with and for Rowland Armetstead in the sum of £40 to Richard Ratcliffe and Frances Lupton which £20 was due to and been paid at ...by past. And if it so fall out that my executors or administrators do pay the same £20 then it is my will that they shall have and enjoy the ..... bargain of ground which the said Roger Armetstead has made to me in consideration of my discharge. Item my will is that if the Earl of Cumberland do redeliver and pay that money back which I paid to him for further assurance of my said tenement that it shall remain and come to my said son Robert or to such of my children as shall enjoy my said tenements. Item my will is that my son Robert shall have his child's part of goods and all my husbandry gear over and besides his child's part of goods. And the rest of my goods I give unto my two daughters equally to be divided between them. And if it fortune that my executors have any trouble for or about my will or any thing therein contained then my will is that they shall take of my son's child's part of goods to defend that trouble with .... then to pay the rest unspent. Also my will is that if my daughter Agnes will not be partly guided and advised in the choice of her marriage by my executor and the supervisors of this

**WILL OF John ARMESTEDE 1560**  
**Borthwick Vol. 16 Folio 118.**

In the name of God Amen the 20th. Day of June the year of our Lord God 1560 I John Armetstede of the parish of Giggleswick sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance thanks be to God make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to God almighty my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will Also I will that my mother have all such things & continue in such state as my father lett her in during her life Also I will that my wife be the best at my house during her widowhood (my mother excepted) & order all things to the most profit of his & her children being born & of surities for her to my executors to bring them up Also I will that Thomas my son have when he cometh to the age of 21 years £3.6s.8d. land that is to say 10 nobles which I now do dwell upon & other 10 nobles in the tenure of John palay to him & to his heires male of his body lawfully begotten for fortune & if he die without heires male lawfully begotten, then I will that it remain to Gilbert my son & to his heires male & if he fortune to die without heires male lawfully begotten then to my youngest son if it please god that my wife be with a son if not it to remain according to my fathers will also I will that Thomas my son shall pay when he cometh to the age of 21 years £20 to my executors & they to keep & pay the same £20 to my 2nd. Youngest son if god send me another son when they come to the age of 21years If I have no new sons, then the said £20 to Gilbert my son if he die to my youngest son & for lack of them both to be paid equally divided among my daughters & as they come to age or be married the rest of my goods my debts paid bequests & funeral expenses paid & discharged of the whole goods I give & bequeath to be equally divided among my daughters at the discretion of ..... Carr Thomas Banks my bretheren in law & Hugh Armitstede my brother the (which) Adam Thomas & Hugh I make my whole executors of this my last will & testament These witnesses John Swainson John Pailay & Robert Swainson with other moo

*3 lines in Latin*

**Borthwick vol 22 fol 245**

**Cicellie Armistead 1578**

In the name of god amen the xviiij th daie of februarie anno dni 1578 I Cicellie Armetsteade late wiffe of Thoms Armetsteade of Lanckcliffe in the pishe of giglesweke sicke in bodie but of good and pfect Remembrance praysed be god do make this my laste will and testament in manner & forme followinge Firste I bequithe my soule to almightie god my maker and savioure and my bodie to be buried in the churche yarde at Giglesweke Allso I bequithe for my mortuarie and other (and other) Churche dewes all that righte will Itm I bequithe and give all my goodes and Chattelles moveable and unmoveable my dettes and fun[er]all expences paide unto Elizabeth Armetstead and Jennet Armetstead my daughters in full dischardge of their Childe porcons wch I was Chargdged wthall and for their better Furtherance I ordeine make and appoint the saide Elizabeth Armetsteade and Jennet Armetstead my saide daughteres my whole executors of this my laste will and testament These Wytynesses Thomas Brashay and John Browne

Latin text

## **Roger Armetsteade 1521**

### **Borthwick vol. 9 fol 189**

In dei nomine Amen anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo primo duodecimo die mensis maij ego Rogerus armetsteade compos mentis et sane memorie tamen aeger corpore condo testamentum meum in hunc modum In primis do et lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate marie et omnibus sanctis eius corpusque meum sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie parochiali de Gygleswyke Item lego tertiam partem tenementi mei ac bonorum uxori mee ac ... partem tenementi Rado filio meo et post decessum uxoris mee lego totum ius et titulum et predicti tenementum Radulpho filio meo licentia domini Item lego margarete filie mee unam iuvenecam vel sex solidos et octo denarios parte sua propria Residuum bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego filiabus meis Johanne Jane margarete ac katerine Item ordino et constituo uxorem meam fore executricem meam Item constituo Jacobum Car Thomam palay ac Johannem linsay Supervisores istius testamenti die et anno supradictis hijs testibus Roberto Stakhouse Rogero Watson et Johanne Jackson cum aliis(?)

In the name of god amen 1521 the 12th day of May I Roger Armetsteade of sound mind and good memory yet sick in body make my testament in this manner First I give and leave my soul to almighty god blessed Mary and all the saints and my body to be buried in the inside of the parish church of Gygleswyke Item I leave a third part of my tenement and the goods of my wife ... part of the tenement to Rad[ulphus] my son and after the death of my wife I leave all the right and title and the said tenement to Radulphus my son with the licence of the lord Item I leave to Margaret my daughter a cow as well as 6 shillings 8 pence as her own property The rest of my goods not bequeathed I give and leave to my daughters Johanna Jane Margaret and Katerine Item I ordain and constitute my wife to be my executrix Item I constitute James Car Thomas Palay and John Linsay supervisors of this testament the day and year written above These witnesses Robert Stakhouse Roger Watson and John Jackson with others

WILL OF AGNES ARMETSTEDE MAY 09 1538  
BORTHWICK PROBATE 11 FOLIO 298

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the year of our lord god 1538 the 9<sup>th</sup>. day of April I agnes armitstede late wife of James armitstede seke in bodie & of good memory & mind thanks be to almighty god make my will as after followeth first I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god & my maker & our lady saint marie & all the saints in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the church of saint alkilde virgin of Giggleswick Also I bequeath to my mortuarie that at right will Item I bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath to Elizabeth newhouse my b..... 20 sheep neither of the best nor of the worst one bedd of clothes 2 little braspotts a pane & a (felt) Item I bequeath to Robt.armitstede ..... 20 sheep neither of the best nor of the worst one braspotte 40s. in money & 16s. of lent money in his fathers hands Also I bequeath to John Armitstede my son one cow with a calf Item I bequeath to James Armitstede my son half of all the goods both quick & dead his own goods that he hath received thereof conferred & first to be allowed in his part thereof after conscience if he be so contented & if not then I will he give his own goods & half my quick goods & so to be contented for his portion Residue of all my goods not bequeathed my debts & funerall expenses paid I give & bequeath to Roger armitstede & to hugh armitsede my sons which I make my executors of this my will, to see that it be disposed according to my will for the health of my soul as they will answer for these being witnesses Thomas cokhede Thomas Foster & William husband with other moo

*three lines in Latin*

**Borthwick vol 29 fol 408-9**

**Richard Armistead 1603**

In the name of god Amen, The xvi th daie of februarie Anno dni 1603 I Richard Armitsteade of Langcliffe sicke in bodie, but of perfect memorie praised be Almightye god doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I geve and bequeath my soule to Almightye god, And my bodie to be buried at the discrecon of my frindes. Itm I will that my debtes be paied of my whole goodes. Itm. I will that Anne my wife shall have her lawfull thirdes of all my goodes, and also the third parte of my landes or tenementes duringe her naturall life. And therafter her death the saide third parte of my landes or tenementes to remayne againe wth the other two partes to my posteritie wch shall enioy the said landes or tenementes to a sonne or daughter for wheras my wife beinge now wth childe if god send her (a) sonne and that he doe live till he come to mans estate. Then my will is that he shall have and enioy my saide landes and tenementes and in regard thereof he shall paie to my two daughters Margrett and Agnes, and to either of them the some of x (li) and the same he shall paie to them upon they shall accomplish the full age of xxvi (tie) yeares. And my will and mind is that he shall enter to the benefitt of my landes or tenementes when he shall come to the age of xvj yeares, but if my sonne die before he doe come to age, or that god doe send my wife a daughter, then I will that my daughter Margrett shall have my landes or tenementes, and in regard thereof she shall paie to my younger daughter Agnes xx (li) when the saide Agnes shall accomplish the full age of one and twentie yeares, And I give my children their equall porcons of my goodes, And for the rest of my goodes not yett alreadie given I will that my wife and children have every one their equall porcons, And I will also that my father and mother shall have and enioy the third part of my tenementes duringe their lives naturall except one parcell of ground called gudgaine bankes, And of this my last will and testament I make Anne my wife my whole executor. Witnes of the same Richard Kidson Willm Browne Thomas Armitstead Thomas Kyd(?) wth others

Latin text

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 166**

**Thomas Armistead 1570/1**

In the name of god amen the fourthe day of mche Anno dni 1570 I thome Armistead of langcliffe wtin the pshe of gigleswicke secke in body and of good and pfecte Remembrance loved be allmyhtie god mayke this my last will and Testament in manr and forme followinge First I give and bequeathe my sowle to allmightie god and to all the glorious companye in heaven and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of gigleswicke Also I give for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that ryght will Also I will that my wyffe shalbe best one duringe her widowheade and have her widowryghte of my farmeholde and goodes and after her widowheade I give the title and Tenant Ryghte of my tenemente unto Anthonye Armisteid my Sonne wt licence of the lorde Also I give to the said Anthonye my Sonne all my husbandrie geare wt timber and bowes after my wyffe widowheade and so muche graine as shall Sowe his farmeholde and he to be Contented wt this for his Childes porcon Also I give to my foure daughters that is not married ther childes porcons of goodes accordinge to the lawe Also I give to Thome foster my sonne in lawe my best Jackette and to xpofer hesledonne my other Jackette the rest of my parte of goodes my deptes and all other funerall expenses paide I give and bequeathe to my sonn or daughters equallie amonges them and I make and constitute Cecilie my wyffe and anthonye Armisteid my Sonne my sole executors Theis witnesses Thomes Braischay Thom Sailbancke lawrence Carre and Thom foster wt others

Latin text

**James Armistead 1589**

**Borthwick vol 24 fol 300**

In the name of god Amen The last daie of may 1589 I James Armistead of fryer Stainforth in the pishe of Giggleswick sick in bodie, but of whole and pfect mind prased be almyghtie god do make this my last will & testamt in maner and forme following First I comend my soule into the handes of Almyghtie god my heavenlie father by whose mercies through the redemption in Jesus Christ I verelie beleve to be saved And for my bodie I will that it be buried at the discretion of my frendes Also I geve for my mortuary that wch is due and accustomed Also I geve and bequeth unto Christofer Armistead my sonne my Lease wch I have taken of Lanckcliffe milne. Also I geve to Roger Armistead my sonne foure poundes in monie or monie worth The rest of all my goodes my debtes and funrall expenses paid I geve and bequeath to my said sonne xpofer Armistead and Thomas Armistead whome I make executors of this my last will & testamt These being witnesses Thomas Husband & willm Lawklande with others ...

Latin text



## William Armistead 1595

### Borthwick vol 26 fol 239

In the name of God Amen. The sixteenth day of November in the xxxvij th yere of the reigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland, Queene defender of the faith etc 1595. I willm Armistead of freerstainfurth sicke in bodie, but of pfect remembrance praised be god, do make this my last will and testamt in manner and forme following. First I comend my soule unto Jesus Christ my onelie lord and saviour by whose death and redemption is wrought and through whome my faith do assure me that he shalbe Coheritor with the rest of his saints in the kingdome of glorie for ever. And for my bodie I will it shalbe buried in the church yeard of the pish church of Giggleswicke. And for my mortuuarie (sic) and other church dues I will the same be truelie paied. Also it is my will that Alice my wife and John my sonne shall have the use and occupacon of my tenement and goods and shall mainteyne and kepe with sufficient meate drinck clothing lodging and other necessaries my daughters Elizabeth and Anne Armistead if they wilbe therewith contented, and agree to dwell together with them, untill they my saiddaughters to come to lawfull marriage, and that at such time as they shall come to lawfull marriage I will that the said Alice my wife and John my sonne do paie unto either of them the iust some of twentie pounds of currant and lawfull monie of England for their furtherance and better prefermt in marriage in full satisfaction of their filiall ptes and childs porcons of all my goods chattells and debts. And my will is also and I give and bequeath unto my sonnes Christofer Hugh and Richard everie one of them, the iust some of Six poundes thertene shillings fower pence of currant and lawfull english monie when they shall severallie come to their severall aige of xxj yeres to be paied unto them by the said Alice and John my said son in full satisfaction of their childs ptes of all and singuler my goods and chattells. And shall also be mainteyned and kept with sufficient meate drinck clothing lodging and other necessaries until they and everie of them do come unto the said age of xxj yeres if they wilbe contented to staie and dwell so long with my said wife and sonne And I constitute and ordeyne my said wife Alice and John my said son my ioynt executors of this my last will and testament. And in witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand marke or signe the day and yere abovesaid, in the presence of these witnesses willm Laukland younger Christofer Armistead Richard Armistead Richard Foster and Robert Stalmon....

Latin text

**Alice Armisteade 1599**

**Borthwick vol 28 fol 134**

In the name of God Amen the xxvij th daie of November 1599 I Alice Armisteade daughter of Roger Armisteade of Armisteade sicke in bodye but of pfect Remembrance praised be god, doe make this my last will and testamt in manner and forme followinge First I Comende my soule to Jesus Christe my onelie Lord and savior and my bodye to be buried in the Churchyard of the parishe Church in Gigleswicke, Itm I give to willm Armisteade my brother three pounds of Current and lawfull money of England Itm I give to Agnes wife of Robart Prockter of wathbecke my sister fower pounds of lyke money. Itm I give to Elizabeth wife of John Lindsaye my sister sexe pounds of lyke money. Itm I give to ~~Elizabeth~~ Issabell wife of James Faltroppe my sister sexe pounds of like money Itm as for the of (*sic*) householde stuffe I give the same unto Thomas Armistead my brother and to Elizabeth my sister equally to be divided between them, All the rest of my goods my debts first discharged, my funerall expences paide and other dues donne I give unto the said Thomas Armisteade my brother whome I ordaine and appoint my sole executor of this my Will. Wittnesses hereof Thomas Palaye and Roger Armisteade.....

Latin text

## Stephen Armitstead 1599

### Borthwick vol. 29 fol. 20

In the name of God Amen the second day of February in the 42nd year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. Anno 1599 I Stephen Armitstead of Capleside house in Craven within the county of York yeoman sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be Almighty God therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick whereof I am a parishioner and for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. Item my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods, and whereas my debts be paid and funeral expenses performed my will is that my wife Margaret shall have the third part of all my goods to her own proper use. Item my will is that my said wife shall have the third part of all my lands as well that which lies at Grinleton as also that which lies in the over Racke upon Rawthmell moore, in the county of York during her life natural. Item my will is that my said wife shall have the third part of all my leases and tackes of ground during her pure widdowhead if the said leases endure so long. Item my will is that my son John shall have the tenement where upon I now dwell at Capleside (except my wife's right before mentioned) during the term which .... shall be to come in the same, to him, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns upon condition that he shall pay unto his brother Thomas £27 and to his sister Jane £13 at such time as my son in law John Hargraves, John Armitstead of Wigglesworth, William Armitstead of Rawthmell Christopher Wildman of Selside and Thomas Browne ..... assign and adjudge him to pay the said sums ..... . . Item my will is that my said son John shall .... to him and his heirs for ever except my wife's right ..... shall pay unto his brother Thomas £20 at such time as they ..... shall adjudge and assign the same to be paid. Item my will is that if my said son John shall make default in any of the said payment in part or in all, that then my said tenement and also my said over raike shall be and remain unto my said son Roger to his heirs and assigns in as large manner as the same should have remained unto my said son John upon condition that he shall pay unto his brother Thomas £47 (*sic, not £27 as above*) and to his sister Jane £13 and at such times as the said five men shall assign the same to be paid. It is my will that my son Roger shall have all my land lying at Grinleton aforesaid to him his heirs and assigns for ever and that my son John shall seal, assign, execute, and deliver unto him for the same and for the sure making of the same unto him his heirs, and assigns all such assurances as my son Roger by his counsel learned in the law shall require, devise, or advise within one half year next after my decease. And if my said son John do refuse to seal unto my said son Roger such assurance or assurances for the assuring of the said land unto him and his heirs for ever, or to do any further act, thing or things touching the same which his said counsel learned in the law shall reasonably devise or require of him within the said time, that then my said son John shall not have any profit by any of my said leases, or land except that land which lies at Grinleton aforesaid, nor any interest or title in the tenement whereupon I now dwell but that (he so refusing) the same shall remain unto his brother Roger he paying to his brother Thomas and his said sister such sums as is aforesaid and in manner and form aforesaid, any thing contained in this my last will and testament to the contrary notwithstanding. Item my will is that my son Roger shall content and pay unto my

**Borthwick volume 22 Folio 612 verso**  
**will of John Armitstead of Rathmell 1584**

In the name of God Amen the 17th day of October in the six and twenty year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. a thousand five hundred and eighty four I John Armitstead of Rathmell in the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be God) do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my maker and only saviour and my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick. I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. Item I give and bequeath the title tenant right and occupation of my messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in Rathmell unto Roger Armitstead my son and to his heirs and assigns for ever and my lease and all assurances which I have of the same excepting and reserving the third part thereof unto my wife during her widowhood. Item I give devise and bequeath unto Alan Armitstead my eldest son all that my part of the lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances in Rathmell which descended unto me and which was some time belonging to Nettlebed (?) house. To have and to hold to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever. And for lack of heirs of his body lawfully begotten I give devise and bequeath the same lands unto James Armitstead my next son and to the heirs of his body lawfully for ever. And for lack and in default of such heirs of the body of the said James I give devise and bequeath the same lands unto Roger Armitstead my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. And for lack of heirs of the said Roger I give the same lands unto William Armitstead my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. *And for lack of heirs of the said Roger and I give the same lands unto William Armitstead my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten.* And for lack of such heirs I give the same lands unto my daughters equally amongst them and their heirs for ever. Item I give devise and bequeath unto James Armitstead my son my whole part of the parcel of land called Over Banke to have and to hold to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever and for lack of such heirs I give the same lands unto Roger my son and to his heirs and for lack of such heirs I give the same lands unto my daughters equally amongst them. Item my will is that my debts paid of my whole goods and that done my will is that my wife shall have her widow right and my children their portion. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Houghton my servant two..... Item I give to the poor people of this parish which stand(?) which(?) most need 12d to be bestowed at the discretion of my executors and supervisors. The rest of my part of goods not bequeathed my legacies and funeral expenses paid and discharged I give and bequeath the same unto James and William my sons and Isabell my daughter equally to be divided amongst them. Item my will is further that Roger my son shall give and pay unto James Armitstead my son 20 shillings at such reasonable time as my supervisors or the survivors of them shall appoint. And I ordain and appoint Elizabeth my wife and Roger Armitstead my son my whole and joint executors of this my last will and testament. And I ordain and appoint my trusty friends and sons in law Thomas Carre Richard Hardacre and William Knowles and James Armitstead younger of Rathmell supervisors of this my will requiring them to see the same performed according to my true meaning. And if any discord happen to fall amongst my wife and children or any of them my will is that they shall be ordered by my said supervisors of them from time to time. These being witnesses of this my will Henry Foster, William Carre, Thomas Carre, Hugh Carre, Robert Crake, with others.

Latin text

**ARMYSTEDE Rowlande 1552**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol.13 fol.945**

In the name of god amen the 10<sup>th</sup>. day of October in the year of our lord god a thousand five hundred fifty and two I Rowland Armytstede of whole mind and memory loved be almighty god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul unto almighty god and to all the glorious company in heaven and my body to be buried in the church of gigleswicke Item I bequeath for my mortuary that at right will Item I will that Robert Armitsted my son shall have my land in Settill and the tenant right of the farm land paying to his brethren (*sic*) John and hugh £13.6s.8d. and if the said Robert will not pay the said £13.6s.8d. then another of his brethern shall have the land in settyll and pay to the said Robert £13.6s.8d. and if the said Robert shall have no gear then I will that John shall have my land in Settyll, Item my 4<sup>th</sup>. youngest children shall have to their bringing up my land in Settyll for the space of 4 years next ensuing or the profit thereof Item I will that Roger Armitsted my son shall have my tenement that I dwell upon with the licence of the lord paying to Thomas Armitsted my son £6.13s.4d. Item I give unto Margaret my daughter of my part of goods £6 13s.4d. Item I will that my youngest children shall have their portion of goods according to the law Item I will that my wife shall have her right according to the law the residue of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to my 4<sup>th</sup>. youngest children and I make Isabell my wife and Roger my son my sole executors These men bearing witness Roger Armytsted of mvth (*mewith*) Robert palay William preston younger William lynsey and Richard lynsey with other moo

*3 lines Latin*

*Brethern - brothers*

**Thomas Armitsteade 1575**

**Borthwick vol. 20 fol. 77**

In the name of god amen the thertene daye of June a thousand fyve hundrethe seventie fyve I thomas Armytsteade of Armytsteade within the pishe of gigleswecke Sicke in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance lovid be almyghtie god makes this my laste will and testamente in maner and forme folowinge. Firste I geve and bequethe my Soule to almyghtie god and all the glorious companie in heaven and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche or churche yearde of gigleswecke Also I geve for my mortuarie and other churche dewties all that right will Also I will that Isabell my wiffe have and occupie my fermholde duringe her widdowheade to my (*until*) sone Roger be at lawful Aige and then my wiffe to have the thirde pte of my fermholde duringe her widdowheade Also I geve the tittle and tenannte righte of my fermholde withe the licence of the lorde unto Roger Armytsteade my Sonne all my husbandrie gere and he shall geve to his two bretheren and to ether of them James and John thirtie three shillinges foure pence a yere And yf the said Roger die without Issue lawfullie begotten then I geve the said fermholde to James my Sonne and he shall paye to John his Brother three poundes Sex shillinges eight pence And yf James die without yssue lawfullie begotten then I geve it to John my sonne And yf John die without yssue lawfullie begotten then I geve it to ellisabethe my daughter and I will esabell my wiffe shall have her widdow heade righte of my goodes and my Cheldren there porcons accordinge to the lawe Arke a greate Arke (*sic*) that is my howsse syed is a heirelume and shall be The reaste of my pte of goodes my debtes and funerall expences paide I geve & bequethe to ellisabethe Armytsteade my daughter and I make and constitute esabell my wiffe & Roger my Sonne my whole executors and I will that John Nicolsone my Brother in Lawe and john Armytstead my Brother se that my said Sonne roger from tyme to tyme well Broughte up And ordred to he be at lawfull aige these beinge witnesses John nicolsone John Armytsteade Richarde linsaye Roger Wilsonne and Roger Armytstead withe others mo no

No Latin text to follow

**Thomas Armitsteade 1602**

**Borthwick vol 29 fol 191**

In the name of god Amen etc 1602. The fifte day of Februarie in the xliij th(?) of the Reigne of our most gracious sovraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth I Thomas Armitsteade of Tharmitstead wthin the county of yorke sicke in bodie but of perfect remembrance prayed be the lord therefore do make this my last will and testament in maner & forme followinge: First and principallie I comend my soule unto the mercifull handes of allmightie god & my bodie to be buried in the parishe church yard of Gigleswicke Clapham (*sic*) wherof I am pishioner Itm my will is that Anne my wife shall have all my goodes moveable & unmoveable. Itm my will is that Anne my wife shall have ...my groundes at Tharmitstead aforesaid of fower shillings sexe pence Itm my will is that all my debtes mortuary and funrall expenses be paid out of my said goodes Witnesses of the same Roger Armitstead & james Falthroppe.....

Latin text

**Hughe Armitstede of Rathmell Will 1547**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 358**

In the name of god amen the yere of our lorde god 1547 the twentie daie of September I Hughe Armitstede of Rawthemell seke in bodie and hool of mynde make my last will as in forme followeth First I bequeath my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried in the churche yarde of Gigleswike also I bequeath to the mendinge of the hiewaie iis also I bequeath to Isabell my wife the title and tennande right of my farmolde if she kepe hir my wif the space of sixe yeres and then if my sone Roger be amynedid forto to marrie I will he shall enter to half of farmolde if he be obidient to his mother Also I will the other halfe of my farmolde remayne to my wif duringe her widowheade and after her I will that my hooll farmolde shall remayne to my sone Roger Also I will that my wif shall paye to Roger my sone the first yere he shall enter his half of the said farmolde Also I will that the said Roger have when he enters upon half of my farmolde halfe of my housbanderie geare and when he shall enter upon my hooll farmolde he forto have all my husbanderie geare belonginge to my house Also I will that the said Roger when he enters upon half of my farmolde shall give to Stephan my sone to Gremment for the title and tennande right of my farmolde the some of xls and the saide Stephan forto peall the said Roger acquietance the same daie of payment Also I will that Joh... my daughter have her childe parte of my hooll goods at sight of Roger Armitsted Allan Carr Augustyne Browne Alane Carr of Rawthemell the whiche men I have intrusted for my wif and my children Also I bequeathe to Roger my sone xxiiiis whiche he shall receive of the towne of Rawthemell Also I will that if Roger my sone marie and have daughters and no sones that my farmolde shall remayne to Steven my sone and he forto give the said daughters to gremment iiiis Also I bequeathe to my sone Steven one baie fillie All the residue of all my goods my detts and funerall expenses paide I bequeath to Isabell my wif and my children Steven and Margarete Also I make Isabell my wif and Roger my sone my executors of this my last will witnes herof Roger Armitsteade Alan Carr Augustyne Browne Alane Carr of Rawthemell with other moo

[Latin]

**Alan Armitstede of Rathmell Will 1547**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 358**

In the name of god amen the yere of our lorde god 1547 the xx daie of September I Alan Armitstede of Rawthemell seke in bodie and hooll of mynde thanks be to god maike this my laste will as in forme followethe First I bequeathe my soule to almightie god and my bodie to be buried within the churche yarde of Gigleswike Also I bequeathe to everie preste sainge masse for my soule that daie I am buried iiiid Also I bequeathe to the reparcon of the churche iiis iiiid also to the mendinge of the hiewaie iis. Also I bequeathe to Thomas my sone one half acre of grounde at Brakinge painge to me therfore vid Also I will that the saide Thomas have his livinge that is to saie meate drinke and clothing of them that shall occupye my farmolde duringe his lif Also I bequeathe to Margarete my wif half of my farmolde duringe her widowheade I bequeathe other half of my farmolde to my sone John and after my wif the hooll farmolde I will it shall remayne to my sone John and he forto agree with his brother Oliver for the title and tennande right of my farmolde at sight of John Watkynson Alan Carr senior Giles Haghton Alan Carr minor Also I will that my sone John have half of my husbanderie gere when he *?enters* of half of my farmolde and after my wif he forto have all my husbanderie gere belonginge to my house also I will that my wif have her thirdes of my goods accordinge to the lawe Also I bequeathe to John Watkynson one Bushel of Barlie also I will that my detts be paid of my hooll goods. The residue of all my goods I give and bequeathe to Thomas and Oliver my sones and Jane my daughter to be devided amonge them there by even porcions Also I leave James Armitstede my brother and Roger Paley of Stayneforthe in the same awtoritie and truste for the children of Steven Hammerton that I was left in by their fathers will Also I make James Armitstede my brother and Margarete my wif executores of this my last will witnes herof John Watkynson Alanne Carre senior Giles Haghton Alanne Car minor with other moo

[Latin]



**ASHE Anthony 1597****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 26 fol. 558**

In the name of god amen the nine & twentieth day of April one thousand five hundred ninety seven Anthony ashe of Stackhouse singleman, sick in body but of whole and perfect mind god be praised did make his last will and testament in manner and form following First he did commend his soul into the hands of almighty god his heavenly maker believing by the merits (*of*) Christ his son to be saved And he willed that his body might be buried at the discretion of his friends Item he gave for his mortuary that which by law is due and accustomed And he gave and bequeathed to Elizabeth Stackhouse his mother £8 also he gave and bequeathed to Ellen Wilkinson his sister £7 Also he gave and bequeathed to George Gurnell four pounds Item he gave to William Gurnell forty shillings son of James Gurnell Also he gave and bequeathed to every one of the three children of Robert Wilkinson 20s. And if any of them fortune to die his or her part to remain and be to the rest Also he gave to Christopher Stackhouse son of James Stackhouse thirteen shillings four pence Item he gave and bequeathed to (Sarah) Stackhouse 13s.4d. Item he gave and bequeathed to the children of Thomas Carre of Stackhouse 10s. Also he gave and bequeathed to the children of Thomas Wigglesworth 10s. And all the rest of his goods either due to him, before or at the day of his death, or left to be due by virtue of his fathers will or otherwise his debts and legacies and funeral expenses paid and discharged he gave and bequeathed to Edmund Ashe his brother whom he made sole executor of this his last will and testament These being witnesses Thomas Wigglesworth Elizabeth Stackhouse and Elizabeth Wilkinson with others

*3 lines Latin***ASHE Edmund 1602****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 28 fol. 836**

In the name of god amen upon the 24<sup>th</sup>. day of December 1602 I Edmund Ashe of Knight Staineforth within the parish of Giggleswicke and county of york sick in my body but of perfect remembrance do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend my soul to almighty god by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ my only saviour I believe to be saved And my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswicke Also I will that my mortuary and church duties be paid, Item I will that my debts be paid Also I give and bequeath to Bridgitt my wife all my goods and chattels moveable and immoveable, and the lease of my tenement, and all the term of years thereof unexpired And if Bridgitt my wife be with child, then it is my mind and will that the lease of my tenement shall descend remain and come to that child reserving my wife her widowright forth of the same, And that child also to have its right of my goods Also it is my mind and will that Bridgitt my wife shall pay forth of the premises to Robert Wilkinson and James Gurnell to either of them five marks And further whereas there are reckonings resting between the said Robert Wilkinson James Gurnell and me I give to them all such reckoning over and besides my bequeath And if Bridgitt my wife be not with child then it is my will and mind that she shall give and pay forth of the said premises to either of them the said Robert and James five pounds Item I give to William Bankes of Fezor 30s. of the money which he oweth and contained in one bond And I make Bridgitt my wife executrix of this my last will and testament These being witnesses George Swaineson and Bryan Bainbrigge

*3 lines Latin*

**BANKE Alice 1567**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 19 fol. 578**

In the name of god amen the 20<sup>th</sup>. of August 1567 I Alice Banke of Stackhouse sick in body but whole of mind and of good and perfect memory make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul unto almighty god and to all the celestial company of heaven and my body to be buried in the parish church of Gisburne and it is my will and testament that all duty and funeral expenses be (discharged) for my burial. Item I give and bequeath unto my good brother Leonard Symondson the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of current money of England Item I give and bequeath unto my sister ..... two kyne of the (price) of the pound six shillings eight pence Item I give to mr. vicar for my funeral bu.... 5s. and to the clerk thereof 2s. Item my debts paid and funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods to Lawrence lister and Elizabeth my sisters children equally betwixt them to be divided by even portions Item I ordain and make the said Leonard Symondson my brother in law my true and lawful executor of this my last will and testament to see the same truly to be observed and executed bearing witness mr. John Robinson vicar of gisburne beforesaid and James Fox ibi(de)m clerk gisburne

*3 lines latin*

Ibim – ibidem, in the same place

Idem – the same

**William Banks 1577**

**Borthwick vol 21 fol 31**

In the name of God amen the viij day of december in the xvij yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne ladie Eliz. by the grace of god quene of England france and Ireland defender of the faithe 1577 I Willm Banks of huggonhouse in Rawthemell within the pishe of gyggleswicke and in the countie of yorke husbandman, beinge of good and pfecte remembrance, prased be almightie god do make this my last will and testament; in maner and forme followinge First I give and bequithe my soule to almyghtie god my maker and redemer, and my bodye to be buried in the churche yeard of gyggleswicke, also I bequithe to my mortuarie, and other churche dues, all that right will, also my will is that margaret my wyfe shall have her widowright of my goods, and have half of all my tenement and all my pte of the teythe corne and str... duringe her widowhead she payinge therfore the yearlye rent and other dewes Also my will is and I do gyve unto xpofer Banks my sone the Tytle and Tennte Right of my Tenement and of my Tyethe accordinge to my leasses, Reservinge unto my wyfe suche Estate therin duringe her widowhead as is above said, and he to helpe and sucker his brother and systers tyll they come at sucker in his power and also agreeyinge with his brother at the sight of some frends, Also I geve unto the said xpofer my sonne to enter unto after my wyfe widowhead all my husbandry geare and my lomes withall his owne proper goods, and he to claime no other childes porcon of my goods, also I gyve to Robert Banks my sonne vj li xij s iiij d, in peny or pennyworthe ovr and beside his childe porcon, also I gyve to my two daughters agnes and margaret there childes porcons of my goods wche....there mother, Reward The rest of my pte of goods not bequithed my debttis and all other dues paid I gyve to my wyfe and my foure children viz. Xpofer, Robt agnes and margaret equallie to be devided amongst and I make and constitute margaret my wyfe my wholle Executrix of this my last will and testament . The... wittnes Thomas Carr Willm Armytstead of Rawthemell, and James clarke with others....

Latin text

**John Bawderston 1578**  
**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 213**

In the name of God Amen the xxij th day of September 1578 I John Bawderston of Settell within the parish of Giggleswick sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick And for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I give to the poor man's box ij d Also I will that Elsabethe my wife shall have her widow right half of my farmhold landes and goodes And that she to be best at my house during her widowhood and after her widowhood I give the title and tenant right of my tenement and my land unto Richard Bawderston my eldest son and all my husbandry gear and my wife and he to occupy my said husbandry gear together during her time and the said Richard to take this for his child's portion and the rest of my children to have their child's portions according to the law and if it chance at any time hereafter any controversy disorder or any disagreement to be among my children Then my will is that Richard Kidde my brother in law and the recorders of this my last will shall order them at all times Thereafter of my part of goods my debts and all other dues paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto Edwarde Bawderston and Anne Bawderston my daughter equally between them And I make and constitute Elizabeth the my wife and Richarde Kidd my brother in law my whole executors These witness Thomas Browne younger younger(*sic*) Robte Kidde and James Foster Clarke with others

Latin text

**William Borenand 1578**  
**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 342**

In the name of God amen The xxj th day of January 1578 I William Borenand of Settill sick in body but of good and perfect memory (praised be almighty god) make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god, and to Jesus Christ his son my saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of gygleswicke, and for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will, also I will that agnes my wife shall have her widow right of my goods and my children their portions according to the law, The rest of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses, and all other dues paid I give to agnes my wife and to my children equally among them, and I make and constitute agnes my wife my whole executrix, These witness Thomas Brenande Robt Altham Ralinge Lawson and James Foster clerk and curate with others

Latin text

## Will of John Braishey 1597

### Borthwick vol. 26 fol. 556

In the name of god amen the 28th day of April in the year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith the 39 AD 1597 I John Braishey of Giggleswick sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my only Lord and alone saviour and my body to be buried in the parish Church of Giggleswick and for my mortuary and other Church dues I will that which is due and accustomed shall be truly paid. Item I will that my debts shall be paid of my whole goods. Item I give and bequeath the title and tenant right of my tenement and houses with all taken grounds and their appurtenances situate lying and being within the town fields of Giggleswick aforesaid which are now in my possession and occupation which said tenement and houses are of the yearly rent of 15s 10 1/2 d unto Richard my eldest son by the licence of the Lord and to his issue and for want of him and his lawful issue then I give the same unto Thomas my younger son and his issue and for want of his lawful issue then I give the same unto William my youngest son and to his lawful issue and for want of such issue male of my said sons Richard Thomas and William or any of them then I will that all the same shall remain unto such .... of the name as by law is the nearest unto the same always reserving unto Margaret my wife her widowright thereof. Item I will that my said eldest son Richard shall after his entrance unto my said houses and tenement pay unto Thomas my younger son the sum of £20 And that at such time or times as Richard Braishey my natural brother Thomas Browne and William Cocker my brethren in law and Anthony Armisteade of Langcliffe shall think convenient. Item I give and bequeath unto William my youngest son one Close called lowpke(?) and my part of a Close called Highewarke lying and being in the fields of Stainforth under bargh and to his issue lawful and for want of his issue lawful then I give the same unto Thomas my son and to his issue and for want of his issue lawful then I give the same unto Richard my eldest son and to his issue my said wife Margaret having her widowright in and unto the same always reserved unto her. Item for my goods I will that of the same my Children shall have their equal portions and Margaret my said wife her widowright in and unto the same. And for my part of goods my debts first discharged my funeral expenses paid and other dues done I give and bequeath the two parts thereof unto Thomas my said son and the third part thereof unto William my said son and if it so please God that my said wife have conceived or shall conceive and be delivered of Child by me begotten then I will that the Child shall have such part of my said third part of goods with my said sons Thomas and William as shall be set down by the afore named Richard Braishey Thomas Browne Anthony Armisteade and William Cocker. Item I will that my wife shall have the use and occupation of my said tenement houses and grounds until my Children shall come to the age twenty and one years for their better education and bringing up and that at the discretion of the afore named Braishey Thomas Browne Anthony Armisteade and William Cocker. Item if it so fortune that William my said son die without issue my said wife surviving him then I will that my said wife shall have the use and occupation in the fields of Stainforth under Barghe before by this my will given and bequeathed unto him for and during her life natural (any former grant thereof made my said son Thomas and his issue and unto my said son Richard and issue not gainsaying or withstanding). Item I give unto

**BRANNDE Thomas 1590**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 25 fol. 850**

In the name of god amen the fourth day of December 1590 I Thomas brannde of Settle of the parish of Gigleswicke in the county of york sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Gigleswicke, And for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Item it is my will that my wife shall have her widow right of my tenement and of my goods and my children their portions according to law and right, Item it is my will and mind that John my son shall be honestly kept at my house so long as he will take it and be guided by his brother William and when he shall myslicke (*mislike*) thereof he to have a bedroom in some sufficient and convenient place of my house to come and go unto during his life, Item it is my will that William my son shall have my tenement he perform until this my will my wife right excepted And if he do not marry Isabell swainson then my will is he shall have all such goods as I paid to our kind lord for the lease and if he do marry her then my will is that the said William shall pay to John his brother seventy pounds eleven shillings eight pence which I paid for the said lease and for all other taken grounds my will is the same shall be divided amongst my children Item I give to every one of my god children one gimmer lamb to be delivered at midsomer next Item it is my will that every one of my grand children viz William John and Janet shall have twenty shillings of the money which is in the house Also I have delivered to Janet my daughter one new panne one pot and one chist in remembrance of (such?) things as I had (of hers) which things shall not be (prysed) Item I give to William my son half my husbandry gear the rest of my part of goods not bequeathed I give it wholly unto the said Janet my daughter whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament And I appoint John armitstead of Gigleswicke William brannde my son and Richard bawderstone supervisors of this my will to aid and assist my executrix in his right These being witnesses John armitstead Richard Bawtherstone and Robert crake with others

*4 lines Latin*

**Thomas Brashey the elder 1589 (? 1587, parish regs; ?1588, YAS listing)**

**Borthwick vol 23 fol 236**

In the name of god amen the vijth day of May 1589 I Thomas Brashey thelder of Giglesweke beinge of pfect memorye prayed be god do make this my last will and testament in mannr and forme followeinge, First I commend my soule into thands of almightie god my heavenlie father by whose mercyes through the redemption in Jesus christ I verelie beleve to be saved and my bodye to be buried at the discretion of my frends secondlye I give for my mortuarie that wch of right is due and accustomed Allso I give to Richard Brashey my sone the tent in the west end of the towne, of the yearly rent of sixtene shillinges with the leave and Licence of the lord allso I give to the said Richard Brayshay my sone all my land in Gigleswicke of the yearlye rent of vj s viij d Whearupon the said Richard nowe dwelleth and is possessed Allso I give to the said Richard Brayshay my sone one pare of oxen or thre Pounds sex shillinges and eight pence to buye a yock of oxen wth all at the choice of my executor. Allso I give to John Brayshawe my sone my farmhould in the east end of the towne, of the yearlie rent of xs together withall appurtenances and improvements belonging to the same with the licence of the lord, Allso I give to Issabell my daughter one cowe or xxxiiij s iiij d to buy one withall at her choice to take whether she will Allso I give my husbandrye geare to my sones Richard Brayshay and John Brayshay equallie to be devided betwene them The rest of all my goods my debts and funrall expences paide I give to my sone John Brayshay whome I make whole executor of this my last will and testament this being witnesses Christofer Cocket Anthonye Armistead and others,.....

Latin text

## Robert Brayshay 1582

### Borthwick vol 22 fol 257

In dei no(m)i(n)e amen the twelthe day of february in the yere of oure lord god one thousand fyve hundrethe fourscore and two I Robert Brayshay of langclife in Craven in the county of york husbandman secke in body but hole of mynd and pfite of Remembrance thanks be geven to god make my last will & testamente in manner and forme folowinge that is to say First I comend my soule to god almyghty by myne assured faythe in whom and therowe the meritte of the passion of his dere Sonne Jesus Christe I fathefully beleve and hope to enioy and have the heavenly reward & blessed life ppared from the beginninge p...ably to endure for all suche Christian sowles as dye in the lord and pass away from this worldly miserable and transitory life with a pure and lyvely faithe in Christe Jesu his sonne and I will my body be buried in suche place and with suche decentnes & funrall obliquyes to be done and executed about my buriall as the lawes of the churche will pmitt also I geve to Isabel Carr my servante one arke one arke (*sic*) and one gymbre Lambe also I geve to anne Siggeswicke my Servante one gimer lame also I geve and bequethe to every child whom I am godfather unto one Lame also it is my mynd & will that all my whole messuage or Tenement wth thappurtenances whereupon I now dwell be occupied by mgaret my wife and my brother John Brayshay ioyntly together and the pfitt thereof remynge to be equally devided betwixte them bothe or otherwise used for the pfitt of them bothe in like duringe the naturall life of my said wife and she always to be taken and used for the beste & head of the house and after the deathe of my said wife I geve and bequethe unto the said John my brother all my interest, title, tearme, Tenement, right, clame & demand wch I now have or hereafter might or my have in & to the said messuage or tenement wth thappurtenances & in & to all suche as dothe belonge the same to have, hold & occupy, and enioy the said messuage or tenement & other the pmisses wth thappurtenances wth all my interest title, tearme, tenement, righte, clame, and demand in, and to the same as it shall fortune to be at & in the day of the said margaret unto the said John & the issue of her bodye lawfully begotten for ever pvided always that if it shall fortune the said John to depte oute of this mortal life wthout issue male of his body lawfully begotten Then I geve and bequethe my sayd interest, title, tearme, tennante right claime & demand into the said messuage or Tenement wth thappurtenances unto Thomas Brashay my brother Richard Sonne and to the issue of his body lawfully begotten for ever from and immediately after the deathe of my sayd brother John also it is my mynd & will that two of my arkes and one old almory shall stand, continue and remayne still in my house as heirlomes for my wife and my sayd brother John, and so from one to an other of our successors The Reste of all my goods unbequethed my detts Legacies and funrall expences discharged I geve and bequethe unto my sayd wyfe and my brother John to be equally devided betwixt them whom I make executors of this my last will and testamente thes beyng witness Mathew Siggeswick John Armetstead John Brayshaw & others

...Latin text



**Thomas Brayshay 1597**

**Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 516**

In the name of God amen the 9th day of February 1597 I Thomas Brayshay younger of Giggleswick sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Jesus Christ my only Lord and alone saviour etc. and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Giggleswick aforesaid and for my mortuary and other church dues what of right is due and accustomed I will the same be truly paid. Item I will that my debts shall be paid of my whole goods. Item I give and bequeath my whole estate and title of tenant right of my tenement and leases with their appurtenances now in my own occupation and also the Right and title of all that land tenements and houses in the tenure and occupation of my father Richard Brayshay whatsoever as(?) or may befall as due unto me after the decease of my said father (my mother her widow right according to law reserved unto her) unto Richard my son and unto his issue lawful and for want of my said son and such issue if(?) Margaret my wife have remained and bring forth a child by me begotten then I will the same wholly remain unto the same child and to the issue lawful thereof. And for want of the said child and such issue then I will the same shall wholly remain unto Christopher my brother and to his issue lawful (*and for want?*) of him and such issue I will that the same remain unto Elizabeth my ..... lawful issue and for want of her and her issue then to every ..... always .... the aforesaid ..... their appurtenances Margaret my said wife and her widow right reserved unto her as the same shall fall unto her for and during her pure widowhead. And if it fortune that my said son Richard die my said wife not having Conceived or brought forth my Child then living by my body (as?) is aforesaid) begotten and she then Remaining in pure widow head ..... thereby my said lands and tenements and houses with their appurtenances (as is afore set down) do remain to my said brother Christopher only her widow right (unto her bequeathed in manner and form aforesaid excepted) then my will is that my said brother Christopher shall satisfy amply unto my said wife such sum or sums of money and at such times as shall be ordered and set down by four substantial honest and indifferent men two whereof to be appointed by him and the other two by my said wife. Item I give unto Richard my said son his whole portion of my goods and if my said wife shall bear another child by me begotten then I will that that child have equal portion of my goods which my said son Richard and my wife her widow right thereof and for my part of goods I give the same unto my said son Richard and the said child if it fall out that my wife do bear another and to my said wife equally to be divided between them. Item I will that the best almery in my father's house and one pair of bedstocks left in my house(s?) do still remain and continue at the houses. And I appoint Margaret my said wife my whole executor of this my will. Witnesses hereof John Palaye Richard Brayshay and Anthony Armistead

Latin text

**James Brown 1576**

**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 6**

In the name of God amen the second day of February in the year of our lord god 1576  
I James Browne of gygleswicke sick in body nevertheless of good and perfect  
remembrance do constitute ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner  
and form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer,  
and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of gygleswicke also I bequeath to  
the poor man's box xij d also I give to William Browne my son all my land and the  
title and tenement right of my tenement also I give unto the said William Browne my  
tithe of gigleswicke also I (give) to alkid Browne and kellettes children half of my  
goods and the other half of my goods I give unto William my son, also I make the  
said William Browne my whole executor of this my last will and testament These  
bearing witness Thomas Breyshawe George Lawson and Richard Breyshawe younger

Latin text

**BROWN John 1597****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 176**

In the name of god amen the third day of January one thousand five hundred ninety and seven I John Browne of Setle being sick in body but of good and pfect remembrance god be praised do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First I commend my soul into the hands of god my maker hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting and I commend my body to the earth whereof it is made Item I give and bequeath to Ellen my wife all my lands leases and goods moveable and immoveable situate lying and being within the lordship of Setle and langcliffe in the parish of gigeswick in the county of york to have and to hold the same and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Ellen my wife (from) and immediately after the day of my death during her widdowhead to be intent and upon condition that my said wife shall pay and discharge all my debts and funeral expenses and also all such childs portions and bequeaths as according to my meaning in this my last will is mentioned and declared that is to say First I will and my mind is that the said Ellen my wife shall pay unto either of my two daughters the sum of thirty pounds of lawful English money that is to wit to Anne Browne £30 and to Isabell Browne £30 at such time as they the said Anne and Isabell and either of them shall come to full age of 21 years or be married Item I give unto my son William one gray filly of the age of three years Item my will and mind is that my said son William immediately after the death or widdowhead of my said wife shall enter into all my said lands and leases before mentioned and bequeathed and the same to enjoy according to the several estates and terms of the writings thereof made unto the said John Browne the right of my wife is if fortune that she marry again and take a husband for and during her life only excepted and reformed provided always and upon condition that he the said William my son do with this my gift and bequeath to him limited hold himself well contented and pleased without expecting or looking to have any part or portion of my goods other than to him as already given and appointed and if he resist so to do then my will is that he shall have no part nor portion of any of my said lands and leases before limited unto him after his mothers decease or widdowhead but then same to descend and come wholly to my said two daughters in manner and form afore specified Item my will is that my brother in law William Geldard shall have a bedroom in my house wherein I now dwell and free access to the same at all times as hereafter he hath had during his single life Item my will is that if it so please god that my son William die without issue of his body lawfully begotten that then my house and land in Setle of six shillings eight pence rent shall return and remain unto my said two daughters to be divided equally between them Item I make the said Ellen my wife and my said brother in law William Geldard executors of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Richard Bradley James Cookson John Kid Thomas Saylbanke and Arthur Somerscales

*6 lines Latin*

**John Browne 1591**

In the name of god Amen the xx th day of June in the xxxiiij yeare of the reigne of our sovgne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god quene of Englande France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. 1591 John Browne of lanckcliffe of the pish of gylesweke and countye of yorke Sicke in bodie but of pfecte remembrance prayed be god abut the laste day of februarie last paste before the date hereof did make and sett downe this his laste will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme folwinge First he did commend his sowle into the mercifull handes of Jesus Christe by and throughe whose onely deathe and passion he did fully beleve to be an inheritor of the kingdome of god Also he did apointe his bodie to be buried in the churche yeard of gylesweeke And that his mortuarie and all other church dues should be paide Also he did by the same his will geve grant devise and bequeathe unto Willm Browne his eldest sonne his whole estate and righte of in and to his whole messuage and tenemente with apptennces in Lankliffe and the benifytte of all and everie bargan thereof made or framed and all somes of money by him alredie paid for or in respecte of the same Also he did apointe and yt was his will that the saide Willm Browne his sonne shoulde bringe uppe James his sonne and Alice his daughter till they and eyther of them should come to Lawfull age or mariaige or other wyse pferred And also that he should take into his handes all the goodes which he the said John then hade And for asuringe as the same his goodes were unto of a smalle value his will was and he did apointe the same William to sett forwarde twentie nobles to the use of the said Alice his daughter to be aplied (?) to her moste profytte And the same to be unto her in full satisfacon of her wholle childes pte and filiall porcon of his goodes Also he did apointe and yt was his will that the saide William his sonne should pay unto his brother James twentye nobles within sixe monethes nexte after that he shall accomlishe the age of Twentie and one yeares in full satisfacon of his wholl childes pte and porcon of his goodes Also to Thomas browne his sonne Twentie nobles at the end of his prentishipp as his full porcon The residewe of his goodes not bequeathed and all other his goodes and chattells for the considracon aforesaide he did geve and bequeath unto the said William browne his sonne And did apointe and ordayne the said Willm browne his sonne his wholle executor And did require us the psonnes hereunder wrytten to cause this his will to be putt in wryttinge and to wytnes the same as his lawfull acte and laste will Thomas newhowse James Coakson with others

Latin text

**BROWNE Austen 1577**  
**Ref.Borthwick.York.,vol.21 fol.31**

In the name of God Amen. The third day of January anno regni Elizabeth dei grat..  
anglie France etc queen decimonono Anno dom. 1577 I Austen Browne of  
Rawthemell in the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance,  
praised be almighty God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form  
as followeth, First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and Saviour, and  
my body to be buried in the church yard of Gigleswicke, Item I bequeath for my  
mortuary, and other church dues all that right will, Item I give and bequeath the title  
and tenant right of my tenement with the licence of the lord unto Stephen Armitstead  
which married my eldest daughter, Item I give and bequeath unto Hewe Browne my  
son, if he be living and do come into the country his own self £3.6s.8d.,the same to be  
unto him in full recompense of his whole childs part of my goods, with that which I  
gave to my son Willim to bestow upon him, and I do charge Willim my son on gods  
behalf to be good to my said son hewe, and to recompense unto him some reasonable  
portion (fourthe) of that goods which he had of me, Item I give to Anne Armitsted  
eldest daughter to Stephen Armitstead my son in law, one great brass pott which  
before this time was given to her and some (receyved agane?) Item I give to any of  
the five children of the said Stephen which was my daughters children 12d. Item I  
give to Thomas Bordley (19s.6d.?) which is in the hands of henry nelson of  
Conistone, the residue of all my goods and cattells moveable and immoveable, my  
debts and funeral expenses paid I give wholly unto Anne and Jane my daughters  
equally to be divided between them, and I make and ordain the said Anne & Jayne my  
daughters my joint and whole executors of this my last will and testament, and I make  
and ordain my trusty friend Robt. (Cocket) of Gigleswicke Stephen Armitstead of  
Frerehead John Foster of Rawthemell and Thomas Bordley of Wiglesworth  
supervisors of this my last will and testament requiring them to aid and assist my said  
two daughters in all their lawful causes, These being witness William Armitsted  
Thomas Carr John Foster and Thomas Bordley  
3 lines Latin

**Borthwick volume 21 Folio 4v**  
**Will of Bernard Browne 1576**

In the name of God Amen the 25th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1576 anno regni Elizabeth dei gracia anglie regine 19th I Barnarde Browne of Closehouse in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be Almighty God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and saviour and my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick. Item I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. Item I give and bequeath to Emmotte my wife the occupation of my whole tenement at Closehouse during the end of four whole years from the marriage of Thomas my son to bring up my children with all according to the true meaning of the bargain made already between Robert Talior(*sic*) of Roomehouse(?) and me, unless that the said Thomas my son and his mother do otherwise agree and after the four years end I will that my said son Thomas shall enter unto two parts thereof and my wife to have the third part during her widowhood and after her death, my will is that the whole title and tenement right of the said tenement at Closehouse aforesaid shall remain unto the said Thomas Browne my son and to his lawful issue for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto Adam Browne my son my whole estate and hereditament of and in one house or barn situate in Giggleswick fields nigh a place called Sufferwasse (?) and all assurances touching the same and also I do give unto the said Adam Browne my son to ..... hereafter to be mentioned all that half oxgang of land and meadow with the appurtenances which I had and bought of my cousin Thomas Brown of Cockhead, and also my whole estate and bargain which I have jointly with one James Brown late of Giggleswick of certain grounds granted and warranted to us and our assigns by the said Thomas Brown of Cockhead as by certain covenants made amongst us for that purpose more at large appears. Together with also the bargain which I have with one George Lawson of Giggleswick of one George Foster of the same and all my whole estate therein and thereunto. To have and to hold all the said premises to the said Adam my son and to his lawful issue for ever upon such conditions as hereafter shall be expressed and for lack of issue lawfully begotten by the said Adam, then my will is and I do give all the said bequeathed appointed to Adam, unto Richard Browne my son and to his lawful issue for ever and for lack of Richard and his lawful issue then I do give the premises to Margaret my youngest daughter and to her lawful issue for ever, and for lack of her and her lawful issue then I do give the said premises unto Isabell my daughter now wife to John Bank and to her lawful issue for ever and for lack of her and her issue then I do give the said premises unto Anne my daughter and to her lawful issue for ever and so to the residue of my children and their lawful issue for ever provided always and my will is that if the bargains last recited which I have of Thomas Browne and of George Foster which stand upon redemption be not loosed(?) and redeemed according to the writings, then my will is that the said Adam my son shall give unto the said Richard his brother for either bargain three pounds six shillings eight pence to be paid to him when he shall accomplish the age of 21 years, and both the said bargains, or either of them be loosed(?) and redeemed, then my will is that the said Adam shall be released of these payments unto Richard his brother and my will is that the money which shall be received of Thomas Browne and George Foster, or either of them I do give the same unto Anne and Margaret my daughters jointly between them, and I charge my son Adam not deny it, any thing before mentioned to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. Item my will is that the new house all beneath the wall, viz.

**Christofer Browne 1585**

**Borthwick vol 23 fol 53**

In the name of God Amen. The sixteenth day of June in the xxvij<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England, France and Ireland Quene defender of the faith etc. And in the yeare of our lord god one thousand fyve hundrethe fourescore and fyve. I Christofer Browne of Settle in Craven in the countie of yorke sicke in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance prayed be god do make this my last will and testament in writinge in manor and forme followinge. That is to saye, First I bequiethe my soule unto god almyghtie my maker and unto his dere sonne Jesus Christ my onelie saviour and redemer, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard of Giggleswicke ,and also I bequiethe for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that right will And further I give and bequiethe to Janet my wyfe her widdowe right of my goods And (*morover?*)I give unto Willm Browne my sonne, And Agnes Browne my daughter their childe porcons of my said goods, And I will that Agnes my daughter shall have that Chamber in the north syd of my nowe dwelinge howse to lye in at her pleasur so longe as she shall kepe her unmarried my dettes beinge paid and funrall expenses discharged I give all the rest of my goodes unbequithed unto Agnes My daughter. And I make the said Janet my wyfe and Agnes my daughter executors of this my last will and testament. Witnes of this my will Richard Kydd, Richard Lunde, Richard Somerskaile, and Anthonye Shawe. ....

Latin text

**Borthwick volume 24 Folio 109**

**Will of Emmott Browne 1588**

In the name of God Amen the 18th day of July 1588 I Emmott Browne late wife of Barnard Browne of the Closehouse within the parish of Giggleswick being sick in body but perfect in mind do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father By faith in Jesus Christ believing verily to be saved. And my Bodie to be buried at the discretion of my friends in the parish church yard of Giggleswick. I commend for my mortuary that which is right and accustomed. Also I bequeath to my three natural daughters Isabell Anne and Margaret three young beasts equally to be divided amongst them. Item I give to Bernard Browne the son of my son Thomas Browne one young beast to the end he may be my executor. Item I give all the rest of my goods to Adam Browne my son my debts and funeral expenses paid. And of this my last will and Testament I make Bernard Browne aforesaid my executor. These being witnesses William Preston and John Brayshey

Latin text

**Isabell Browne of Giggleswick Will 1551**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 910**

In dei no[m]i[n]e amen the xxixth day of Aprile in the yere of oure lorde god 1551 I Isabell Browne hooll of mynde and memorie lauded be god make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge first I bequethe my soull to almightie god and to all the hoolie company of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of giggleswicke Item I bequethe for my mortuarie that that (*sic*) right will Item I bequeth to Robert Brayshawe iii *?steers* and iii wedders one cowe that he haith in his keping xvs which he owith me Item to Richard Brayshawe son to the said Robert Brayshawe one arke that standeth in the barne Item to Alan Carr sex shepe. Item to Thomas Wilson too shepe that ys to say one hog and one ewe Item to Roger Claphamson xxis that he oweth me for beefe Item to everye of his children one hog Item to Elisabeth Lunde a lettle brasse pott Item to James Lonnd sex ewes and one whye Item to Elynne Lonnd xviii s and a *?chifre ?chist* And thes shall the said Elyn have delivered when she shalbe xviii yeres of aige and if she dye then shalbe delivered to her brethren and sisters Item to William Lonnde vi wedders Item to Jenat Lawson one arke that is in the Seller a pot and a great panne Item to Agnes Kid daughter of John Kidd too ewes and a arke that standeth in the howseside The Residue of my howseholde stuff I will it be devided among my daughters the meall and malte except, at the sight of Richard Ratclyff James Foster clerks alane Carr William Lonnd and John Kid. The Residue of all my goodes my detts paid and funerall expenses I give and bequeth to Willm Lonnd my sonne whome I make my soll executor these men being witnes Richard Ratclif James Foster clerks Alane Carr with other moo

[Latin]

**WILL OF John BROWNE 1553**  
**Borthwick Vol. 14 Folio 159**

In the name of God Amen the 27th. Of September in the year of our lord god 1553. I John Browne of Rathmell sick in bodie & of perfect memory Loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the glorious company of heaven & my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick Item I bequeath 4d. for my mortuary & other church dues that at right will Item I will that John my son shall have his finding of my farmhold during his naturall life & to be honestly...../..... in ..... half an acre of common ground in b.....land & (Bankehead) land & the said John shall neither sell nor let but to Robert his brother at the sight of friends Item I give & bequeath to Jenett Browne my daughter 16 marks of my goods Item I will that my wife shall be the best & have my whole farmhold during her widdowhead & after her widowhead I will & bequeath the title & tenant right of my farmhold to Robert my son with the licence of the lord Item I will that John my son shall have his portion of (goods) according to the law Item I will that Robert my son shall have all my husbandrie gear & a house the rest of all my goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I will & bequeath to Eliz(abeth) my wife whom I make my whole executrix These witnesses Alan Carr the elder Austen Browne Leonard Shepherd John (houghton) & oliver houghton with other moo

*3 lines in Latin*



**Richard Browne of Giggleswick Will 1548**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 502**

In the name of god amen the yere of oure lorde god a thousand fyve hundrethe and xlviii (1548) the viii day of Octobre I Richarde Browne of Gigleswike seke in bodie and holl of mynde thanks be to god make my last will and testament as in forme followinge First I bequeqthe my soull to almightie god and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Gigleswike Also I bequeathe to my mortuarie that at right will Also I bequeath to the comon chiste xiid Also I bequeath to the scolere that day I am buried xiid Also I bequeathe to Elisabeth my wif the half parte of Gigleswike tende (*tithe?*) corne Also I will that after my wif the said tende corne remayne to Richarde Browne my brother sone if he will kepe it to hyme self and his children or els I will that Thomas Carre and James Browne shall putt it wher they thinke moste right Also I bequeath to Elisabeth my wif the thirde of my farmeholde with licence of the lorde duringe here widowhede she payinge *?ferme* therfore accordinge to the custome of the countrie Also I will that my wif have half of my goods accordinge to the custome of the countrie Also I bequeath to Elisabeth Kidde daughter of Thomas Kidde xxs Also I bequeath to John Cokehede vis viiid also I bequeath to Hugh Browne vis viiid Also I bequeath to Chrofer Browne sone of Rollande Browne xxs Also I bequeath to the wif of Hugh Newoss children xs and it to be devided at sight of Thomas Carre Also I bequeath to John Browne xs Also I bequeath to Richard Gifford sone to Richard Gifford of Engleton vis viiid Also I bequeath to William Foster sone of Oliver Foster vis viiid if he live or els to his daughter and if she die before she come at lawfull adge then it to be devided among twentie power folkes Also I make my mr Thomas Bankes esquier and Richarde Ratclif supervisors of this my last will and to se it be fulfilled Also I bequieeth to my mr vis viiid and to Richarde Ratclif iiis iiiid for takyng paynes therin Also I will that my wif have all such goodes as I the said Richarde Browne did have at the house as one *?sconce* one pare of bedstoks a pare of cowpe raithes and one cowpe one ploughe one culter one hede yoke and foure wayne *?how...* xv wayne .....k and one knoppe The residue of my goods my bequestes detts and funerall expenses paid I give and bequethe to Richarde Browne John Browne and Mawde Browne my brother children and it to be devided equally among theme. Also I will that John Browne portion of goodes be in the custodie of Thomas Carre and James Browne and they for to delyver it when they shall thinke right propper for the saide John Browne. Also I make William Browne and Elisabeth my wif my executors of this my last will witnes herof Thomas Yedon clerke Richard Brayshaye William Preston Smyth Richard Palay Edwarde Beckett clerk with other moo

[Latin]

*sconce = screen*

*wayne = cart, wagon*

*cowpe = cart*

*cowpe raithes = removable boards to heighten cart*

*culter = coulter for plough*

*knoppe = tub for ropy yarn*

## Robert Browne 1598

### Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 513

In the name of God Amen the 12th day of April in the 40th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. Anno dni 1598 I Robert Browne of Rawthmell in Craven within the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be Almighty God therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker and ..... Redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Giggleswick in the said church. Item My will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods and after my debts paid and funeral expenses performed I will that all my goods chattels and debts shall be divided into three equal parts whereof I will that Isabell my wife shall have one equal part ..... with the second and third part of my goods and chattels and debts I will that ..... be equally divided amongst my five children .... Thomas William Alice Isabell and Elizabeth. Item whereas Mr John Catterall ..... for and in consideration of 16(?) pounds of good and lawful money of England to him the said John Catterall or his assigns well and truly satisfied contented and paid by the hands and ..... of the said Robert Browne did demise grant sell and to farm let unto me the said Robert Browne one tenement whereupon I now dwell set lying and being within the Lordship of Rawthmell aforesaid being of the yearly rent of 23 shillings of lawful money of England. To have and to hold the said tenement and every the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto me the said Robert Browne and my said wife for and during the space and term of 21 years as appears more plainly by one Indenture of lease taken in the name of my son of Frances upon trust to and for the use of me the said Robert Browne and my said wife for and in consideration of the said .... the said Indenture bearing date the last day of December in the 35th year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Queen's Majesty that now is for the space and term of 21 years from and after the feast day of the purification of our blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Candlemas day last past the day of the said Indenture. Now it is my will that my wife shall have the tenement aforesaid in as large and ample manner and as is expressed in the said Indenture during the space and term or years to come and not expired in the said Indenture being made by the said John Catterall to my said son Frances upon trust for the said consideration and to the use of me and my said wife and the longer liver of (them). Item I make Isabell my wife and my son Thomas executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof hereunto I have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Sealed and signed in the sight and presence of .... Robinson James Armitstead William Armitstead Thomas Carr

Latin text

**Borthwick volume 28 Folio 346**  
**Will of Thomas Browne 1600**

In the name of God Amen the sixth day of November in the two and 40th year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. 1600. I Thomas Browne of Closehouse in the parish of Giggleswick and in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect memory to God be praised therefore do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the earth within the parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my wife children and friends. Item my will is that Jane my wife shall have the occupation of all my messuage and tenements with the appurtenances at Closehouse for and during the whole term of four years now next coming after the date hereof if she the said Jane continue widow after my decease untill the end of the same four years and if also she will during the said time keep and maintain Barnard my son and Margaret his now wife and their issue lawfull according to one Indenture of Covenant concerning marriage between me the said testator on the one part and Thomas Care of Rough close in the said county yeoman on the other part father of the said Margaret my daughter in law made at the time of her marriage she the said Jane my wife yielding paying doing and performing during the time of such her occupation all rents dues and impositions of rights to be payable therefore. And further my will is that after the end of the four years abovesaid or if before the end of the same four years Barnard my son and Margaret his said wife shall dislike to accept their finding and maintenance during the said four years in manner and form abovesaid that then my said messuage tenement and premises with the appurtenances and my husbandry gear shall be divided into three equal parts and that the said Jane my wife shall enter unto two parts thereof and the same to occupy and enjoy to her and her assigns until such time as Anne Browne my daughter shall depart this life or else be married if she the said Jane my wife shall after my decease so long live and keep herself widow and that my son Barnard and his assigns shall enter into have and occupy the other third part thereof to his and their uses. And after such time as Ann my said daughter be married or depart this life then my will is that Jane my wife shall from thenceforth occupy and enjoy only one third part of the said messuage and premises for and during her widowhood and my said son Barnard the other two parts. And for the ..... of all such right and estate as I have or ought to have of and in the said tenement my will is that the same be and remain to my said son Barnard and to the issue of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten by licence of the Lord for ever. And for want of such issue then the same to remain to Elizabeth my daughter now wife of Frances Banks and to her issue lawful so as she the said Elizabeth and her issue or assigns or any of them shall and will pay and content Margaret Browne now wife of my said son Barnard if she fortune to survive the said Barnard and have no issue lawfully by him such sum or sums of money and in such and (*sic*) form as in the indenture above mentioned is set down and thereof did from time to time for ever discharge and save harmless the executors of me the said testator against the said Thomas Carr his executors administrators and assigns and so as also the said Elizabeth my daughter and her issue lawful or assigns shall content and pay unto my said daughter Ann Browne her executors or assigns the said sums of 40 marks of lawful English money in consideration of her title in the same tenement and for want of such issue lawful of the said Elizabeth then the same to remain to my said daughter Ann and her issue lawful so always as she the said Anne or her issue lawful or assigns

**William Browne 1576**

**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 5**

In the name of god amen the ix day of March 1576 I William Browne of Settill sick in body but whole and perfect in mind praised be god do make my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to god my maker, and to Jesus Christ my only redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of gyggeswicke, Secondly I bequeath for my mortuary whatsoever right does require, Also I bequeath all that my tenement which at this present(?) I occupy and enjoy to my wife until my lord of Cumberland come at full age, and if my wife marry before he come to age I give it to Anthony my son, also my will is, that after my son anthony come to age, she shall but have the half of my said tenement until my two daughters be honestly married, and when they be married my will is she shall but have the third thereof, also I give to my wife twenty shillings land which I have in over Settyll to bring up my two daughters withall to they be married and if it fortune that she marry again then my will is she shall have but the third of my said land, or if my said wife decease before my said daughters be married, Then my will is my said land shall remain ..... my son Anthony, and he to bring up my two daughters, until he have helped them to honest marriages and if it please god my son Anthony die without issue, Then my will is that my land shall be equally divided amongst all my four daughters begotten of my last wife, also I bequeath my wife a silver spoon and I bequeath to Anthony my son another silver spoon, and all my stone troughs which I have within my lime pitt house, also I give to two children of Roger Clapham of Staykhus to either of them a ewe and a lamb, also I give unto the three children of Christopher Lawson of mawlane (?Moor Lane) to each of them a gimmer lamb, also I give to my daughter Isabell wife to Roger Broughton of kirkbye a dune(?) filly which he had in occupation the last years, also I give to every one of my godchildren ij d apiece also I bequeath unto my wife and my son Anthony jointly together all my timber lying in Peter Geldart wifes barn, to the upholding of my houses, and all my husbandry gear to occupy the whole tenement, if they cannot agree I then bequeath it all to her so long as she does(?) occupy the whole tenement, and if she occupy but the half or the third as before I have mentioned, Then shall she but have husbandry gear accordingly, Provided always that if my wife marry again, that then the husbandry gear shall wholly remain to my son Anthony and if my son Anthony die, Then to my four daughters above said, also if my son Anthony die without issue, Then my will is that my tenement shall remain to my daughter agnes and to the issue of her body lawfully begotten by Christopher Lawson, and for lack of issue of her body, to Isabell the next of my daughters and from one to another, and for lack of them to the next of my blood, The rest of the part of my goods my funerals discharged, and debts paid I give to my two daughters Anne and Elline and I make my wife margaret and Anthony my son the whole executors of this my last will and testament These witnesses Thomas Brpwne Adam Browne William Medoppe William Howson, and Thomas Howson with others

Latin text

**Thomas Bullocke 1571**

**Borthwick vol. 19 fol. 340**

In de(i) no(m)i(n)e amen the second day of January Anno domini 1570 I Thomas Bullock of Tossed within the demesne(?) of Sallay sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (loved) be almighty god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god and my body to be buried in the parish church of gigleswicke Also I give for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I give and bequeath the third part of my tenement unto heline my wife during her widowhood and her widow right of my goods when my debts are paid also I give to William Bullock my son a dale (*dayll*) in the nether close and he to leave (*leve* ?) his limes stones down the near dale in the haies Also I will my wife will shift the barn into the nether dale then shall she have the said close xvj years to come to bring up her children and mine And if she will not shift the said barn then she but to have the said close xij years time(?) then the said William to enter to it Also my will is that the said William shall pay to Jane his sister at the day of her marriage xx s Also I give to John my son the ..... the house stands in after the widowhood of his mother the near dayle in the haies and half of my part of the calf Close and then said John to pay (to) Agnes his sister at the day of her marriage xx s Also I give to Steven my son ..... Four dales on the haies and the rest of my part of the calf Close And the said steven shall pay to my youngest child if it live xx s and the said steven to ... one year before the term be expired Also if it please god to Call the said steven to his mercy before he enter to this parcel of ground then I give ... to Alexander Bullocke

.....  
And I give the said Alexander vj s viij d and if it shall please almighty god to call to his mercy .... Jane(?) my(?) wife(?) or demand(?) before or she marry then shall that xx s be paid to ..... and to my son Also I give to Margaret my daughter xij (?) yards of white cloth and I give to my ... god daughter Margaret Bullock vj d the Rest of my part of goods my debts and Funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to my wife and children and I make and constitute Eline my wife and William my son my whole executors These witnesses Gyles(?) Butterfeilde Edmunde Bearwste(?) John Bullocke and Henry Swier(?) with others

Latin text

**Richard Burton 1596**

**Borthwick vol 26 fol 514**

In the name of god Amen the xxix th day of August 1596 I Richard Burton of Gigleswicke sick in body but of pfecte remembrance praised be god etc doe make this my laste will and Testament in mannr and forme followeing First I give and Commende my soule to Jesus Christe my onely Lord and saviour and my body to be buried in (*sic*) churchyard of the pishe churche of Gigleswick and for my mortuary and all other church dues I give what of right is due and accustomed Alsoe I give the tittle and Tenntrighte of my tenemt and houses to John Burton my sonne and to the issue of his bodye lawfullye to be begotten alwaye reserveing to Alice my wiefe her widowrighte of my said Tenemt and of my goods And for defalte of my said sonne and of the issue of his body lawfully as aforesaid to be begotten I give my said Tenemt to Thomas Burton my sonne and the yssue of his body lawfully to be begotten. And for want of such issue I give the tittle of my tenemt & tenntright thereto by the Licence of the Right Honorable the Earle of Cumberland my good Lord To my brother John Burton and the issue of his body lawfully begotten also I give to my children there equall portions of my goods except to my sonne John whome I appoynte not portion unto. But my will is that he shalbe contented wth my Tenement for and in full satisfaction of his portion. Also my will is that my said wiefe Alice and my brother John Burton shall have the Bringing up of my children duringe their nonage. Item when my debts and funrall expenc be paid I give to my daughter Jennett twoe pts of my pte of goods And the rest of my pte of goods I give to the rest of my children equally to be devyded amongst them and of this my will I make my said wife Alice sole executrix Theis being witnesses John Burton Robert Kellitt wth others  
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Latin text

**James Cam 1580**

**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 518**

In the name of God amen the xiiij th day of October 1580 I James Cam(m) of Settle in the parish of gyggleswicke in the county of york, sick in body, but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be god almighty) do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer, and my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswicke. Itm I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues, all that Right will Itm I bequeath to the poor man's box ij d(?) Itm I give and bequeath the Title of my Tenement unto agnes my wife during her widowhood also I give and bequeath unto the said agnes my wife her widowright of my goods also I give and bequeath unto katherine Cam(m) my daughter her child's portion of my goods according to the law also I bequeath to Anne Iveson my goddaughter a yowe and a peck of barley, also I will that John Gesgill and his wife shall be in the house with my wife, and to help her to .... so long as they can agree. Itm I give unto the said John Gesgill one bushel of barley and unto his child one lamb to be delivered at mid-summer next The Residue of my part of goods when my debts legacies funeral expenses and all other ordinary fees, and the charges of my funeral is paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto agnes my wife whom I make my whole Executor of This my last will and testament These witness John (alias Jenkyn) Wynnors Robt Altham William Iveson and Henry Partsby and John Gesgill

Latin text

(Gesgill= Gaskell)

## Robert Car 1589

### Borthwick vol 24 fol 301

In the name of god Amen The xxviiij daie of September 1589 I Robte Car of Grene in Rawthmell of the pische of Giggleswicke sick in bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be god do make this my Last will and testamt in maner and forme following First I bequeth my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and onelie savior and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard in Giggleswick and for my mortuary and other Church dues all that right will Itm it is my will that my wife have her widow right of my goods and my children ther whole porcons my debts being first paid of my whole goods Itm it is my will & I geve will devyse & bequethe unto John Car my sonne & to his heires and assignes aswell all my messuage and tente at the Grene wth thapprtenances and els where wthin the Lordship of Rawthmell as also the groundes called Abbot croft and moorebeckskar To have and to hold to the said John his heires and assignes for ever and all Writinges and assurances touching the same & everie of them Also it is my will that John my sonne shall have his childe part of my goodes aswell as the rest he allowing in his porcon xxxiiij s iiij d which the lease of my tenemt standeth in ....I paid for it And it is my will also that John my sonne shall paie unto Elizabeth and Isabell my Daughters to eyther of them five poundes in consideracon of the Abbit croft and Moorbeckscar wch I have geven to him and wch I have bought wth my goodes to be paid to them and eyther of them when they come to lawfull age or mariage And if eyther of them die before they come to lawfull yeres of age or mariage The survivor to have the whole pte Itm it is my Will & I geve devise & bequethe unto Thomas Car my sonne the groundes called overshot wch I bought of John and Richard Frankland and dedes and assurances touching the same To have and to hold to him and his heires for ever .....

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**James Carr 1528**  
**Borthwick vol. 9 fol. 404 mf 918**

**Durham Wills vol. ii p.224 Surtees Soc.**  
**Surtees Soc. vol. 5 p. 219 Test. Ebor. 1884 part II vol. 79**

In the name of god Amen in the year of our lord god m[illesimo] xxviij th the xxiiij th day of ..... in the xix th year of the reign of our sovereign lord king Henry the viij th I James Carr sick in body and whole of will and mind constitute and ordain this my last will in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul unto god almighty and to our blessed lady saint Mary and to all the saints in heaven and my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick of the holy and blessed virgin saint Alkild also I bequeath to my mortuary that at right requires also I bequeath to every priest saying mass the day of my burial iij d also I bequeath to our lady guild if it go forward vj s viij d also I bequeath to the Freres (*brothers or friars*) of the Augustines of York xij d And to our lady house of Appilby xij d and to the gray Freres of Preston xij d And to the Freres of Lancaster xij d also I bequeath to Jenet Tatham ij sheep also I bequeath to Richard my son v s land at Settil And if it fortune(?) the said Richard to die without issue Then I give the v s to Thomas Car my son and his heirs for ever. And the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Richard(?) Car my son whom I make my executor of this my last will also I make Christopher Car my son supervisor of this my will and testament to see that it be performed and fulfilled and for the pain of the said son(?) Christopher I bequeath him x s Further I bequeath the title and tenement right of my farmhold unto Thomas Car my son These witness Mr Wilson Roberte Stakehus Alane Car and Oliver Stakehus

Latin text

## **Will of Elline Carr of Closehouse/Settle 1582**

### **Borthwick vol. 22 fol. 613**

In the name of God Amen the 26th day of February in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland .... defender of the faith etc. 25th Anno Domini 1582 I Elline Carr of Settle of the parish of Giggleswick within the county of York widow sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised be God do make ordain and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commit my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God my creator and maker and to his son Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer through whose only merits death and .....precious blood shedding I most faithfully believe to have free pardon and forgiveness of my sins. And my body to be buried whensoever it shall please God to take me out of this lamentable maze(?) in the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid and my mortuary to be paid if my goods do thereunto extend and all other things are paid and discharged as the law will and requires. Further I do commit the government of my mother and children to Thomas Carre my brother in law trusting upon his carefulness over her in providing meat drink and all necessaries during her natural life. In consideration whereof my will is he have the use and occupation of all my goods and cattels whatsoever movable and immovable during her said natural life and after her decease I give all my said goods to my children equally to be divided amongst them excepting (?) one branded cow being the younger of my branded kine which I give to Elizabeth youngest daughter on(?) and besides her equal portion of my said goods. Also I give to Janet my daughter one gown for Margaret one kirtle to Anne.....a petticoat(?) a hat and a cap. To Cicilie my sister one other colt(?). Finally for the better performance of this my last will and testament I make Thomas Carre my said brother in law executor of this my said will and testament trusting he will see the same..... according to the true intent and meaning Witnesses of the same Robert Crake James Armytstead Thomas Gregsone and Thomas Dockerby with others

Latin text

### **Admon. James Carr of Giggleswick 1518**

### **Borthwick Craven DAB fol 83**

d[omin]us Jacobus Carre de Gyggilswyk nup[er] decessit ..... adm[ini]strandem bonor[um] .... defunct dpa.. no[m]i[n]at intest... .... deb

Sir James Carr of Giggleswick late deceased administration of goods named  
intestate debts.

## Janet Carr 1585

### Borthwick vol 23 fol 53

In the name of God Amen, The first of may 1585. I Janet Carr lat wyfe of Allan Carr of Capplesyd sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance prayesd be almyghtie god, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I comend my soule into the handes of almyghtie god my heavenlie father throughe whose mercye by the redemption of Jesus Christ my onelie redemer I beleve to be saved. Secondlie I give and Bequithe for my mortuarie that wch is right and accustomed. Item I give and bequithe to Rawlyn fawltroppe of Roome my sonne in lawe the some of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England to be paid to the said Rawlyne or to his lawfull assigne or assignes the first day of may, wch shalbe in the yeare of our lord god one thousand fyve hundrethe fourescore and fyftene Item I give and bequithe unto Anthony Wigglesworth my sonne the like some of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England to be paid to the said Anthonye or to his lawfull assigne or assignes the first day of may wch shalbe in the yeare of our lord god, one thousand fyve hundrethe fourescore and fyftene The Rest of all my goodes my dettes and funrall expences paid and discharged I give to my sonne Thomas Wigglesworth, of Stackhouse whome I make executor of this my last will and testament. Thes beinge witnessses James Stackhouse, Thomas Carr, Roger Clapham and Willm Carr with others. ...

Latin text

**Richard Carr of Grainhouse Will of 1593 Borthwick 25 1523**

**extremely difficult script**

In the name of God amen the nynth day of Julie 1593 I Rychard Carre of Graynhous sycke in bodye but in perfect remembrance praysed be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my sole to Jesus Christ my onlie Lord and saviour and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde of Gygleswyck and for my mortuarie and all other dues and ... be payd ... according to the law ... the title and tenement right of my tents in possession or in reversion att graynhous or elsewhere

It is my will that my wife shall have the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ of my late my younge child or children in her wombe

Thomas Carr my brother                      Thomas or his heirs                      Margaret my wife

And I appoint my brother Thomas

Roger of Closehouse

Huggon House

Thomas Carr of giggleswick

Richard Crake

**R.Postlethwaite version**

my bodie to be buried in the church yearde of Gygleswyke. The tenants right of my tenement at Grynhouse or elsewhere unto Adam my sonn, but my wife is to have the occupation of my tenement during her widdowhood, and the governance of my children and their portions till my eldest sonne of lawful age. My debts to be paid of my whole goods: then my wife is to have her widdows part and the rest to my younge childe or children in her wombe yf God give them life and for lacke of them to my other son Adam. As touchinge such righte as I may have in the reversion of any lands or grounds which did belong to my brother William at Hinthoyhe ? (Hunthwaite?) I give the same to Adam my son and his issue.

## Roger Carr of Closehouse

Will of 1597

Borthwick v27, f117

In the name of God amen the ix th daie of Julie in the xxxix th yeare of the raighe of our most gracious sovraigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god also of England France and Ireland Queene defender of the faith 1597 I Roger Carr of Closehouse in the parishe of Giggleswicke and countie of yorke sicke in bodie but of perfecte remembrance praised be god do make thys my laste will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I commend my soule to Jesus Christ my only lord and alone saviour And my bodie to bee buried in the churchyarde of the parish church in Giggleswicke And for my mortuarie and other church dues whatsoever is of right due and accustomed I will that the same bee trulie paied Item I give to the poore in Giggleswick parish Thre shillings foure pence to bee distributed by my executors Item I do give to Roger Carre sonne of Allan Carr my sonne one greate Arke at the fier end in the house one Gavelock and one hacke and the same to bee hirelooms at the house Item I give to Allan Carr my sonne all the hay growinge uppon the halfe of my tenemente which I own And also the one halfe of my corne growinge uppon the said tenemente and the other halfe of my corn I give to John Lawson (?) *Iveson* (?) to whom I am grandfather and I will that my said corne be equallie devided uppon the field by two.....Also I give to my sonne Allan all my husbandrie geare one saltinge cupp (?) and one high table in the fire house one (joined) bed stockes and one pair of bedstockes in the fire house and also shaires and tools belonginge to my house Item I give to John Taylor sonne of Thomas Tailor one yoake of oxen which are .....to bee to his onlie use for ever yf god do call mee at this time And I will that he paie for the .....grassinge of the same oxen Item I give to Jane Proctor one black cowe and one sheete of (?)eight pence a yarde to lye her clothes in Item I give to Allan Parker my new..... Item I give to Timothee one gimmer lamb Item I give to everie one of those children to whom I am grandfather a lamb and where my lambes will not.....Item I give to Thomas Tailor my swine Item I give to my daughter Jenet (?) the best younge.....of Beasts (?) (that ) I have Item I give to the wyfe of Robert Falthrop one old stocke of bees Item I give to my sonne Allans wyfe one other younge swarme of bees Item I give to my sonne Allan my saddle and.....Also.....and some.....goods of my children shalbe contented with these legacies aforesaid to them and their husbands in consideration (?) and of anie.....they to have no benefitt of my will. All the rest of my goods moveable and imoveable my debts and funeral expences paied I give to Thomas Taylor Robert Falthrop and Robert Thornton to be equallie devided amongst them whome I make jointlie mye executors of this my last will and testament These witnesses Brian Cookson and Willm Newhowse Esq.

Latin text

## Thomas Carr 1591

### Borthwick vol 25 fol 1128 mf 937

In the name of God Amen the xiiij th of November 1591, I Thomas Carr of thereene in the Lordshippe of Rawthmell ande of the parishe of Gigglesweeke beinge seek in bodie but of pfecte memorie prayed be almightie god, doe make this my laste will and testament in manner & forme followinge First I commende my soule into the handes of Almightye god my heavenly father trustinge throughe the deathe of his sonne Jesus Christe to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde of geglesweeke Item for my mortuarie I geve what of righte is dewe, Itm I geve to John Carr sonne of Roberte Carr my sonne one cubbard, and one longe cheste after the decease or widow heade of my wyfe Itm I geve to everie one of reste of my sonne Robertes Children vj s viij d Itm I geve everye one of my sonne Olivers Children vj s viij d exceptinge Jaine to whome I have alredie geven vj s viij d before the makinge of this my will Itm I geve to everie one of the Children of Richard Bradely of Rawthmell xij d, Item I geve to everie one of the Children of henrie Diconson deceased xij d Item I geve to Isabell my wyfe the sext parte of the tenemente of vs rente wch I gave by agrement and my will from my sonne Roberte Car and accordeinge to the intent and meaninge therof she doeing all duties appertayninge therto Itm my will is that my wyfe and three(?) children of my son Robte Carr shall occupye my husbandrie geare together duringe the tyme of my saide wyfes continuinge at the howse and after her departure from my house my will is that the same husbandrie geare shall remayne att my howse to the use of the said childrem Also I geve to everie one of my god children xij d apece Also I constitute my loveinge Frenedes mr Shutte, Robert Carr, Alan wharfe and xpofer bankes supavisores of this my will and testament the reste of all my goodes my debtes and funerall expenses paide I geve to Isabell my wyfe whome I make executrix of this my will and testament, these beinge wytnesses, Robert Croake, Alan Wharfe, xpofer bankes, Adam Armitsteade and others ....

Latin text

## WILL OF Thomas CARR OF LANGCLIFFE 1596

### Borthwick vol 26 fol 513

In the name of God Amen the 20th(?) day of December 1596 I Thomas Carr of Langcliffe sick in body but of perfect remembrance (praised be god) do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath and commend my soul to Jesus Christ my only and alone saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Giggleswick. And for my mortuary and all other church dues what of right is due and accustomed. Also my will is that my debts be paid of my whole goods and then my wife to have her widowright and my children their portions. I give and bequeath my messuage, my houses with the appurtenances thereto belonging whereof I am now possessed unto William my eldest son and to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten. But and if it fortunes my said son to die without issue then I give and bequeath one said tenement and houses with the appurtenances unto my younger son George Carr and to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue of the said George then after his death I will that the same remain unto Margaret my daughter and to her issue lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue of the said Margaret I give the same unto Leonard Carr son of my brother William Carr to whom I am godfather after the death of the said Margaret and to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten. And I will that Agnes my wife shall have the use and occupation of my said tenement and houses with appurtenances and also of all my goods until my eldest son William do come to the age of one and twenty years. And then I will that he will enter unto and have occupy possess and enjoy thenceforth the said tenement and houses he the said William paying unto my son George the just sum of six pounds and to my daughter Margaret other xj li (£) of current and lawful money of England at or before his said entry to the same. But and if default be made herein by the said William so as he do not pay or cause to be paid the before said several sums unto my said son George and Margaret my said daughter when he the said William shall come to the age of 21 years (as is aforesaid) and before he do enter unto the occupation of the one half of the aforesaid tenement and houses then I will that my said son George and Margaret my said daughter shall enter unto have occupy and enjoy the said half tenement and houses to their most perfect advantage for the space of one whole year then next following and so from year to year until the said William shall pay or cause to be paid the said several sums unto them or their lawful assign or assigns. And my will is also And I give unto Agnes my said wife the half of my tenement and houses aforesaid with the appurtenances to have and to hold occupy and enjoy the same to her most perfect advantage for and during her widowhood. Also I give unto my son William Carr the best pair of bedstocks that I have in my house. And I will my wife shall have the use of the same for and during her widowhood. And I give also unto my said daughter Margaret one caldron and one Ark which I will shall be the best caldron and ark at the house. The rest of my goods so bequeathed my debts discharged and funeral expenses paid I give unto George my son and Margaret my daughter equally to be divided between them. And I ordain and appoint my said wife my sole executor. And I appoint also Henry Thompson and Geoffrey Atkinson supervisors desiring them to be witnesses hereof

*Henry Thompson*

*Geoffrey Atkinson aforesaid and*

*John Paley*

Latin

## William Carr of Grainhouse

### Will of 1587 Borthwick vol. 23 fol. 837

In the name of god Amen the fyfth day of marche a thousand fyve hundrethe eyghtie seven I William Carre of the Graynhouse and of the parish of Giggleswicke beinge sicke in bodie but of perfect mynd do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soule into the handes of almyghtie god my heavenlie father veryelie belevinge by his merrittes in Jesus Christ to be saved Item my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my frendes Item I give for my mortuary what is righte and accustomed Item I give to my mother Anne Carr thre partes of my landes at huthewhaite duringe her pure widdowhood Item I give to my wyfe Elizabeth thother two partes of my lands at hunthwaite aforesaid and the nether field towards the bringinge upp of my children wherewith she is great at this presente And the rest after my said mothers deathe duringe the minoritie of my child yf yt please god yt lyve and after expiration of my childs nonaige my will is that my said child shall have all my landes at Hunthwaite aforesaid and the nether field reservinge to my said wyfe her thirds accordinge to lawe And also reservinge to my mother as is aforesaid. And yf my child fortune to dye within her mynoritie then my will is that my wyfe shall have two partes of my land at Hunthwaite duringe her pure widdowhead. And after I give the rest of my said lands and nether field to my brother Thomas Carre and Richard Carre equallie betwene them reservinge as is aforesaid to my mother her thirds and to my wyfe her thirds if my child lyve. And two partes if it dye duringe her pure widdowhood. Also if my child fortune to dye and my brother Richard Carr to come to my lands as is aforesaid Then my will is my said brother Richard Carre shall paye to my said wyfe foure pounds and to my mother twentie shillings in consideration of the nether-field. Also I give the third of the husbandrie geare which my father Adam Carre gave to me to my wyfe and my child. Item my will is that my mother shall sowe to thuse of my wyfe at Hunthwaite the next yeare or whensoever they parte houses fourtene bushels of ottes and halfe a quarter of barley. Also if my wyfe dye before my child accomplish his full aige then my will is that my said mother shall have the tuition of my said child lands and goods. The rest of my goods my detts and funeral expenses paid I give to my wyfe Elizabeth and my child equallie to be devidid betwene them. And of this my will I make my said wyfe Elizabeth the sole executrix. Thes beinge witnesses Roger Carre Richard Lynsey Thomas Carre with others.

Latin text



## Adam Carre of Grainhouse Will of 1586

### Borthwick Prob. reg. 23 fol. 380

In the name of god Amen the fourth daye of Februarie in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand five hundreth foure score and fyve in the 23<sup>rd</sup> yeare of the reigne of our sovraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of england France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I Addame Carre of Grainhouse in Giggleswicke in the countie of yorke sick in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance prayed be god do make this my last will and testamente in manner and forme following First I bequeathe my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and redeemer and onlie saviour. And my bodie to be buried in the churche yard at Giggleswick. Item. I bequeathe for my mortuarie and church dues all that ryght will. Item. my will is that my wyfe shall be best at my house duringe her widdowhood and to have her widdow righte of my tenement at graynehouse and the occupation of the third parte of her rights of my landes at graynhouse and in Giggleswicke. Item. I give unto Willm Carre my sonne and to his heirs and assynes for ever all my title and ryghte of the tenement at nether Hunthwaite which I take of Adame Armitstead by lycence of the lord he the said Willm. performeing suche covenants and things as of my parte are and Aught to be performed And I give also to the said Willm. Carre my sonne the title and tenante right of one close at over- Huntwayt of sexe pence rent by lycence of the Lorde. Item. I give unto Richard Carre my sonne the title and tenante righte of my tenement at Graynehouse of twelve shillings rente by lycence of the Lord to have and to hold to hym and his heirs and assyngs for ever my wyfe widdowe righte thereupon onlie excepted [ and whereas I have a bargaine of oliver newhouse of certain ground called grene field which standeth upon redemption at the promised daye of maye next after the date hereof I give the same bargaine wholly unto Addame Carre my sonne toward his mayntenance at the schole whether yt be the ground or the money for yt] And the same to be at the endorsement (judgement?) of Thomas Roger and Willm Carre my sonnes. And by them to be paid unto hym the said Addam as his need shalbe. Item. Yt is my wyll that Willm. and Richard my sonnes and Margaret my daughter shall contynue with my wyfe at the Graynhouse duringe the space of thre years next after the date hereof. And they to have meat drinke clothinge and lodginge during the same tyme And to occupie all my grounds aswell at Settle Giggleswicke field Hunthwaite and grassegarth as at the grainehouse during the said thre years And whatsoever remain they shall keep or gett thereupon in that tyme over and whatsoever comoditie they shall keape or get ther upon in that tyme over and besides their maintenance my will is that my wyfe and Willm. my sonne shall have the same [ and that they shall bestowe of Addam Carre my sonne suche partes of yt as they shall thinke needful] And my will is that yf Willm. my sonne do marie his wyfe and children shalbe kepte with meate drinke and clothes during the said thre yeares endes. And at the thre yeares ende my will is that the said Willm. shall goe to his share at Huntwyate. Item. My will is that all my husbandrie geare shall contynue together this thre yeares to occupie the grounds with all and at the said thre years endes the same to be equallie devided amonge my wyfe and Willm. and Richard my sonnes at the discretion of Thomas and Roger my sonnes and Robert Carre of Lanclufe and yf my wyfe marrie or dye before the thre yeares endes then their portion of the husbandrie geare to remaine unto Willm. and Richard my sonnes equallie betwene them And whereas I have bore at great charges of Richard my sonne ..... in promisinge to hym the grassgarth and certaine grounde in Giggleswicke fields whereof I have sett hym in tenante at my

**Will of Alan Carre of Rathmell 1569**

In the name of God Amen the x day of October Anno dni 1569 I Alan Carre of Raythmell within the parish of Giggleswick sick in body and of perfect remembrance loved be Almighty God make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to all the glorious company in heaven and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick also I give and bequeath for my mortuary all that Right will also I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife all my Title and Interest that I have in Giggleswick and farmholdings with the eighth part of the Tithes corn of Raythmell during her widowhood and she to give my children their child's portions of goods when they come to lawful age at the sight of five friends also I give the title and Tenant Right of my tenement with the licence of the Lord unto Robert Carre my son he agreeing with William Carre his brother and if William Carre have it then he to agree with Robert Carre his brother also I give to Robert Carre my son the Title and Right of the ..... also I give to Hughe Carre my son the title and tenement Right of the eighth part of Tythe corn of Raythmell after his mother's widowhead The rest of my part of goods my debts funeral expenses and other ordinary fees paid and discharged I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife whom I make my whole executrix These witnesses Alan Carre of Raythmell younger Oliver (?)Watkinson Richard Braidley John Lupton and Robert plane (?) with others

**WILL OF Elizabeth CARRE 1587**  
**Borthwick vol 23 fol 492**

In the name of god Amen the xxvj<sup>th</sup> day of Februaire one thousand five hundred and eighty six And in the xxix<sup>th</sup> year of the reigne of our sovarigne Ladie Elizabeth I Elizabeth Carre of Langclyfe within the county of Yorke spinster daughter of James Carre laite of Stackehouse being sick in bodie but of good and perf. Remembrance prayse be almygte god do make this my last will and testament in writinge in manner and forme followinge. That is to say First I recommend my Soul unto the masterful hande of Jesus Christ my onlie saviour and redeemer by the merit of whose precious death and passion I hope for salvation and life everlasting joyous and beseeching hym of his infinite goodness to have mercy upon me. And to pardon and forgive me all my syns and offences which I have committed againste his divine majesty. And I will my bodie to be buried in the churche yard of Gigleswicke. And I give to my mortuarie and church duties all that righte will. And I give grannte and bequeath to James Stackhous of Stackhouse his children wch he had wth my syster Anne to every one of them tene shillinge. And also I give grannt and bequethe to Willm Iveson his children wch he now hath by Margaret my syster to everye one of them tene shillings. And moreover I give grannte and bequeathe to everie one of my brother Thomas Carre his children the licke sum of tenne shillings. And further my will is that my executors hereafter named shall paye or cause to be paid the several sums abovesaid to everie one of the abovesaid children whome I am Aunt unto so soon as they shall accomplish the full age of twente and one yeares. Also I give grannt and bequeathe to Oliver Stackhouse sonne of Hughe Stackhouse of Lawckland the some of five shillings to be paid to hym the said Oliver by my executors so soon as he shall accomplish the full age of twente and one yeares in manner and forme aforesaid. All the rest of my goods unbequeathed my dettes beinge paid of the whole and finall expenses discharged I give the same unto Willm Iveson my brother in law. And Roberte Carre my naturall brother equallie to be divided betwene them. And I ordayne and make the said Willm. Iveson my brother in Lawe And the said Roberte Carre my naturall brother my executor of this my last will and testament. And I appoynt John Armytstead and Anthonne Armytstead of the abovesaid Langclyfe supervisors of the same trustinge that they will see the same performed accordinge to my trust in Jesus Christ I make an end Thes beinge witnesses Richard Radclyfe of gigleswick John Armytstead Anthonie Armytstead Willm. Iveson and dionis Jennings with others

Latin text

## **Roger Carre of Giggleswicke (and Grainhouse)**

### **Will of 1586**

#### **Borthwick vol 23 fol 494 Probate Reg. and ZXF 2/2/2 (original)**

In the name of god Amen the xxvj day of Januaire a thousand fyve hundrethe eyghtie sixe And in the xxix th year of the reigne of our sovraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth etc I Roger Carre of Giggleswicke within the countie of yorke yoman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance prayse be almyghtie god do make this my last will and testament in writinge in manner and forme followinge that is to say First I recommend my sole unto the mercyfull hands of Jesus Christ my onlie saviour and redeemer by the merittes of whose precious death and passion I hope for salvation and fruition of everlasting joyes and felicities Beseching him of his infinite goodness to have mercy upon me and to pardone and forgive me all my syns and offences which I have comitted against his divine maieste And I will my bodie to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswicke aforesaid And I will that my debts which I owe by lawe be trulie contented and paid And I bequeathe for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that Right will And I will that my wyfe shall have her Widdowe ryght of my goodes And my will is that my natural mother Anne Carre shall have her rent paid her for the tenement where I nowe dwell duringe her lyfe naturall yearlie as she hath heartofore had the same And I give grannt bequeathe and devyse all that my messuage farme or tenement with their appurtenances and everie parte and parcell thereof situate lyinge and beinge within the towne and territories of Giggleswicke aforesaid and also wher (*were*) and nowe in my occupation or my assigne or assignes of the ancient annuall or yearlie rent of twentie shillings be yt more or less unto Thomas Carre my onlie sonne to have and to hold the same unto the said Thomas my sonne And to the heirs of his bodie lawfullie begotten and to be begotten for ever In consideracon whereof and wherefore my will is that the said Thomas Carre my sonne shall contente and paye or cause to be contented and paid unto the rest of my children the some of twentie five pounds of lawful English money equallie amongst them or otherwyse shall put in good and lawfull assurances to Thomas Hyne of Giggleswicke aforesaid Thomas Carre and William Carre my brothers or the survivor or survivors of them for the said payment of the said some of twentie five pounds before he the said Thomas my sonne shall enter unto the said tenement or any part or parcel thereof And then at the feast day of purification of Marie the blessed virgine next after he the said Thomas my sonne hath paid the said some of five and twentie pounds or put in good assurance for the payment of the same as above said my will is that he the said Thomas my sonne shall enter unto the same messuage farme or tenement with thappurtenances and everie part and parcel thereof and not before the widdow Ryght of the said Anne my mother allways excepted and to her reserved duringe her naturall lyfe. And further my will is that the foresaid some so by hym the said Thomas my sonne paid or bound to be paid shalbe paid to everie one of my said children their equall portions thereof as they and everie of them shall accomlishe the full age of 21 years accordinge the condition of one obligation wherein the said Thomas Hyne Thomas Carre and William my brethren joyntlie and severallie bounde.in unto my executors admynistrators and assigns as by the same obligation bearing date the sixtenth day of Januaire last past before the date hearof more at large appeareth And yf yt fortune the said Thomas my sonne to depte this lyfe without yssue of his bodie lawfully begotten then my will is And I give grannte bequeathe and devyse thabovesaid tenement with thappurtenances unto Katherine Carre my second daughter

## **Borthwick volume 21 Folio 154 v**

### **Roger Carre of Settle 1579**

In the name of God Amen the last day of July 1579 Anno Regni Elizabeth dei gracia year anglie Regine etc. I Roger Carre of Settle in the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God makes this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows First I give and bequeath my soul to God Almighty my maker and saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary and other dues all that right will Item I give and bequeath the title and tenantright of my tenement unto Thomas my eldest son to enter unto when he shall accomplish the full age of 21 years by the licence of the Lord and if he die before he come the said age leaving no lawful issue of his body begotten then living Then my will is and I do bequeath the same unto my next son and so from one child to another and to their lawful issue by licence of the Lord And my will is that Heline my wife shall have the occupation of my house and tenement and of all taken grounds for years until my son Thomas do accomplish the age of 21 years so long as the residue of my executors shall think convenient the keeping and bringing up of my children honestly during the time of her occupation thereof Also my will is that the said Heline my wife shall have her widowright of all my goods and tenements And likewise my will is that my children shall have their equal portions of my goods so only he that shall have the house and tenement And my will is that he shall have all such Tools and work looms as do belong unto the Smythes occupation and all such timber oakwood as I have either at home in the wood or elsewhere And the same to be unto him in full satisfaction of his child's portion Item my will is that my mother-in-law shall be the best at the house during her life And she to be honestly kept with meat drink and clothing and all other things necessary during her life And also my will is that Agnes my sister in law shall have a bedroom at the house during her life she being unmarried and in such convenient place as my executors thinks most meet for her Item my will is that my sons shall be kept at school until they be 12 years of age and longer as my executors thinks most meet And if any of my sons be apt to learning my will is that their child's portions shall be bestowed upon them at the discretion of my executors And furthermore my will is that my wife shall have the occupation of my children's portions towards their bringing up so long as the residue of my executors thinks meet so as she enter into good hands with good sureties for the repayment thereof when the residue of my executors shall appoint And if she do refuse the same Then my will is that the rest of my executors shall have the occupation of my tenement and of all taken grounds and of my children's portions And they to provide for the bringing up of my children And if any of my children do refuse to be ordered by my executors Then they to have no portions of my goods Item I give and bequeath unto twenty of the most needful poor folk in this parish of Giggleswick 3 s 4 d to be divided amongst them at the discretion of my executors Item my will is that my debts be paid of my whole goods before any division be made thereof and my mortuary and other church dues and ordinary fees of my part and also all legacies and bequests The residue of my part of goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my children to be equally divided amongst them always excepting that he that hath the tenement and other the premises to him appointed he to have no part thereof Item my will is that if any of my children die before they come to lawful age or marriage That then their portion shall be divided amongst the rest of my children Item I order and make Heline my wife Allan Carr my father Thomas Carre my brother

**Thomas Carre of Hunthwaite 1601**

In the name of God Amen the four and 20th day of May in the three and 40th year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I Thomas Carre of Hunthwaite in the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of perfect memory God be praised therefore do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the earth within the parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my wife children and friends Item my will is that Jennet my wife shall have the occupation of two parts in three parts to be only divided of all my lands tenements and leases with the appurtenances for during her life if she keep her sole and unmarried And if she the said Jennet do marry again then she to have but only her third part of my said lands Item I give to Adam Carre my son and heir all my said lands tenements messuages hereditaments leases and the appurtenances to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever (except and reserved to the said Jennet my wife her rights as above is set down for her and except the issues and profits to be had and taken out of that my tenement at Caponhawe for my daughters their portions for so long time and in such sort as hereafter shall be set down And if my said son Adam do die without issue lawful then I give all my said lands tenements hereditaments and leases except and reserved before excepted and reserved) To my daughters every one an equal part and to the issue of their bodies lawfully to be begotten for ever Provided always that if any of them die without such issue that then the part of her or them so deceasing shall be divided amongst the rest Item my will (is) that for my tenement at Caponhawe my wife shall have two first years crops of the same towards the payment of my debts and my will is and I give unto Katherine Carre my daughter for her portion all the profits and commodities which shall arise and be taken of my said tenement with the appurtenances at Caponhawe for and during the space of five years next after the said(?) two first crops be taken as above said And after the end and expiration of these five years Then I give all the profits thereof to Jennet my daughter for other five years then next following for her portion and after the end and expiration of these five years then I give all the profits thereof unto Thomazine my daughter for other five years then next following for her portion And if any of my said daughters viz. Katherine Jennet and Thomazine fortune to die before she or other receive her or their said portion or portions then my will is that the portion or portions limited as above for any of them so dying shall remain to the survivor or survivors of them three Item my will is that Jennet my said wife have the Tuition and bringing up of all my said children during their minorities Item it is my will that my mother of the Grainehouse shall have her rent paid according to rights and that my mother in law be kept according to our covenant and bargain Item my will is that my wife do give unto every of my said daughters unmarried viz. Katherine Jennet and Thomazine A Bridewayne to be worth £10 to be delivered unto them at the time of their marriage over and beside the portions above limited for them And for the bargains between John Burton and me my will is that the same stand or else that he have his money again And whereas Henry Somerscales and I have made a joint purchase of certain cattle gates and pasturage on Fornagill close And upon Malham moore and that the said Henry Somerscales is now like to be survivor I trust that the said Henry will be ... in conscience(?) And I desire him to convey my part thereof to

**Will of Thomas Carr of Rathmell 1597**

In the name of God Amen the xxij day of January in the fortieth year of the reign of our most gracious lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. anno dom 1597 I Thomas Carr of Rawthmell within the county of York yeoman sick in bodie but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be Almighty God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick being my parish church and for my mortuary and other church dues I give and bequeath all that right will Item my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods and for the residue of my goods when my debts be paid my will is that my wife shall have the third part of the same and for the other two parts I will that they be equally distributed amongst my two youngest sons and my three youngest daughters Item my will is that my daughter Anne shall have all that parcel of ground or close called Cattleside carre (?) or Loughwhait close which I purchased or bought of Mr Oliver Haleghton (?) (*Houghton?*) late of Rawthmell aforesaid which said close I have assured and confirmed unto my said daughter Anne by one deed made in Latin bearing date the xxij th day of this instant January together with all writings thereunto belonging in full satisfaction of her child's part or filial portion of my goods Item I give and bequeath to my two sons Roger and Henry the one moetic and half of my tenement in Rawthmell whereupon I now dwell except one close called brakan Hill to have and to hold the same half tenement and every the appurtenances thereunto belonging to my said sons Henry and Roger for and during the space and term of two hundred and fourscore years as appears more plainly by one indenture of lease and covenant made between me Thomas Carre on the one part and my sons Roger and Henry on the other part and bearing date the last day of March last they my two sons paying such sums of money to their sisters as is limited and expressed in the said indenture and if default be made of any payment of money by the said Roger and Henry to their sisters named in the same indenture my will is that the benefit of the said indenture shall redound unto their said sisters in manner and form as is expressed in the said indenture Item my will is that my wife notwithstanding shall have all my said tenements being of the yearly rent of xxij shillings for the space and term of 12 whole years next after my decease and fully to be complete and ended to and for the bringing up and better preferment of my five youngest children which said tenement I purchased of the right Hon the Earl of Cumberland to have and to hold the said tenement to my said wife in manner and form as appears by an indenture made between me Thomas Carre on the one part and Alan Wharfe and Richard Carre on the other part being made to the said Alan and Richard upon trust to and for the use and behoof of my wife and five youngest children the said indenture bearing date the xxij th day of this instant January as by and in the same it there more plainly do and may appear Item I give and bequeath to my son Alan and to his heirs the ---- of my said tenement after the expiration of the said lease of two hundred and fourscore years And after the end and expiration of the lease of 12 years (except the one half or moetic of a close belonging to the said tenement called brakan hill) to have and to hold the said tenement after the expiration of the said two leases unto the said Alan his heirs and assigns for ever Item I give and bequeath .....to my sons Roger and Henry the one half of the Brakan Hill before excepted to have and to hold the same tenement

**CATARALL Kateryn 1525**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 9 fol. 336**

In the name of almighty god amen in the year of our lord god 1525 the 10<sup>th</sup>. day of September in the 17<sup>th</sup>. year of the reign of King henry the 8<sup>th</sup>. I Kateryn Catarall (wife) of Alan Caterall sick of body whole of mind and whole and perfect remembrance make this my will and good deliberation in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god to his blessed mother our lady saint mary and to all the saints in heaven and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggilswicke Also I bequeath my best (best) to my mortuary Also I bequeath to every priest that says mass the day of my burial 6d. to be made in money of my goods Also I bequeath to the lights standing on my body 3d. to be made in money of my goods Also I bequeath to the high altar of my goods 6d. for the (negligence) of my tithes Also I bequeath to be ..... among my friends the day of my burial to be taken of my goods 21s. Also I bequeath to be disposed and divided amongst peacefully(?) to be taken of my goods 29s. Also I bequeath to Robert Caterall son of John Caterall a whyie of two years Also I bequeath to Austyn banks a whie Also to Margaret Banke a whyie stirk Also I bequeath to the children of my son austyn 20 sheep Also I bequeath to Elizabeth caterall my daughter in law a frennett (.....ett) Also my best gown and kirtall to Isabell Banks the residue of my goods my debts paid and bequeathed I give to John Caterall and austyn caterall my sons whom I make my executors furthermore I desire and hartily pray my singular good maister Stephen hamerton to be supervisor of this my last will these witnesses Sir Thomas Yedon Sir John m...done?) prest John Wharffe Thomas ..... and William foster

*2 lines Latin*

*Frennett - garment*



## Will of Alan Caterall 1513

### Borthwick vol. 8 fol. 116 mf 917

In dei nomine Amen Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo tertio decimo Ego Alanis Caterall compos mentis et sane memorie videns periculum mortis appropinquas condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do et lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate marie virginis et omnibus sanctis corpus que meum sepeliend in choro(?) ecclesie parochialis de gigleswike coram proximo altari. Item do et lego optimum meum animal nomine mortuarii mei. Item do et lego Katherine uxori mee feoffamentum sui ut apparet plenius in cartie sibi confertis cum tertia parte omnium mearum terrarum cum tertia parte omnium bonorum meorum movitum. Item lego Elizabeth filie mee totam partem bonorum ut sibi de iure constat. Item volo quod predict Elizabeth habeat partem meam bonorum meorum que non expenduntur die sepulture mee et aliis legatis in omnibus observatis ad maritagium suum et maritare volet et desideram cordialiter predict Katherinam uxorem meam et Johnem Caterall filium et heredem meum ut emendatur de bonis suis propriis et predict Elizabeth per eos velit consolari et gubernari cum consilio amicorum suorum qui postea nominatum. Item do et lego summo altari de Gigleswike tres solidos et quatuor denarios. Item do et lego cuilit (quilibet) sacerdoti iiij<sup>or</sup> denarios missam celebrans pro salute anima mee. In ecclesia parochialis predict die sepulture mee. Item lego domino Johannis Moone capellano iiij li sex solidos et octo denarios vel um alio prestre nones ad celebrand pro salute anime mee et aiabus(?) omni futurum(?) defunctorum per spatium unius annus anni (*sic*). Item lego cuilit (quilibet) dominis (?) infra parochiam meam de Gigleswicke sex denarios vel aliter sedum(?) discretionem supervisor testamenti mei. Item lego cuilit (quilibet) clerico infra sacros ordines duos denarios ceteri vero cuilit (quilibet) denarium. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superis non legatorum do et lego Katherine uxori mee et Johannis Caterall filio meo quos ordino et facio fore meos executores ut disponant pro salute anime mee ut voluit michi respondere coram summo iudice in die iudicij. Item si contingat quod dict Katherina Johnes et Elizabeth non concordant quod tunc sequentur constituum presentis de modo pristens Willmi Crarburgh(?) et Ricardi Chewe fratrum michi in lege cum domino Johanni Moone quos sano supervisores testamenti mei hijs testibus domino Johne Moone capellano Willmo Foster de Rawthmell et Olivero Foster de Settill cum alijs michi statibus.

Et xvij die decembris ... Probatum fuit.....

In the name of god amen AD 1513 I Alan Caterall of sound mind and sane memorie seeing the danger of death approaching make my testament in manner following. First I give and leave my soul to almighty god the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints my body to be buried in the choir(?) of the parish church of Giggleswick nearest the high altar. Item I give and leave my best animal in the name of my mortuary. Item I give and leave to Katherine my wife as trustee as is evident fully in a deed conferred on her with a third part of all my lands with a third part of all my movable goods. Item I leave to my daughter Elizabeth all my goods as by law is agreed. Item I wish that the said Elizabeth has my part of my goods that are not paid out at the day of my burial

**CATTERALL William 1591**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 25 fol. 981**

In the name of god amen the 4<sup>th</sup>. day of June in the year of our lord god one thousand five hundred ninety one in the reign of Elizabeth queen of England France Ireland defender of the faith 33<sup>rd</sup>. year of I William catterall newhall in craven within the county of york esquire sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswicke near unto the place whereas my ancestors do lye and for my mortuary and charges dues all at right will Also it is my will that my debts be paid of my whole goods And it is also my will that my wife have her widdowright of my lands tenement goods and chattels And my children William and Arthur their portyonnes (*portions*) Item I give to Anne my daughter now wife of John Lynley my grey gelding and £10.6s.8d. to be equally bestowed among her children Also I give to the children of my son John catterall five nobles equally bestowed amongst them The rest of my goods moveable and immoveable not bequeathed my funeral expenses paid I give unto William and Arthur my sons equally to be divided between them And I ordain and appoint Jane my wife William and Arthur my sons joint executors of this my will and testament And I appoint my trusty friends (Francis? (...ulmes?) of lynley esquire and John linley my son in law supervisors to aid and assist my executors in the execution of this my will and to stand in witness hereof I have hereunto inscribed my name the day and year above written in the presence of these adam wharffe John gregson Christopher shutt and others & also it is my will and I give demise and grant bequeath and confirm unto William catterall and Arthur catterall one yearly rent charge and to either of them one yearly rent charge of £7.6s.8d. by the year to be offering(?) and (going unto) of such land as I have charged them with according to such several deeds as I have already made and executed to them Item I give and bequeath to them and either of them and their assigns a certain covenant mentioned and expressed in one pair of indentures made between me the said William catterall of the one party and Robert Parker esquire and Robert parker gentleman of the other party as appeareth Item I give to my son John catterall one grey mare.

*9 lines latin*

**CATTERALL John 1539.**

**Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 11 fol. 419 & (470 duplicate)**

In the name of god amen the year of our lord god 1539 25<sup>th</sup>. day of February I John Caterall Esquire sick in body and whole of mind make my last will as after followeth First and above all things I give and bequeath my soul to god almighty and to our lady saint marie and to all the saints in heaven and my body to be buried in the church of saint alkelde of Gigleswick Also I bequeath to my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d. Item to the scoler that reads the lessons 1d. Also I bequeath to the high altar for tithes and oblations by me negligently forgotten 20d. Also I bequeath in (commemoration) and gathering of friends and neighbours that day I am buried that all my executors and friends shall think good for the health of my soul Also I will that my executors shall give to the poor people of my parishing for the health of my soul as they and other of my friends shall think good according to my power Also I bequeath to Austen Tennand one damaske doblet Item to Richard Catherall my son one camlet gown one jacket and one sallet Item I bequeath to William Catterall my son one jacket one sallet and all the residue of my garments saving one russet cote I bequeath to Richard leminge and one kendall cote to John Emoth Also I bequeath to (Alice) Iveson 4 marks of money Also I bequeath to Anthony Dale my lord Cliffords steward to be good and also to defer my lord to be good to my wife and to my childer one grey horse if my friends and executors think he desire him or els now also I will that my daughters unmarried have the tithes corn of helifield the (space) of 30 years next ensuing my death and (what many?) years as my friends and executors shall think of their free wills goods for my said childer saving I will that my wife shall have half one forth with them paying the ferme therefore as it lies in and at the foresaid term end of 30ty years I will that Augustine Tennand his wife or eldest son of his childer then being one live have four years advantage of the foresaid tithes corn paying the ferme therefore And then the residue of the years of my tak of the said tithes corn of helefield unbequeathed I give and bequeath to William Caterall son of Alan Caterall my heir to Ric. Caterall and to William Caterall by even portions Item I give to William Caterall my heir one vestment altar clothes a (s...?) altar a great arke a salting trough and 6 led (stoks?) Item I will that Austen Tennand my son in law have the custody and keeping of my son William, with his annuity and advantages so long as they can agree together Item I bequeath the one half of the demain and tenement that I dwell upon to my wife during her widowhead and the nonage of the heir and the other half of my said tenement to Richard my son during the said nonage of mine heir And after the widowhead of my wife I will that Richard my son have the occupation of the whole tenement during the nonage of the heir paying the ferme therefore as it has in my death and funeral expenses paid residue of my part of goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my daughters unmarried Also I make my wife and Austen Tennand` executors of this my will desiring Richard (Cherbin....?) and Nicholas morley to give to them their best comfort both for the well of my soul and profit of my childer Also I make Sir Thomas Tempest Knight and Thomas Bank esquire supervisors of this my will desiring them (heartily) for the love of god to be good ministers to my wife and to my childer and to see they have no wrong done to them These witness John Bank Gabriell procter Sir John Malton John Wiglesworth and hamnett mosse with other as Alan Wharfe

*5 lines Latin*

*Camlet – light cloth or garment of the same.*

## **Will of Christopher Chewe of Rathmell 1473**

**Borthwick vol. 4 fol. 11 mf 914**

Test xpoferi Chewe Draper nup de Rathmell defuncti

Computatum est

In dei nomine Amen xvij die mensis martij Anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> lxx<sup>mo</sup> tertio Ego xpoferus Chewe Draper de Rathmell parochie de Gegleswyk. Causam itineris in australes partes huius regni ad occupandum facultatem meam compos mentis et saniis memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotenti beate marie virgini omnibus sanctis eius corpusque meum ad sepeliendum ubicumque disposuerit. Item lego meum optimum animal ad ecclesiam parochialem de Gegleswyke in modum mortuarii mei. Item ordino et constituo Johann uxorem meam mea veram executorem Ricardus filius meus Henricus Newhous sacerdotem filius Ricardi Newhous de Boland Oliverus Hyanson et Stephanus Knott meos veros executores ut disponat omnia bona mea liberis meis et pro salute mee ut vellent michi coram summo iudice hiis testibus Willmo .... Ricardo Chewe et aliis

Probatum fuit....

In the name of god amen 18th March 1473 I Christopher Chewe Draper of Rathmell in the parish of Giggleswick by reason of my journey to the southern part of the kingdom to obtain my faculty being of sound mind and sane of memory make my will in the following manner. First I leave my soul to almighty god the blessed virgin Mary and all the saints and my body to be buried wherever suitable. Item I leave my best animal to the parish church of Giggleswick as my mortuary. Item I ordain and constitute Joanna my wife my true executor Richard my son, Henry Newhouse priest son of Richard Newhous of Bowland, Oliver Hyanson and Stephen Knott my true executors in order to dispose of all my goods (for) my children and for my leave-taking as they wish to be answerable for me to the highest judgement. These being witnesses William .... Richard Chewe and others.

Probate 10th May 1474

faculty - not certain what is meant by this word.

WILL OF Richard CLAPHAM APRIL 11 1540  
BORTHWICK PROBATE 11 FOLIO 496

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN in the year of our lord god 1540 the 11<sup>th</sup>.day of April I Richard clapham sick in bodie & whole of mind make my will as after following first I bequeath my soul to god almighty & to our lady saint marie & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the church of saint alkilde virgin of Giggleswick to my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath to the altar for tithes negligently by me forgotten 6d. Also I will that my wife have the occupation of my tenement & goods during her widowhood & after her widowhood I give & bequeath the said tenement to such one of my friends as my wife & other one of the friends with my neighbours of the (parish?) shall think most (expedient) to him at .....plough gear and wayne gear(*can't make out rest of line..*)

his...../...../.....at the sight of .... given ... and friends And if it (so happens) my wife to marry again after the time that any of my children come to age to acquire my said tenement then I will that Thomas carr & richard paley my brothers in law have the custody & keeping of my children & the goods & also the occupation of my tenement to such time as that child that shall have at (commencement) of due age & able to occupy it Also I will that my daughter Katherine have 16 mark of my whole goods if she wilbe ordered & said(?) by her mother & other her friends & if she will not then my will is that she shall have her portion of my goods & half my part of goods my detts paid & the other half of my part of goods to Mabell my daughter Also I make margaret my wife my executrix of this my will these witnesses William preston (smith) Thomas watson & robert palay with other moo

*three lines in Latin*

**Thomas Claphamson 1574**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 704**

In the name of God Amen the tenth day of November 1574 I Thomas Claphamson of Gegleswicke seke in bodie but of good & pfecte remembrance loved be allmyghtie god maykethe this my last will & testamente in manner & forme followinge fyrste I gyve & bequythe my soule to allmyghtie god my mayker & redemer & to all the glorious company of heaven & my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yarde of Gegleswicke Also I bequythe for mortuary & other churche dewes all that right will Also I will that my wyfe shall have for widowe right bothe of my goods and farneolde & she to be beste duringe her widowhead Also I assigne & gyve the title tennante right of my farmehold unto Henry Claphamson after my wyfe & me the said Henry agreing with his brother Richard Claphamson at the iudgemente of George Foster Ralynge Newhouse Allan Clarke & Hewghe Claphamson & of so many of them as then shalbe lyvinge Also I will that the reste of my children shall have their childe porcon of my goodes according to the lawe pvided allway that yf yt shall please allmyghtie god that both Richarde Claphamson & Henry Claphamson my sons to depte unto the mtie of allmyghtie god no issue lawfully begotten Then I gyve the title & tennante right of my sayd farmeholde unto Elizabeth Claphamson my daughter wth the licence of the lorde & the said Elizabeth Claphmson shall pay her childe porcon to her brethren and systers then lyving also if it shall please allmyghtie god to tayke unto his mcie the said Elizabeth without issue lawfullie begotten Then I gyve my said farmeholde unto Robte Claphamson & so from one childe to an other Also yf yt shall chance at any tyme hereafter any contraversye or disagremente to be either betwixte my wyfe & my children or betwixte any of my children Then I will as they will have my blessinge that they shalbe ordered at all tymes by Ralynge Newhouse George Foster Hewe Claphamson James Jackson & xpofer Jackson The reste of my pte of goodes my dettes & all other ordinary fees paid a discharged I gyve to Robte Richarde Hewe Elizabeth and mgaret my children equallie amonge them I mayke & constitute Katherine my wyfe my hole executrix Thes witnes George Foster Rawlinge Newhouse James Jackson xpofer Jackson & hewyhe Claphamson wth others ....

Latin text

**CLARKE Alan 1598**

**Ref.Borthwick.York vol.27 fol.602**

In the name of god amen the tenth day of October in the fortieth year of the reign of our gracious sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith 1598 I Allan Clarke of Rauthmell in the county of york yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised be god therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits of Christ Jesus to be saved, and my body to the earth from whence it came and the same to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswicke bequeathing to the ministers and other officers of the church there accustomed duties Item it is my will that all my debts be discharged out of my whole goods Item my will is and I ordain that my son Henry shall have the full sum of twenty and five pounds and my daughter Alice the sum of forty pounds and a bridewaine to be worth ten pounds and wedding apparel meete for her degree and calling which said portions I will be taken out of my goods remaining after my debts discharged and out of my message & tenement whereon I now dwell and to hold by warrant from my maister John Catterall esquire Item my will is and I further ordain that my said son Henry Clarke shall have towards the bettering of his said portion all that the eleventh part of two parcels of common or moor called Overaike alias fleeminglose containing by estimation nine acres of ground more or less And also one other parcel of ground lying and being at Langthwaite within the territories of Rauthmell aforesaid conteyning by estimation two acres of ground more or less to have and to hold the same to him the said Henry his heirs and assignes for ever according to one deed thereof to him made from me the said Allan bearing date the twentieth day of October in the seven and thirtieth year of the reign of our said sovereign lady the queen Elizabeth that now is Item whereas my son in law William Knowles of Malham is indebted unto me the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence I give unto him the one half of the said sum Item I make and ordain my said son Richard Clarke sole executor of this my last will and testament witnesses of the same John Gregson William Knowles John Carr William Lawson and Henry Clarke

*5 lines Latin*

Bridewain – carriage loaded with household furniture & utensils, which travelled from the house of the bride’s father to the bridegroom’s house.

**WILL OF Richard CLERKE 1556**  
**Borthwick Vol. 15(2) Folio 203**

In the name of God Amen the 19th.day of September 1556 I Richard Clerke sick in body & of good mind & good memory (thanks) be almighty god make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary that at right will Item I give to the high altar for forgotten tithes 3s.4d. Item I give & bequeath the tithes & tenant right of my tenement unto Allan Clerk my son with the licence of my landlord Item I give & bequeath unto my said son Allan a long chist a great arke & all my husbandrie gear Item my will is that my children shall have their portion of goods according to the law Item Agnes my wife shall have her wedow right Item my will is that Agnes Clerk my wife shall have & occupie my said tenement to Allan my son shall be 23 years of age if they can agree & if they agre not then shall my wife have half my tenement & two of my daughters that is to say Jane Clerk & Margaret Clerk & my said son Allan the other half of my said tenement & Ellend Clerk his sister Item my will is that if any of my said children shall be (crazed) & at unp..... then shall they be (succored) of my said tenement Item I will that Richard Foster my father & Thomas Claphamson shall order my children if they are not Item I give unto my maister william Caterall that this my will may be performed & fulfilled by his councell had & helpe 6s.8d. Item my will is that Allan my son shall have half my farmhold sown when he shall enter unto it provided (allways) that is Allan my son die without a child lawfully begotten then shall Ellin my daughter & her child lawfully begotten have it & if she die without any child then shall Jane my daughter have it The rest of my part of goods not bequeathed I give & bequeath equally to be divided among my children & I make Agnes my wife & Allan Clerk my son my whole executors These witnesses Richard Foster Thomas Claphamson Alan (Darrison) Thomas Carr Alan Foster John Watkinson with other et.

*4 lines in Latin*

*succored - helped*



**COCKETT Henry 1591**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 24 fol. 707**

In the name of god amen thirtieth day of april 1591 I henry cockitt of freerstaunfurthe sick in my body yet nevertheless whole and perfect in mind and memory praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth First I commend my soul to god almighty by whose mercy through the redemption of Jesus Christ my only saviour I believe to be saved And my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswicke Also I will that my mortuary and such duties as are due by the church be discharged And it is my will that Thomas cockett my eldest son shall henceforth have the lease of my tenement and the years which are unexpired on the said lease conteyned and according to my promise and bargain made that the said Thomas my eldest son shall have the tenant right of the said tenement forever Item I will that my debts be paid of my whole goods Item I will that William cockitt, Stephen Isabell and agnes cockett my children have their portions of my goods and I will that Thomas cockett my said eldest son shall have my husbandry gear at my house in satisfaction of his childrens portions of my goods according to my said former bargain and promise made to him at the said day of his marriage Also I give my part of my said goods which is half thereof to Isabell and agnes cockett my daughters equally to be divided between them Also I make ordain and appoint Isabell cockett and agnes cockett my said two daughters executors of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Richard foster myles heaton Richard craven and bryan bainebrigge with moe

*5 lines Latin*

**COCKETT Roger 1591****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol.24 fol. 644**

In the name of god amen upon the 11<sup>th</sup>. day of April 1591 I Roger cockett of Freerstainfurthe in the county of york sick in body yet more or the less whole and perfect in mind and memorie praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to god almighty by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ my only saviour I believe to be saved Item my body to be buried in the churchgarth of gigleswick Item such duties to be paid as of right is due Item I will that my debts be paid of my whole goods Item I give the occupation of my tenement of the two dailes wholly to Margaret cockett my wife to the maintaining and helping of my two daughters Margaret and alice cockett for the term of four years next coming after the date hereof and if it please god that my wife die out of this mortal life or marry before the end of the said four years then I will that the said tenement two dailes be and continue to the use of John cockett my son and my said two daughters And at the end of the said four years then I will that Margaret my wife and John cockett my said son shall occupy the moiety and one half of the said tenement and dales and William cockett my son the other half of the said tenement and the other half of the said dales Item I will that after the expiration of this lease now granted of my said tenement by mr. darcie that then the said tenement shall descend come and remain to William cockett my said son for ever and he to prove a new lease at the lords hand and if then my wife be living it is my mind that she shall pay for the third part of the same lease and have the third part of the tenement during her widowhead and afterward William my son to pay so much money ratable as cometh(?) unto forth of a years unspent to whom she shall assigne it Item I will that William cockett my son pay and content unto John cockett his brother the sum of 26s. 8d. of lawful money of England at the end of five years next to come in satisfaction of his agreement for the said tenement and leases Item I will that my wife have her right of my goods at and about my house and William cockett John margaret and alice my children their portion of my said goods Also I give my part of my goods to my two daughters Margaret and alice cockett equally between them to be divided Also I make Margaret my wife and William my son executors of this my last will and testament and I desire Christopher husband Thomas cockett and Thomas Bentham to be supervisors hereof And to help my wife and children where shall be made these witnesses hugh armitstead Thomas cockett Christopher husband and Roger cooke with others

*3 lines Latin*

## Elizabeth Cockytt 1596

### Borthwick vol 26 fol 442

In the name of god Amen the vijth day of January 1596 I Elizabeth Cockytt of Gigleswicke sicke in body but of pfect remembrance prayed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner followinge. First I bequeath and comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onely lord and saviour and my body to be buried in the Churchyarde of the pish church of Gigleswicke. And for all Church dues what of right is due & accustomed I will that the same be truly paid, And I will that my debts be paide of my whole goodes. Itm I give & bequeath to Agnes Kidd of Setle one puder dubler Itm I give to Isabell daughter of Christofer Tatham of the Lowdge one puder dubler. Itm I give to Alice wife of Adam Wilson my best red coate and my olde white coate, one bend(?) also, and one kercheeffe, and one aperon. Also I give to Agnes Cockytte servant to Robert Windsour at Setle one pudor dubler. Also and one quishione to Elizabeth Armetsteade. Itm I give to Margaret Claphamson one dubler Itm I give to Anne Preston daughter of Hughe Preston one potte Itm I give to the wife of Hugh Preston my Brandreth and my longe table. And one candle stick(?) I give to Alice Cockytte. And I give to the wife of Christofer Cocket one puder saucer. The rest of my goodes that remayneth my debtes discharged and other duties done and payd I give to Hughe Claphamson and Richard Armetsteade whom I ordeyne exequitors for the true prformance of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof John Paley Alice Preston widowe late wife of Hughe Preston of Gigleswicke with others. ....

Latin text

**COOKE Christopher 1589**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 24 fol. 138**

In the name of god amen the first day of august 1589 I Christopher Cooke of Frerestainforth sick in body yet perfect of remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will & testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the hands of god my heavenly father by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ my only redeemer I believe to be saved Item I give for my mortuary what of right is due and accustomed Item I give to Roger Cooke my eldest son my whole tenement and my lease thereof during the term of years therein contained except and reserving the third part of the said tenement to Agnes my wife during her widowhead And if it please god that the thesaid Agnes my wife be living after the end and expiration of the said lease then it is my mind and will that she take the said third part of my tenement at the lords hand and occupy it during her life Item my will is that Roger Cooke my eldest son shall pay and content to John Cooke and George Cooke his brethren to either of them twenty nobles currant english money in consideration of their childs portion of my goods Item I give to the said Roger my eldest son two parts of all my chattel as of kye horses and whies stotte calves & sheep, And to Agnes my wife the third part thereof Item I give unto the said Agnes my wife and to Roger Cooke my said eldest son all my household stuff corn & hay, equally to be divided between them Item it is my will that my debts mortuary and funeral expenses be paid of my portion of goods Item I give and bequeath to the said Roger Cooke my son my boots my shoes my best jacket and my best jirkin Item I give and bequeath unto the said Agnes my wife my cloak and my best hat and I make Agnes my wife and Roger my son executors of this my last will and testament These witnesses Thomas foster Anthony armitstead William foster Thomas (cocket?)

*3 lines Latin*

*Kye - cow*

## **Anthony Cookeson 1585**

### **Borthwick vol 23 fol 6**

In the name of God amen the fyve and twentie daye of Marche in the yere of our lorde god 1585 and in the xxvij yere of the reigne of our Sovraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England france and Ireland Defender of the faythe etc I Anthonye Cookeson of Setle wthin the pische of Gigleswicke in the Countye of york Labourer, sicke in bodye but of good and pfecte remembrance laude and prayse be geven to god almyghtie, do make this my last will and testament in writinge in manner and forme followinge, That is to saye first I give and bequeithe my soule to almyghtie god and his deare sonne Jesus Christ , our loved and onelye saviour, by and throughe whose previous deathe and passion I trust to have full remysion and forgiveness of all my synnes and my bodye to be buried where my frends thinke the best. And I give to my mortuarye that whiche is due and accustomed also I give to Agnes Dyckensone my Syster the some of Six poundes thirtene shillings and fower pence to be bestowed upon her at ye discretion of my executor hereafter named. Also I give to James Stackhouse of Stackhouse x s wch he owethe me, Also I give to Willm Iveson other xs wch he owethe me, also I give to Robte Carre viijs, Also I give to John hall one felt hatt and certayne wool(?) lyinge in my Chamber Also all my debts beinge paid and my funrall expences discharged I give the rest of my goodes to my brother myles cookesone whome I make and ordaine my sole executor of this my last will and testament. Thes beinge witnesses Leonarde Wade(?) George Beane(?) Robte Carre, Marmaduke Backster, John hall, John Stutclif and Willm Tailler(?) wth others.....

Latin text

## Thomas Cookhed 1570

### Borthwick vol 18 fol 219

In the name of God amen. The xiiij day of Maij Anno dni 1570 I Thomas Cookhed secke in bodie but of good and pfcte rememberance loved be almyghtie god, make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequithe my soull unto almyghtie god, and to all the glorious Companye in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of gygleswicke, also I bequithe for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will, also I gyve and bequith to Henrye Cookhed my brother my Best Blewe Jacket an arke and my housholde stuffe Item I gyve to Thomas Cookhed my Cosyn a paire of Tenters and a paire of sheares, also I geve to Margaret Cookhed my Sister elawe xs, also I geve to my sister agnes a Bedd of cloithes, a covrlet the best but one, two sheets, two blanketts and two quishinges Also I gyve to willm dennes(?) a Jacket and a paire of hoise to lawrence wilkinson a olde Jacket also I gyve to Robt wysare a white coittes(?), and to Eliz. foster and Isabell foster ijs The Rest of my goodes my debttes and funerall expences paid and discharged and els except, I gyve and bequithe to the children of Henrye Cookhed to the children of xpofer Cookhed ; To the children of my sister Iveson To the children of my sister Craven, to the children of my sister dennes, and yt to be devided equallie amongst them, and the goodes to be sett forwarde To the said children moste pfit And advantaige by the the disposecon of these nerest Friends Till they shalbe aible to occupie yt also I maike and constitute Henrye Cookhed and xpofer Cookhed my brethren my holle Executors and they to have of my holle goodes xs for there paynes Takinge, and all other reasonable costes Thes wittnes willm Husband Richard Iveson Ric foster. Thomas Craven and Thomas foster the younger with others..

Latin text

## James Cookson 1598

### Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 515

In the name of god amen the tenth day of October 1598 I James Cookson of Settle sicke in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I Comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onely lord and saviour and my body to be buryed in the Church yard of the parish Church of Gigesweeke etc. Itm I give grant release assigne sett over and Confirme unto John Cookson my eldest sonne all my whole estate tittle intrest Clayme and demand of in and unto all and singuler my houses and groundes with there appurtenances appteyning unto my tenement in Setle aforesaid of the annuall and yearly rent of twenty and seaven shillings To have and to hould the same to him the said John my said sonne and to his assignes for ever under the reservations and Condicons hereafter following viz. I will that my wife shall have holde occupie and enioye all my said houses and tenementes with thappurtenances as aforesaid untill my said (son) John shall accomplish thaige of twenty and one yeares if she so long shall keepe herselfe unmaryed And also the moytie or one halfe thereof being in three partes equally devided for and during the space and tearme of eight yeares after he my said sonne shall accomplish thaige of one and twenty yeares if she still shall contynue unmaryed she my said wife yeilding paying and doing all such dues duties and services as shall growe due for the said tenement and houses according to porcon and quantitie that thereof she shall occupie be yt the whole tenement and houses or the moytie thereof in manner and forme before Expressed But and if she fortune to marry before either my sonne John shall accomplish his said age of twentie and one yeares or before thend and expiracon of the said eight yeares then I will that my said sonne John then Imedyatlly shall enter unto all my said tenementes and houses with thappurtenances and shall paie or cause to be paid unto my said wife such some or somes of currant and lawfull money of England att such tyme or tymes as by foure indifferent freinds ..... and chosen by ballot(?) their Consente for the same purpose shall be ordered and sett downe And att(?) thend of the said(?) eight yeares next after my said sonne shall accomplishe thaige of xxj tie yeares as aforesaid ensewing I will that my said wife shall have houlde occupie and enioye the third parte of my said tenement and houses with there appurtenances and three partes .... for and during her widdowhead Further also my will is that my said sonne John shall for(?) and as(?) Consideracon of my said tenement & houses paie or Cause to be paid unto Thomas Cookson my sonne the iust some of tenne(?) poundes of currant and lawfull money of England and unto Elizabeth my daughter the iust some of tenne poundes of currant and lawfull money of England when they and either of them shall accomplish thaige of twentie and one yeares And further my will is that if my lord the right honorable the Earle of Cumberland his heires executors administrators and assignes or any of them do repay or cause to be repaid such some or somes of currant and lawfull money of England at such tyme or tymes and place as in one Indenture of lease made betwene him the said Earle Willm(?) Inglebie and Willm Ferrand on thone partie and me the said James Cookson on thother partie For and concerneing the demiseing of all my said tenementes and houses for the space and tearme of foure yeares according to one clause of redempcon in the same Expressed that then such some or somes of money shall wholie and Clearlie redound and remayne unto my said sonne John and his Executors and assignes to his and there onelie use and uses for ever And for my goodes I will that my Children shall have there equall porcons of the

**COSNETYNE Henry 1599**  
**Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.28 fol.71**

In the name of god amen the seventh day of June 1599 I Henry cosnetyne of staynforth under barghe alias fryer staynforth in the parish of gighsweeke and county of york sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make this and this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to Jesus Christ my only lord and saviour and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish church of gighsweeke aforesaid and I freely give and bequeath all my goods chattels and debts whatsoever as well moveable as immoveable unto Margaret my wife whom I ordain and appoint sole executrix of this my last will and testament witnesses whereof John Payler Thomas Laukeland Robert (laukeland) and Thomas Armitstead with others

*3 lines Latin*



## Robert Crake 1594

### Borthwick vol. 26 fol. 8

In the name of God Amen The second day of May 1594 I Robert Crake of Giggleswick sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be God, do make this my last will and testament as follows. First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ, by whose death I am certainly persuaded to be an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven. I will my mortuary and all church dues be truly paid. My will is that my wife shall have the Rule of my house, and Tenement and all my goods during her life. Also I will and most heartily require and in the name of God, do Charge my wife and children that my mother be honestly kept with meat, drink and Clothing during her life and that her body be honestly buried and bequeath my good will of my messuage and tenement unto Anne my daughter by Licence of my good Lord who I trust of his honour will and accept her for his tenant. The which I humbly pray. My will is also and I give unto the said Anne my daughter in consideration of her portion the great Malt arke and the little malt arke in the barn the Meale arke in the Chamber, the great salting tubbe and the almy and the two chests in the buttery, two chests in my Chamber, and my cupboard in my study, all shelves or boards and all bedstocks in and about the houses as they stand, and all the tables Chairs and stools in the houses. And all husbandry gear whatsoever as well gavelockes (*crowbars*) and axes, and for one hacke (*mattock*) and one new spade do belong to the Church but no gavelocke. I give to Bridget my daughter two of my best oak trees to make her Arkes and chests of. Also it is my will, that the said Bridget my daughter shall have £40 to her marriage if she will be guided and ruled in her marriage by her mother and my supervisors. And where my goods will not extend and perform my legacies, my will is that my daughter Anne shall make it up to £40 or he that marry her to be paid to her at his marriage. But if she will not be ruled by my wife and supervisors in her marriage, then she shall have her only portion of my goods and no more. I give to my cousin Sir John Palay my freza (*frieze*) Jerkin if he will wear it. I give to Thomas Sommerscales to whom I am godfather my virginalls and I require my friend Richard Idle (?) to dress them for I have strings ready for them. I give to Thomas Shutte three shillings four pence to buy him a gimber lamb to be set forward. I give to Christopher Bankes my black coat and to James Dickson my brown Jerkin. I give to Richard Idle all my singing books. I earnestly desire that care be taken in delivery in all such books as I have in keeping lying in my cupboard and that both parties to the said books be privy of the deliverance of them, where my doubt(?) is. Iulyus Clapham owes me three shillings four pence for writings making. I owe William Armistead of Rauthmell some money but I know not well how much for I had 20 shillings of him, and I have made divers writings, there is a note for some that are sealed, and there are others to seal. And John Haughton and he owes unto me six shillings and 8d for writings made for the marriage. But John Haughton ploughed with me a .... of a daie but let William Armistead have all paid but that which I earned on him the which I (think ) ... will amount to about 10 shillings paid. There is an old reckoning between John Smith and me, the which I will refer to him what he will have. I desire my good friend and Master, Mr Shutte, Robert Sommerscales of .... Newton, Henry Sommerscales of Stockdale, and Alan Wharffe of Swainstead supervisors to aid and assist my executors in the execution of this my testament and they to have their charges borne of my goods then to do for me as in conscience I would have dealt for them if they had required the like of me. I ordain and appoint Jane my wife my sole executrix of this my will. Witness hereof my own hand By me Robert Crake. Witness also hereof Christopher Shutte.

Latin text

## **Jaine Crake 1597**

### **Borthwick vol 27 fol 365**

In the name of god amen the xvijth of Julie 1597 I Jaine Crake of Gigglesweeke sicke in body but of pfecte remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in mannr and forme following. First I give and commend my soule to Jesus Christe my onely lord and onelie saviour and my bodie to be buryed in the churchyard of the pish church of Giggleswicke and what for my mortuarye and all other church dewes is of right due and accustomed I will the same be trulie paid Itm I give to my daughter Bridgett that money and golde wch I have already gathered together for the buying of myne oxen and my fishe, and farther my will is that if my daughter Anne cannott enioye the tennemt wch my husband did bequeath unto her by the leave of the Lord that then as well all those goods wch my said husband lefte to my said daughters Anne and Bridget by his will as also all the rest of my goods shalbe equallie devided betwixt them And if it so fortune that my said daughter Anne shall obteyne the said tennemt according to my said husbands will then my will is that my said daughter Anne shalbe contented wth her porcon as it is sett downe in my said husbands will and wth halfe of my pt of goods and I will that my said daughter Bridget also to have her porcon likewise according to her fathers will and thother halfe of my pt of goods if my said daughter Anne can have the tennemt as is before mentioned, whereunto my said daughter Anne wth her husband and my said daughter Bridget have consented and if there arise any ambiguitie or contravrsie about theis things my will is that they shalbe ordered by my friends mr Shute Thomas Preston and John Palaye and of this my last will and testament I make my daughters Anne and Bridget my Joynte Executors Theis witnesses Christofer Shute John Palaye Thomas Preston. iiij s that Robt Bancke haith consented that if he obtayne the tennemt then he will make further consideracon to my daughter Bridget at the sight of two indifferent friends....

Latin text

## Thomas Craven 1593

### Borthwick vol 26 fol 10

In dei no(m)i(n)e Amen Upon the viij th day of May 1593. I Thomas Craven of Stainfurth under bargh, in the parish of giggleswicke and Countie of Yorke, sicke in my bodie, yet whole and pfect in mynde and memorye praised be Almightye god, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following. First and principally I comend my soule to god Almightye by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ (my only saviour) I beleve to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard in Giggleswicke. Itm I will that my mortuarye all dewes belonging to the church be paid. Itm it is my mynde and will that Isabell my wiefe shall have occupye and enioy to her most pffett the thirdes of my messuage ferme(?) and tente wth thapptennces sytuat and being wthin the towne and territories of Stainfurth aforesaid, together wth the third part of all edifices and buildings therupon being erected during her widowhead. Itm it is my mynde and will that Isabell my said wiefe shall have her thirdes of all other my goodes at and about my house. And my children John James, Thomas, Agnes and Margret Craven shall have their porcons therof what right is, and for Isabell my daughter I have paid her her porcon, wch I will she hold her contented with Itm I will that Richerd Craven my eldest sonne shall content and and paie or cause to be paid to John James and Thomas Craven his brethren the some of Fortie shillings of lawfull monie of England, according to a former bargaine and agremt Itm my funerall expences being payd and the mortuary discharged I give and bequeath the Residue of all my part of my goodes to Margret Craven my yongest daughter. And I make Isabell my wiefe sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I desire Richerd Foster thelder and Roger Swainson to be supervisors hereof, and to helpe my wiefe and children where neede shalbe. These being witnesses Hugh Armistead, Roger Cooke and Brian Bainbrigge ....

Latin text

**William Craven 1597**  
**Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 172**

In the Name of god Amen The eighteenth day of November .....Craven of Gigleswicke sicke in bodie but whole and pfect in .....memorie prayed be god do make this my last will and testament [in] maner and forme following First I comend my soule to Jesus ...lord and alone savioure and my bodie to be buried in the church yard ..... pish church of Gigleswicke aforesaid Item what of right is due ..... mortuarie and other Church duties I will the same be [trulie] .... Item whereas my good lord the right honorable the earle of [Cumber]land by his indenture of lease under his honors hand and seale ..... and granted unto me the title and tennant right of my Cottage(?) wherein(?) I now dwell to geither with one lathe or barne to geither with a yard(?) of the yearlie rent of iij s j d (?iiij) and also thre roodes of arable land lying and being on the westside of rible called kringle holme within the lordshippe of Setle of the yearlye rent of xij d for and during the terme of five thousand yeares yet to come I will that the saide lease and the house and groundes therein conteyned shall wholie remayne to Thomas Craven my sonne provided alwaies that Issabell my wife may have her pte thereof during her pure widdowhead and her abyding with my sonne Thomas at my said house and I give to Agnes Brayshay daughter unto Thomas Brayshay my sonne in law twentie shillinges Item I give to John dowbiken sonne of Christopher dowbikyune my sonne in law twentie shillinges Item if it fortune that my sonne Thomas Craven do die without issue of his bodie lawfullie begotten and have not my said house sould nor passed awaye frome him lawfullie that then my daughter Allice and the eldest of my daughter Janes issue lawfullie begotten shall have my said howses and tenement equallie devided betwixt them Item I bequeath and give unto my sonne Thomas Craven one great arke standing in the seller and all the bedstocks in my house provided that Issabell my wife Marie (her?) pte of them during the terme of her pure widdowhead Item I give to my said sonne Thomas Craven my great saltinge knoppe and my great brewing tubbe and two handing (ra)cks and thre of my long peetes and all my formes and meate tables and all my husbandrie geare In consideration whereof I give to Issabell my wife xxvj s viij d Item I give six shillinges and eight pence to the poore of Gigleswicke to be devided {at the} discretion of Mr Shute Thomas Brayshay William Newhouse and Thomas Craven my sonne all my pte of goodes my debtes and funerall expences paid I give to Issabell my wife and Thomas Craven my sonne to be equallie devided betweene them whome I make ioynt executors of this my last Will and Testament Thes being witnesses John Paley clarke and Christopher Cocke with others

Latin text

**Peter Currer of Giggleswick Will 1550**  
**Borthwick v13 f 689 (microfilm illeg)**

In the name of god amen the fourthe day of September in the year of oure lorde god 1550 I Peter Curror hooll of mynde and memorie loved be god make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soule to almightie god and to all the glorious companie of heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche without the quere before the high altar of Giggleswike Item for my mortuarie that that (*sic*) right will Item to everie prest that shalbe at my buriall prayinge for my soule and all xpian (*christian*) soules iiiid Item to the poore folks that shalbe at my buriall that daie ther dynner Item I give and bequeathe to my wif all my goodes bothe in my custodie and all that I have lent bouthe unto Hue Currer and to all other men of the whiche she hathe billes of their handes to showe. Item the Residue of all my goods my funerall expences paid I give and bequeathe to Margarete my wif who I make my hooll executrix These men bearinge witness Mr ..... .. gentleman Sir Thoms Yedon William Preston smythe Richarde Palie Richarde Newhouse Willm Banke Hughe ....cliffe John Webster Roger Wiglesworthe and Chrofer Argraw(?) Willm Talior with other moo

**John Dawson 1580**

**Borthwick vol 21 fol 474**

In the name of God amen The xxvijth daye of July Anno dni 1580 I John Dawson seike in bodye, but good and pfct rememberance (loved be almyghtie god) make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge, First I gyve and bequithe my soulle unto almyghtie god my maker, and to Jesus Christe his sonne my savior and Redemer, and my bodye to be buryed in the pishe churche yeard, gegleswicke, And for my mortuarye and other churche dues all right will, also I gyve to Thomas lawson my Brother alone for his paynes ij s vj d also I gyve to Isabell my syster a gowne which is at embsay undelived and yf she weare yt not or she dye then shall she gyve yt agayne to my sonne willm, also I maike and constitute Thomas Jacman of Embsay, and willm Dawson my holle executors and I will that the said Thomas Jackman shall have his costes and for his paynes xij d the rest of all my goods when my detts ordynarie fees and all other dewes paid and discharged I gyve to my sonne willm Thes wittnes Thomas Lawson of lodge, xpofer Tatham and James foster clarke and curat there with others...

Latin text

## WILL OF William YVESON 1544

**Borthwick Vol.11 Folio 770**

IN THE NAME OF GODAMEN the year of our lord god 1544 I Will in body & of good memory & mind thanks being to God Almighty ma after followeth first I give & I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to mary & to all the saints in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the churchside (*sic*) virgin of Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d. & to the high altar for tithes by me negligently forgotten 6d. Also I bequeath Iveson 20s. to pray for my soul & other that god would have prayed for bequeath to two of my sons children that I am godfather unto to either ewe & two lambs & to every one of his other children one lamb Item to Hugh Ivesons children of Stockdale one lamb Item to William Iveson one ewe & a lamb Item to Ann Brown one ewe & a lamb Item to Ann of John one ewe & a lamb to Richard Catterill one wether Item to John daughter of Robert Wilson four ewes & four lambs Item to Richard L wife four wethers Item mistress Caterall one wether Item to William I one wether Item to Thomas (procter?) of Cleatop #one wether Item to brother one wether & a jacket cloth Item to William Foster of Settle one to John Webster one jacket & a dublet Item to Hugh watkinson one grey dublet Item Richard melling 4 yards & one half of gray cloth Item to son of roger one ewe & a lamb Item Sir John my son one horse & to son one fillie with my (kist?) & all that is therein Also I make my will John & Sir James my sons executors of this my will & they to dispose goods for the health of my soul as they shall think most expedient Item either Sir john or Sir James remain in the country that then they shall have governance of their mother with all my goods & if they do not then I bequeath Thomas Iveson & Sir Thomas Iveson to do their best & to see her goods wasted as my trust is in them witnesses James Iveson Thomas Kidd Richard Thomas Armitstead.

*3 lines in Latin*

*# A Thomas procter of cleatop mentioned in will of Robt.Stackhouse 1*

## **EARTON Thomas 1602**

**Ref. Borthwick V29 fol 24**

In the name of God Amen, the last will of Thomas Earton of ...Stainfurthe in or about the tenth day of Februarie Anno Dom within said sixteen hundredth and two as followeth First he did comit himself wholie into the hands of almightie God his maker and redeemer Also he did will and bequeath his goods and debts to Thomas Lakeland the said Thomas yielding and paying his funeral expenses These being witnesses Reginald Lawkland and Thomas Guisley

*4 lines Latin*

*The squiggle before Stainforth could be an abbreviation e.g. Kn. For Knight Stainforth.*

*The name appears in the Giggleswick Parish Register at the correct date.*

**Hugh Eddleston 1587**  
**Borthwick vol 23 fol 652**

In the name of god Amen The xiiijth day of Julie Anno a thousand fyve hundrethe eyghtie seaven. I Hughe Eddlestone of the loudge in the pishe of Giggleswicke sicke in bodie but of good and pfect memorie prayed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I surrendr my soule into the handes of almyghtie god my heavenlie father who *hathe(?)* redeemed me by Jesus Christ and my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my friends. Item I give for my mortuarie whatsoever is accustomed and due of Ryghte. Item I give to Margaret my wyfe bothe my leases, thone of Lodge and thother of my ground in settle besydes for Widdow Right of all my goodes. Item I give to my children their porcons according to the law. The rest of all my goodes my debts and funrall expenses paid I give to Margaret my wyfe whome I make my whole executrix. Thes beinge witnesses George Somerscale Hughe Lawson Robte Proctir John Smyth James Foster clarke with others

*Latin text*

**EDLESTONE John 1585****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 23 fol. 52**

In the name of god amen the 25<sup>th</sup>. day of June 1585 I John Edlestone of Setle sick in body but whole and perfect in mind praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my heavenly father by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ I believe to be saved Item I give and bequeath for my mortuary and other funeral expenses that which is right and discharged Item I give to my wife Margaret the whole use and occupancy of all my houses and tenements in Settle with the appurtenances to use and enjoy to her most advantage from the day of my death until candlemas next with the leve of the lord And also I give to the said Margaret my wife half of all my said houses and tenements after candlemas next during the time of her said widowhead if the lord will permit and allow the same Item I give unto my said wife Margaret, all the profit and commodity which I now have or hereafter ought to have of the ground called (Estraines) lying within the field of Settle which I took of Kirthrine Watkinson late wife of Oliver Watkinson Item I give to my said wife my new grey cloak if she will wear it and keep it to her self Item I give unto Margaret my wife thone half of all my goods to her own use And as for the other half of my goods my funeral expenses paid I give two parts thereof to henry claphamson my son in law, and to Elizabeth his wife and to agnes their child equally to be divided And the third part to Margaret my wife Item I give unto my brother William my best jacket my (bottes?)(boots?) my best pair of hose and a shirt Item I give and bequeath to William Edleston son of Thomas late of Settle my gray (slippes?) and a pair of wether stocks to them Item I give to Thomas Edleston his brother a lether dublett and a pair of wether stocks Item I bequeath to Elline Foster my wifes daughter one gimmer lamb Item I give to Alice Foster my wifes daughter one gimmer lamb Item I give to Robt. Altham my best grey jerkin Item I give to henry claphamson my son in law a jacket next to the best if he will take it Item I give to Richard Tennand a pair of old hose Item I will that my sister Margaret have a bedroom in the house and that part of the garden which she hath (already) according to her father his last will Item my will is that where there shall happen to arise any controversy touching this my said will, that all such as will stand any benefit by this my will or any thing therein contained shall stand to and abide the order of the words and witnesses of my said will, Also I make my wife Margaret the whole executrix of this my last will and testament Thes being witnesses John winsor Robt. Altham and Hugh Edleston

*2 lines Latin*



WILL OF Roger EDLESTONE JUNE 14 1544  
Borthwick PROBATE 13 FOLIO 36

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the year of our lord god 1544 the 14<sup>th</sup>.day of June I Roger edlestone sick of body & whole of mind thanks be to god make this my last will in form following that is to say first I bequeath my soul to almighty god & our lady saint marie & to all the whole company of heaven & my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick Also I will that any priest saying mass the day of my burial have 4d. Also I give & bequeath the title & right of my lands & tenements to my wife during her life & after her decease to my son Robert & what time as he shall be aminded to (move) I will he shall have half of my tenement if his mother will be so content saving I will she have four acres of lands of his part to bring up my children with all my debts & funerall expenses paid residue of my part of goods I give & bequeath to my wife & my children to be devided amongst them by even portions Also I make my wife my executrix of this my will In witness hereof John murros Thomas wesleton John Iveson James..... with other moo

*three lines in Latin*

**Isabell Eshe 1602**

**Borthwick vol 29 fol 26**

Memorandum that upon the eleaventh day of January Anno Dom 1602 Isabell Eshe late of Armitstead in the pish of Giggleswicke deceased being then of pfect memorie did declare her last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme following viz First shee did give fyve shillings to evrye one of such psons as shee is Aunte unto saving Thomas Also and shee did give unto Agnes Thornton fyve shillings to Jane Procter xij d to Ellen Walmesley xij d to the wife of John Banckes iiij d To the wife of Robt Nicolson iiij d To Isabell Browne iiij d Unto Willm Ashe and his wife vj d And shee did give unto the wife of xpofer Browne one gray Coate To Thomas Ashe wife one coate Also her will was that her brother John should have what he needeth of her goodes And also her will was that Agnes Thornton shall have the use and keeping of all her houshold stuffe to the use of Isabell Armitstead And that the said Agnes Thornton should make it mo(re) goodes when the said Isabell Armitstead comes to lawfull aige as it was at the day of her death And the rest of all her goodes and debtes she gave and did bequeath unto the said Isabell Armitstead and further her will was that Richard Armitstead and Thomas Thornton should have the same goodes and debts untill the said Isabell come to lawfull yeares of aige Provided alwaies and her will was that if the said Isabell should dye before she come to lawfull yeares of aige, that then all the said goodes unbequeathed unto her should be at the disposing of John Armitstead her brother yet her mynde and will was that Thomas Thornton should not be too much bared thereby Theis bearing witnes Thomas Thornton Robt Armitstead Roger Armitstead and Thomas Armitstead ...

Latin text

## **Rawlyne Faulthrope 1587**

### **Borthwick vol 23 fol 764**

In the name of God Amen The xxvj th of Februarie 1587. I Rawlyne Faulthrope of Roome houses in the pische of gigleswicke sicke in bodie but of good and pfect memorye prayed be almyghtie god do make this my last will and testament in manor and Forme Followinge, First I comend my soule into thandes of almyghtie god my heavenlie father by whose mercye throughe the redemption of Jesus Christ I verylie beleve to be saved, And my bodie to be buried in the pische churche yeard, of Gigleswicke Itm I give for my mortuarie what is due and accustomed by right also I give to Isabell my wyfe her thirdes of all my goodes accordingle as of right she ought to have, Also I give to my children ther porcons of my goodes, as appertainethe unto them. Provided and my will is that Robte Faulthrope my eldest sonne shalbe contented wth the title of my tenement in consideracon of his childes porcon. The Rest of all my goodes my dettes and funrall expenses paid I give to Isabell my wyfe whome I make executrix of this my last will and testament. Thes beinge witnesses Roger Carre, Anthony Wigglesworthe wth others....

Latin text

## **Robert FAWTEROPPE 1561**

### **Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 190**

In the name of God amen the 19th. Day of March 1561 I Robert Fawteroppe of Rome in mewith in Craven within the county of York sick in body & of perfect remembrance thanks be to god (make this) my last will & testament in manner & form following First I bequeath my soul to god almighty & my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to Rawline fawteroppe my brother any(?) two oxen two white headed stots two little red stots one ..... & one grey jacket Item I bequeath to James my brother all my best apparell Item I bequeath to Elizabeth fawteroppe my brother Thomas daughter one cow Item to Alice my brother johns daughter one black white headed stot Item to Robert my brother Thomas son one red whye Item to Christopher fawteroppe my brother Johns son three sheep Also I will that that three & forty shillings (which) maister willim Catterall doth owe unto me be both equally divided amongst all the children of John my brother & robert (rawline?) Also I will that Rawline if he be able, leave to Robert his brother two oxen & four stots instead of them that I have given (him?) The rest of my goods my debts funeral expenses & bequests paid of the whole I give unto Rawline fawteroppe (whom I ) make my whole executor of this my will, witnesses ...../..... taylor hugh webster Thomas Browne of Cocket & James J..... with other moo Also I will that Robert my brother john (camm?) have the quie which is remaining.

*4 lines in Latin*

*stot – a young ox  
whye/quie – a female calf*

**Christopher Fawthrop 1577**

**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 213**

In the name of God amen the xxviiij day of September et Anno d(omi)ni 1577 I xpofer Fawthrop of Settell in the parish of Gegleswicke Sick in body but of good and perfect Remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows First I bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker and saviour and my body to be buried in the church yard of Gegleswicke Item I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid of my whole goods And the Residue of my goods I give and bequeath to George Fawthrop and Jennette Fawthroppe my children equally to be divided between them and if either of them die before they come to lawful age then (the) survivor to have my whole goods Item I will that Rowlande Fawthroppe my brother shall have the bringing up of Genett my daughter and the occupation of his (?) goods in such order as my supervisors shall think most meet And also my will is that Richard fadeshay my brother in law shall have the bringing up of George Fawthroppe my son and the occupation of his goods at the discretion of my supervisors and I make and ordain my said brethren Rawlyn Fawthroppe and Richard Faldeshey my Joint executors of this my will and I ordain my trusty friends George Somerscale of Settle within Craven of Giggleswicke and Roger Carre of Closehouse supervisors of this my will desiring them on god's behalf to aid and assist my executors in the performance of this my will And if any disagreement shall arise between my executors or so many of them as shall be living from time to time I (*sic*) witness whereof I have caused this my will to be written the day and year abovesaid In the presence of these witnesses Thomas Craven Roger Carr William Craven and Sir James Foster curate of Gegleswicke and George Somerscale with others

Latin text

**Awsten Foster 1601**

**Borthwick vol 28 fol 723**

In the name of god Amen the twentieth day of March in the yeare of our lord one thousand sixe hundreth and one I Awsten Foster of Settle in the county of yorke butcher sicke in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I bequeath my soule to almighty god and my body to be buried in the parishe church yard of Gigleswicke Item my will is that my brother Robt Foster shall have the lease of my house with thapprtences in Settle and the title of Tennantright of in and to the same, by Licence of the Lord according to certaine indented articles lately made and sett downe betwene us and according to a deed(?) .... .. him the saide Robt made sealed and delivered as by the same articles and deeds may appear. Furthermore I give and bequeathe to my naturall mother my best hatt and to my sisters Ellin and Margaret either of them tenn shillinges. And for all the rest of my goods not bequeathed after my debts be paid and funerall expenses discharged my will is and I bequeathe the same wholly to Elizabeth my wife willing her to give to my brother my blew breeches. And I make and ordaine hir the said Elizabeth my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnessess Willm Lund Richard Althame John Stalmon and Barnaby Foster.....

Latin text

**Giles Foster of Winskill 1601/2**

In dei no(m)i(n)e Amen upon the fifth daie of March one thowsand sixe hundreth and two I Giles foster of Windscall wthin the parish of Gigleswick and Countie of Yorke sicke in my bodie but of perfect remembrance praised be god for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I comend my soule into the handes of Almightye god by whose mercie through the redemption in Jesus Christ my onelie saviour I beleeve to be saved And my bodie to be buried in the churchyarde of the parish of Gigleswicke Itm I will that my debtes be paied of my whole goodes Itm I geve to the poore of the parish of Gigleswicke five shillinges to be distributed at the discreton of the viccar of the church and others my frindes Itm I geve unto Thomas foster my sonne and Jane foster my daughter ther equall porcons of my goodes Itm. to Elias Deane sonne of Geffray Deane xx sh And I will that Thomas Kidd my sonne in lawe shall have the disposinge of the same xx sh for the sole (use?) of the saide Elias untill the saide Elias Deane shall accomplish the age of eighteene yeares Itm I geve to the saide Thomas Kidd my sonne in lawe xl sh and to his sonne Willm two ewes and to his daughter Alice other two ewes Itm I geve unto my sonne in lawe Willm Cockett xl sh and to his daughter Agnes two ewes Itm I geve to the daughter of John foster of Rawthmell to whome I am godfather twelve pence And for my parte of my goodes my debtes first beinge discharged my funerall expences paied and other the legacies and dues paied and donne I give the same unto my daughter Jane foster And for my sonne Richard foster of the Cittie of London Clothworker at the instance and desire of himselfe and other his frindes and myne towardes his preferment I gave before the date and makinge hereof satisfied and paied to him a certeyne some of money in full satisfacton and payment of his filliall parte and childes porcon of all my goodes cattells and chattels wch I thinke well bestowed upon him if he behave himselfe lovinge and frindlie to my wife and children and be a good husband to himselfe Itm. I ordeyne and appoint Margret my wife and Thomas foster my sonne ioynt executors of this my last will and testament And I desier my frindes Richard Foster younger Willm Cockett John Twisleton Hughe Carr and Thomas Kidd to be aydinge and assistinge unto executors in the due executon of this my will These beinge witnesses Thomas Kidd Willm Cockett Hughe Carr and Brian Bainbrigge

Latin text

**FOSTER Henry 1551**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York vol. 13 fol. 771**

In the name of god amen the 8<sup>th</sup>. day of August in the year of our lord god 1551 I  
henry Foster perfect of mind & memory loved be almighty god make this my last will  
& testament in manner and form followeth First I bequeath my soul to almighty god  
& to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the church yard in  
Gigleswike Item for my mortuary that at right will Item I will that my wife shall have  
half my farmhold during her widowhead to the bringing up of her children ..... and  
Thomas Foster my son the other half of my farmhold and all the farmhold after her  
widowhead with the licence of the lord paying to (.....) my brethren £10 Item my wife  
shall have her third part of my goods & my children their portion of my goods  
according to the law the residue of my goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I  
will that Agnes my wife & William foster of Clapham be my executors & to dispose  
the rest my goods amongst my children these men bearing witness Thomas Foster  
John Cockhede Hamett Foster William lawklande with other moo

*3 lines latin*

**Henry Foster 1589**  
**Borthwick vol 24 f 302**

In the name of god amen The eleventh daie 1589 I Henry Foster of Rathmell in the pish of Giggleswick and county of Yorke sick in bodie but of pfect remembrance prayed be god do make this my last will & testamnt in maner & forme followinge First I bequith my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and onelie saviour and my bodie to be buried in ye churchyard in Giggleswick And for my mortuary and other church dues all that right is. Item it is my will & I do by these presents geve grannt release devise and bequeth unto Anthonie Foster my eldest sonne and to hys executors and assignes and to his and ther onelie use & uses for ever all & singler my landes messuages tenemts leases & ..... of ground with all houses & buildinges writings conveyances & assurances whatsoever to the same and (some?) of them belonging or in anie wise appteyning To have and to hold to him the said Anthonie to his heires executors (administrators?) & assignes for ever without anie ..... to be maid upon any pte thereof Item it is my will that Jane my daughter shall have one hundreth poundes in full satisfaction of her childes pte of my goodes Item it is my will that my children Anthonie and John shall have ther childes porcons of my goodes according to the law And it is my will that Anthony shall have all husbandrie geare and other necessaries wch are naile fast or otherwise to remaine at the house in her (?porcon) as they be ..... Item it is my will & I geve and bequeth unto John Foster my sonne fortie poundes over and besides his childes porcon Allso his childes porcon as the xl li abovesaid I will that he shall have paid when his yeres of prentiship is ended and not before so that he shall not trouble or hinder my executors for pant thereof because much of my goodes be in creditors handes and I know not how they wilbe gotten up yet if it may be for his benefit & better furtherance I will he shall have some pte therof soner at the discretion of my supvisors And whereas Miles Fawcet my sonne in Law doth ow me twentie and thre pounds and two kie wch I lent him It is my will and I geve unto him frelie twenty pounds thereof and the other thre poundes and the two kye I will he shall make into monie pntelie after the date hereof and that twenty Ewes & Lambes that is very likelie good shalbe bought therewth And the same I geve unto Agnes & Jane his daughters and he to kepe the said Ewes for ther use and to have for his kepinge therof the woll & milke And the Lambes to be set forwards yerelie to ther comoditie at the discretion of my Executors and suprvisors and he to be accomptable therfore yerelie to my Executors and suprvisors And where his wief is supposed to be wth child I geve to that Child thre poundes sex shillings eight pence to be bestowed & set forwards as is afforesaide And if it or anie of the rest die the porcons (the) to remain to them that liveth all wch bequested abovesaid I geve unto Myles & his children in consideracon that he shalbe frindlie and willing to pleasure my children as occasion shall serve and as he hath donne to me Itm I geve and bequeath towards the making of the way from Banckfeild make to Blaymosse so far as his ground doth reach - xx s the wch I meane shall pay for stoness getting and the setting, so as neghbers do load the stoness and get the same maid before Alhallowes daie next or els that my guift to be void Also I geve unto Robte Cort my pte of the old debte wch he did ow unto my mr mr Catterall and me when I bought the whelestock of him And for that debte and Robte Cattersons they were left meane betwene us and set downe in the booke after accompt was maid And what as could be gotten to be equallie devided betwene us And I take it upon my charge I did never receve anie of it nor ever pmised to paie anie thing for it onele it could be gotten Also where some disagremt was betwene Edward Hodgson & me aswell for one reckning

**James FOSTER 1567**  
**Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 785**

*Main portion of will very badly smudged*

In the name of god amen the third day of August 1567 I James Foster of Stainforth underhill sick in bodie but whole of mind & memory loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Also my will is that Henry Foster my son shall have (foure mark?).in penyie or penny..... Also my will is that William Foster my son shall have my lease & all my (message?) with title & tenant right of my tenement with the licence of the lord Also I give to (the said William) a (ann.....) four silver spoons five dozen of tenters a pair of nall.....(sheares) and a brasse potte .....& then he shall pay to my two daughters 13s.4d. Also I will that Eli my wife shall have her widow right The rest of my part of goods when my debts & all other expenses are paid & discharged I give to my two daughters & I make Eli my wife & William Foster my son my whole executors of this my last will & testament These witnesses Thomas Foster John (Armitstead ) Henry (Cookhead) & Christopher (Cookhead) with others

*4 lines Latin*

**John Foster of Rathmell Will 1547**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 359**

In the name of god amen the yere of our lorde god 1547 the xvith daie of September I John Foster of Rawthemell beinge of pfect mynde do bequeathe my soule to almightie god and my bodie to the kings warres Also I bequeathe the title of my farmolde unto Margarete my wif and she forto bringe up my children Also I will that after my wif my farmolde shall remayne with licence of the lorde to one of my sones Richarde Allan or Hughe whiche of theme as shalbe most able at sighte of frendes Also I bequeathe all my goods to my wif and my children Also I make my wif and my childer my executoures of this my last will witnes herof Nicholas Marston Richarde Burton Allan Carre John Hoghton with other moo

[Latin]



**Borthwick volume 14 Folio 25**  
**Will of John Foster of Winskill 1554**

In dei no(min)e amen the 24th day of November in the year of our Lord God 1554 I John Foster of Winskill sick in body and of good and perfect memory loved be Almighty God make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to our Lady St Marie and to all the blessed company of heaven And my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick and for my mortuary that at right will Item I give for forgotten tithes to the high altar 12d Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Foster my son my house that I dwell upon and used with the office by the licence of the Lord or owner thereof and all the husbandry gear that belongs to my house with the bedstocks belonging to the same this I give him for his child's portion Item I will that if the said Thomas die without issue lawfully begotten that I will that this bequest wholly to re-enter to William Foster my son Item I give and bequeath to William Foster my son the plains with -- -- rest of land that lies in Langcliffe field and a fourth (?) of Langcliffe mill with the licence of the Lord and this to be for his child's portion Item I will that if the said William die before he be in possession and die without of lawful issue begotten that I will that this bequest wholly to re-enter to James Foster my son Item I will that if the said James die without lawful issue begotten my will that this bequest to wholly to re-enter to Miles my son and so from one son to another according (to) my bequests Also my will is that if the said Thomas Foster my son die and the said William Foster to re-enter of his bequest I will then that William bequest shall re-enter to James my son Also I will that my wife shall be the last and she to order all that I am in possession of at the discretion of my iij witness during her widowhood And if she marry she to have her possession of my goods according as the law of the -- -- -- Also I give my parts of goods to (Cecilie) my wife and -- -- -- sons (?) that have none of the former bequests and to my daughters and that to be equally divided amongst them And The rest of my goods to be divided to Cecilie my wife and her daughters and to those sons that have none of the former bequests Also my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid of the whole goods and to this my last will I make Cecilie my wife and James Foster my son my full and sole executors to perform the same according to the true intent and meaning and to this my will I have set my hand as my -- -- before the witnesses Thomas Browne Thomas Somerschall John Wildman Richard Iveson

Latin text

## Will of Oliver Foster 1516

### Borthwick vol. 9 fol 45 mf 917

In dei nomine Amen primo die mensis Septembris Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo xvj Ego Oliverus Foster [compos] mentis et sane memorie videns periculum(?) mortis appropinquans ordino et facio et constituo testamentum meum in hunc modum. [In primis] lego animam meam deo [omnipotenti] beate marie virgini et omnibus sanctis corpus que meum sepeliend in ecclesia sancti Ac(kelda) de Gyggylswyke. Item lego pro mortuario meo meum optimum animal. Item pro sepultura mea trigint solidi ad distribuend ilius parochie mei ... altari beate marie virginis unum vestiment de Rubio Sattari(?) pro salute anime mee et .... .. Item ecclesia de Gigillswike quatro libris moneta ad disponend pro salute anime mee sicut mei executores(?) .... ..mei et propositi ecclesie disponend nolunt. Item lego cuilit (quilibet) sacerdoti celebrant in die sepulture mee vj d. Item lego Abbati de ... et conventi(?) ibidem vj s viij d pro absolut.. mea. Item lego fratribus Augustinii ... vj s viij d pro absolut.. .... .. iij s iij d. Item Abbati de Salley et conventi(?) ibidem vj s viij d pro absolu... mea. Item fratribus de .... .. vj s viij d. Item fratribus de Preston in .... vj s viij d. Item fratribus de Appelby iij s iiij d. Item lego Margarete Foster filia Ric(ar)d(i) Foster iiij indens ad debet in moneta et aliis rebus. Item volo quod Jacobus Foster Willmus Foster de Stanford et Jacobus Armitstede de .... et gubernant tres pueros meos cum eorum portionibus et inducam fide .... coram Johannes Caterall quo .... et ...predict portioniis ... ad etatorii(?) vel matrimonium predict quanta provenant vel aliquis aut aliqua eorum provenant(?) vel... .. titulum Jus ut voluntarij omnia tentores meorum ... in ... permaneat Et si contingat ... Margaret uxor mea .... in matrimonio copulari tunc do et lego totum titulum Jus et voluntatorii predict .... Willmo filio meo ... .. liberis tunc do et lego omnia tenementa mea Johanni filio meo cum licentia dominis. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Margarete uxor mee et primes(?) meis et ad omnia premissa fideliter faciendum et exequendum ordino et confirmo [predictam] Margareta uxor mea et Willelmus filius meus meos executores. Item volo quod Johnes Caterall fit supervisor testamenti hiis testibus John Caterall Armigero domino Roger Kyd capellano Jacobo Foster Willmo Foster de Stanford et Jacobo Armistede et aliis

Probatum fuit...

In the name of god amen 1st September AD 1516 I Oliver Foster of sound mind and sane memory seeing death approaching ordain and make and constitute my will in manner following. First I leave my soul to almighty god and the blessed virgin Mary and all the saints and my body to be buried in St Akelda's church in Giggleswick. Item I leave for my mortuary my best animal. Item for my burial thirty shillings to be distributed ... parish ... altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary one vestment of ... for my soul and ... .. Item to the church of Giggleswick £4 in money to dispose of for the salvation of my soul .....just as my executors .... and the abbot of the church are unwilling to distribute. Item I leave to each priest celebrating on the day of my burial 6d. Item I leave to the Abbot of ..... and the convent there 6s 8d for my absolution. Item I leave to the Augustinian brothers ... 6s 8d for absolution....  
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## **Borthwick volume 19 b Folio 576**

### **Will of Richard Foster 1572**

In the name of God Amen the 10th day of October anno domini 1572 I Richard Foster of mewith in the parish of Giggleswick sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be Almighty God make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick also I give and bequeath for my mortuary all that right will also I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife her widow right of my goods and she to have and occupy my farmhold with the help of William Foster my brother so long as she is my wife and to bring up my children and her and after her widow hood and I give the title and tenant right of my tenement unto John Foster my son and if he die and depart unto the mercy of Almighty God without issue lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath my said tenement unto that child that my wife is with if it be a son and if not then I give the title and tenant right of my said tenement unto William Foster my brother and he to give to my daughter (if she live) with her portion and goods £13 6 shillings and eight pence also I give to my child or children his or their portions of goods according to the law also I will that Agnes Foster my sister shall have easement and a bedroom in my house if she will be ordered by my uncle Sir James Foster and the executors of this my will also I will that Margaret my wife and William Foster my brother shall bring up my children or child to he or they be and come to lawful age The rest of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife and my child or children equally amongst them I make Sir James Foster my uncle supervisor of this my will and I make and constitute Margaret my wife my whole executrix These witnesses Robert Talior of Rome Barnard Browne Roger Carre Ralyng Fawthrope with others

Latin text

**Borthwick 13 b Folio 987v.**

**Will of Thomas Foster 1553**

In dei noie amen 26th day of December in the year of our Lord God 1552 I Thomas Foster of mevith sick in body and of perfect memory loved be Almighty God make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to all the glorious company of heaven and my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues that that (*sic*) right will Item I bequeath to the mending of claishouse lane 12d if neighbours will make it Item I will that Margaret my wife shall have my farmhold during her widowhood and to govern and bring up my children of the said farmhold by the counsel of William Preston the elder my father in law and Sir James Foster my brother Item I give and bequeath the title and tenement right of my farmhold with the licence of the Lord to John Foster my son paying to his two brethren four marks of lawful English money if the said John chance to die without any son lawfully begotten then the said farmhold to remain to Richard Foster my son he paying to his brother William 53 shillings 4d And if the said Richard die without any son lawfully begotten then the said farmhold to remain to William Foster my son Item I give to every one of Richard Jackes children a sheep Item I make Sir James Foster supervisor of this my last will and Testament The residue of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife and my children And I make Margaret my wife and William Preston the elder my executors These being witnesses Sir James Foster curat Adam Car Richard Lynsey Robert Tayllyor John Lawson Robert Lawson

Latin text

## Thomas Foster 1590

### Borthwick vol 25 fol 851

In dei no(m)i(n)e Amen, upon the fourthe day of Auguste 1590 I Thomas Foster of Freer stainforthe in the Countie of yorke Sicke in bodye yet pfect and whole in mynd and memorye praysed be god the more, doe make this my last will and testament in manor and forme Followinge, First I comend my soule to god almyghtie by whose mercye throughe the redemption of Jesue Christ my onely Saviour I beleve to be saved. And my bodye to be buryed in the churche yeard of Gigleswicke and suche dues to be paid as is Right, Also I give for my mortuarie what of Right is due and yt is my mynd that Agnes my wyfe be the best at my house so longe as she keepethe her selfe unmarried, and I give unto the said Agnes my wyfe the occupacon of my tenement in Stainforthe aforesaid and the occupacon of my pte of the lease, wch is grannted to me, and certaine others of my neighboures of the dry park so longe as she kepethe her my wyfe and abydethe at my house Itm I will that my tenement be occupied together And that Richard Foster my sonne be my wife s(er)vant untill suche tyme as my youngeste daughter Agnes Foster be maryed And when she comethe to marrayge Then I will that my sonne Richard shall wth the leave of his brother and consent of Hughe Gregsone returne into my house and have my said leases and tenement, the husbandarie geare wth tenters and Sheares and the great Ambrie standinge in the Paller and after the deathe or mariage of the said Agnes my wyfe for ever in full satisfacton and payment of his childes porcon of all my goodes, Also yt is my mynd that henrye Foster my sonne shall have in recumpence and satisfacton of his childes porcon parte of my goodes suche charges as I have maid(?) and bestowed upon hym in keepeinge hym at the Schoole and other Wayes And I praye hym be contente wth yt. Itm I will that Mathew Foster my sonne , and agnes Foster my said youngest daughter have their childes porcons of my goodes, my leases excepted wch I have alredie assigned and given to agnes Foster my wyfe and Richard Foster my sonne in manor and forme aforesaid. Itm my mortuarye and other duties discharged I give my pte of my goodes to Agnes my youngest daughter, And I will that my said daughter be ruled by her said mother, Hughe Gregsone and other her frendes. Itm I give to Jaine my daughter that tene pounce wch I dyd give her at the tyme of her mariage and suche other Reckoninge as are nowe at this psent Betwixt Robert Lawkeland her husbände and me in Satisfaccon of her childes porcon of my goodes, also I make Agnes my wyfe And the said hughe gregsone executors of this my last will and testament. And I desyre hughe Armytstead my brother in law, John Gregsone of Swynestead and Robert Lawkeland of Stainford to be Suprvisors hearof and to helpe my wyfe and children when need is. Thes beinge witnesses Hugh Armytstead Robert Lawklande and Roger Cooke with other more ....

Latin text

**Thomas Foster senior 1571**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 437**

In the name of God amen the tenth day of June in the year of our lorde god a thousand five hundrethe seventie one I Thomas Foster thelder of Stanforthe underhill seyke in bodie but of good and pfitt Remembrance loved be allmyghtie god mayke this my laste will and Testamente in manner and forme followinge Firste I geve and bequythe my soule to allmyghtie god and to all the glorious company in heaven and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Gegleswicke also I geve and bequythe the title and Tennande righte of my Tennement with the licence of the Lorde unto Richarde foster my sone after my deathe Also I geve to the said Richarde vj dosinge tenters ij payre of walker shears all my husbandrie geare and all suche monye as mr Edwarde Darcie had lente of me Also I will that Agnes my wife shall have her wedowe right bothe of my goods and farmeholde duringe her widowheade and if she go of my Tennement than she shall have the thirdes of my goods also I geve to my fyve sones ther childe porcon to Anthony foster to John foster ther to John foster the younger to george foster and Robte foster also I will yt Agnes my wyfe and Richarde foster my sonne keepe or cause to be kepte at the scoole george foster my sonne to he xx years of age Also I geve to everie childe that I am granfer to a lambe or xij d and everie childe that I am grandfather to iiij d apece also I geve to Agnes foster daughter of Richarde foster my greateste panne also I geve to willm foster my eldeste sonne my beste Jacket one dublet one paire of hose one sherte one hatte one paire of shooes and to Richarde Lawson my sonne in lawe a browne Jacket The reste of my pte of goods and dettes and all other dewties paide and discharged I geve to my fyve sonnes and to Richarde foster daughter to Anthony John John George Robte and Agnes equallie amonge them and I mayke and constitute Agnes my wife and Richarde foster my sone my hole executors ...witnes Henry Cookheade Robte Iveson and willm foster wth others....

Latin text

**FOSTER William 1539**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 11 fol. 406**

In the name of god amen the year of our lord god 1539 the 6<sup>th</sup>. day of march I William Foster sick in body and of good memory and mind thanks being to almighty god make my will as after followeth First I give and bequeath my soul to god almighty and our lady saint marie and to all the saints in heaven and my body to be buried in the church yard of saint alkelde virgin of Gigleswicke and for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to the high altar for tithes and oblations by me negligently forgotten 6d. Also I will it to be noted and known in this my will that it was agreed between me and my son Oliver foster that I should pay to him or cause to be paid for his title and tenant right of my tenement £3.6s.8d. of the whole payment the half remainder at the day of his marriage 40s. And the residue of the said sum I will to be paid when so and he is content to receive it and when so and he doth receive it my will is that he do sell a general acquittance to his brother Thomas both for goods and tenement thus doing he shall have gods blessings and mine and also 31s. of the whole his mother hath confessed and acknowledged that she hath given him without any assent or knowledge to the intent that he should keep the bargain made to me and to his mother Also my will is that my wife have two parts of my tenement during her widdowhead and after her widdowhead I give and I bequeath the whole right and tenant right of my tenement to Thomas my son Residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and I bequeath to Katherin my wife who I make executrix of this my will and she to dispose it to the marriage of my daughter and for the health of my soul as she shall think most expedient these witness Thomas Carr of stakhouse William Watkinson roland armytsted and john falthrop with other moo

*3 lines Latin*

**Borthwick vol 21 fol 84**

**William Foster of Winskill 1577**

In the name of God amen The sixth daye of Januarii 1577 I Willm Foster of Wynschall within the pische of gyleswicke thelder secke in bodye but of good and pfyte Remembrance laud be almyghtie god my maker and redeemer maike this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequethe my soull to almyghtie god and to Jesus christe his sonne and my bodye to be buried in the churche yard of gylesweke and for my mortuarye all that Right will alsoe I gyve and bequithe to El[izabe]the my wyf all my wholle bargayne whiche I have of xofer foster and Thomas Foster my sonnes duryng her widdowhead and (*blank*) mayer withe a whithe Raiche, and her widdowe Ryght of my goodes also I will that xofer foster and Thomas foster my sonnes shall paye to their brethren for there Tente Right of my Tenement accordyng to my promisse maid when Xofer foster my sonne was maryed Tenne pound amonge them all also I will that dorothe my daughter shall have a bedrowme withe xofer foster and Thomas foster my sonnes also I bequithe to all the Rest of my children ther childe porcon of my goodes accordyng to the lawe the Rest of al my goodes my debttes and all other dewtyes paid I gyve and bequithe to El[izabe]the my wyf and to my children equallie amonge them and I maike and constitute El[izabe]the my wyf my whole Executrix this wittnes Gylis foster Willm foster and xofer foster withe others

Latin text

whithe Raiche = white streak on horse's head (rache in OED)



## **Borthwick vol 23 fol 236**

### **William Foster of Winskill 1587**

In the name of god amen the xiiij th day of october in the yeare of oure lord god a thowesand five hundreth eightie seaven I Willm Foster of Winskile in the pyshe of giggleswicke in the countie of york sick in bodye but of good and pfect remembrance praysed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I bequithe my soule to Jesus christ my maker and onlye savioure and my bodye to be buried in the churche yard at giggleswick and for my mortuarye and other churche dues all that right will Itm my Will is that my debts be paid of my whole goodes and the rest that remaneth my will is my Wiffe shall have her widoweright my children their porcons thereof Itm my will is that my wiffe shall have the occupacon of my ten[emen]t and rule of my children and the goodes and the goodes to bring them upp upon so longe as henrye foster of Rathmell & Myles foster of hesledon and xofer Lawson of malhame shall think mete and pfitable for my children And the monaies that can be made theare [from] the same to be devided amongst my children at the discretion of the Abovesaid Henrie foster Miles fawcett and xofer Lawson Itm my will is and I give and bequithe the Title & Tennt right of my whole tenementes and of my pt of Lancliffe mylne unto Thomas Foster my elder sone and to his lawfull issue and for lack of him and his lawefull issue I will the same shall remaine unto my next sone and his lawefull issue and so frome sone to sone and their lawfull issue....unto the same at suche tyme as thabovesaid henrye foster Miles fawcett and xofer Lawson and the survivores of them And which of them as shall refuse their order my will is they shall have no beny fitt of this my will so far as the lawe will allow The Residue of my pt of goodes not bequithed my .... and other lick thinges discharged .....to my..... equallie to be devidede amongst them Itm I do ordayne and appointe Jennet my Wyfe my sole executrix and thabovesaid henrye foster Miles faucett and xofer Lawson sup[er]visors of this my last will and testament trustinge they will see the same pformed according to my true meanynge This beinge witnessed henrye foster Miles fawcet xofer Lawson... Richard(?) frankland Robert....

Latin text

**William Foster of Staineford 1597**

**Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 264**

In the name of God Amen on the 10th day of December 1597 I William Foster of Staineford underbraghe (*sic*) within the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance I thank God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ my only saviour I believe to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick. Item I will that my mortuary and church dues be paid according to Right. Item it is my will and mind that my debts shall be paid of my whole goods. Item it is my will and mind that Margaret my wife shall have the occupation of my whole tenement for the term and space of 10 years now next ensuing the date hereof for the better education of my children if she live so long and do keep herself unmarried and if it please God that she die or marry within the said term of 10 years then it is my mind and will that Richard Foster my eldest son shall enter unto have and occupy the said tenement and my lease thereof to him and his assigns for ever. And that he the said Richard shall educate and bring up Henry and William Foster my sons unto such time as they shall be provided for by the consent of my friends or supervisors hereof. And if any of my children shall fall sick then it is my mind and will that they shall be maintained in their sickness by my executors upon my tenement. Item it is my mind and will that Margaret my wife after the expiration of 10 years next coming shall have the moitie and one half of my tenement for and during her widowhood only. Item it is my mind and will that Richard Foster my eldest son shall have my husbandry gear with my tenters tenterwood the wollen lambs and the furniture belonging to them the bedstocks stone troughs all tables forms chairs and stools within and about my house and one dishe bench(?) in full satisfaction of his filial and child's portion of my goods the lease of my tenement to stand good according to my farm grant herein set down. Item it is my mind and will that the said Richard Foster my eldest son shall pay and content unto my daughters Margaret and Anne Foster to either of them six pounds 13 shillings four pence when he does enter unto any part of my tenement or within one year next after following and if either of them shall die in the meantime then I will that the same portion to remain payable to the other of them if they will be advised by my wife and supervisors hereof. Item it is my mind and if the said Margaret and Anne or either of them do marry in the meantime before that the said Richard Foster my son do enter unto part of my tenement then it is my mind and will that the said Richard my son shall pay the said sum or sums of money to them so marrying if he be able at the discretion (of) my wife and supervisors thereof. Item it is my will that the said Richard Foster my son shall pay and content unto my sons James and Henry to either of them four pounds and unto my son William Foster the sum of five pounds six shillings and 8d at such time as my said son Richard shall enter unto some part of my tenement or within two years then next after and if any of my said sons do die that then his portion shall be divided amongst my other sons equally. Item it is my mind and will that every one of my children shall have their portions of my goods movable and unmovable my lease and farm grant excepted and my wife her part and Right thereof. Item I give my part of goods unto Margaret my wife trusting that she will be good to my children. Item it is my mind and will that Margaret my wife shall have the use and occupation of my husbandry gear and of the other things given and bequeathed unto Richard within my house until(?) the said Richard enter unto some

**Borthwick volume 19 Folio 653 verso**  
**Will of John Frankland 1574**

In the name of God Amen the fourth day of June 1574 I John Frankland of Rathmell sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be Almighty God makes this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and commit my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard at Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I bequeath to my wife during her widowhood half my house except a loft half a croft of the sun side of the house half my barn and half my garden Also I will that my wife shall have after my death certain -- lying under the hall banke for the space of seven years if she marry not nor depart unto the mercy of Almighty God and then my son Richard Frankland shall have then -- Bankes Also I will that my wife shall have all the Banke only from the *on most* sweet land and meadow to the furthest end of the said close Also half a garden to sow hemp in next adjoining between Diconson and William Armistead Also two lease of meadow beyond bronde bonshe\* adjoining to Stephen Armestead Also half the ground beyond Rybell my wife paying to Mr John catterall for his land two shillings and fourpence by the year Also I bequeath to Richard Frankland my eldest son all my lands and the title and tenement right of my tenement as well set and unsett all my Smith gear and the smithy gear he paying to his three brethren William Christopher and John to every of them 13 s 4d a year Also to his other six brethren to every one of them six shillings 8d apiece Also I bequeath to my said son Richard my best jacket and two of my best ...Also I bequeath to Jane my daughter boards for an ark Also I bequeath to Thomas Frankland my son a black ox calf Also I will that John Frankland my brother shall have a bed room at my house so long as he will be ordered and if he will be ordered by my executors and recorders of this my last will then he shall....of my house Also I will that if it fortune at any time hereafter any controversy to be between my wife my executors and my children or any of them that they and every one of them shall be ordered at all times by my recorders or of as many of them shall be then living The rest of my goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife and Jane my daughter And I make constitute Margaret my wife and Richard Frankland my son my whole executors These witnesses Thomas Frankland Henry Robinson Oliver Howghton James Armestead and William Armestead with others

Latin text

\*bronde bonshe could be brown bank

**Borthwick volume 11 Folio 55**  
**Will of Richard Frankland 1532**

In the name of God Amen the year of our Lord God 1532 the 12th day of April I Richard Frankland sick in body and in good memory and mind thanks being unto Almighty God make my will as after follows that is to say first and principal above all earthly things I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker saviour and redeemer of the world and to our Lady St Mary and to all the holy company in heaven and my body to be buried in the church of St Akylde virgin of Giggleswick and for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to my priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d Item I bequeath to the high altar for my tithes and oblations by me negligently forgotten 13d Item I bequeath to the Chantry of St Sunday 20 shillings Also I bequeath to Thomas Lord Abbot of the monastery of Sallay 6s 8d and to the convent of the same 3s 4d Also I bequeath to Alice Frankland daughter of Henry Frankland three whyes and I will that my wife amend her with more of all my goods as she shall think expedient at her departing from this transitory life Item I bequeath to every one of my god children a lamb Also my will is that my wife have the occupancy of my tenement during her widowhood if she can be content there to abide and remain And if she be disposed to go to her daughter or to any other of her friends then I will she have her portion of my goods according to the custom and so to be content and never after to make claim to any part of my said tenement Also I give and I bequeath the title and tenant right of my tenement after the widowhood of my wife or her departing from the said tenement to Hugh my son with the licence of the Lord thereof Also I make my wife and Hugh my son my executors of this my last will These witnesses Edmund Wharffe Alan Wharffe John Giggleswick with others  
Latin text

WILL OF John GREGSON Dec.7 1550  
Borthwick Vol.13 Folio 713

IN THE NAME OF GOD the 7<sup>th</sup>.day of December in the year of our lord god 1550 I John Gregson sick in body & whole of mind & memory loved be god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following first I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to our lady saint mary & to all the glorios company of heaven & my body to be buried within the church of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary that at right will Item I bequeath to Robert Robinson my best jacket & to his sons children every one of them a gimmer lamb Item I bequeath to William Foster a gimmer lamb Item to Margaret Lynsay a gimmer lamb Item to Elizabeth Howson 7 sheep which is at Robert Newhouse of the high moor & a bed of cloths if so be that she marry at the sight of hugh Gregson my brother & Richard Linsay my son in law Item I will that the said Elizabeth Howson have two black (whie) stirks for her wages which are behind unpaid which is wintered Robert Wildman of Keesden Item I bequeath to Robert Wildman a white jacket a pair of hose & a white coat which I wear (open?) the (workday?) & a peck of f..... big Item to Robert Watson a peck of big Item to Richard Wallbank a coat & a pair of hose Item to Richard Brown of Giggleswick a peck of big Item to Agnes Carr of Rathmell child peck of big Item to John Dicconsons wife half a peck of big Item to hugh Gregson my brother my green jacket & my best coat Item Isabell wharfe 4d. Item to Richard Linsey my son (in law) a grey fillie Item Richard Catterall half a bushel of malt Item to Ric. bell? a peck of malt Item to (Rich.lamont?) shepherd wife for harm that was done to her a peck of big Item I will that my wife shall have an honest finding with Roberte my son if she please as meat & drink & clothes as long as she liveth & to be honestly ordered at her (waye gaite) & to every one of her daughters 20 shillings & if she will not tarry with my son Roberte then she shall have her portion of goods & (neither) marke nor (mell?) of the farmold Item I will that hugh Gregson my brother & John Armitstead of Stainford be executors of this my last will & to see it be fulfilled the residue of my goods & my debts legacies with expenses paid I give & bequeath to Roberto Gregson my son whom I make my sole executor These men bearing wittness Alan Wharf Oliver Carr William Bank & Ric.Wallbank

*last 3 lines in Latin*

**John Gregson 1598**

**Borthwick vol. 29 fol. 22**

In the name of god amen the ninth day of September in the fortieth yeare of the Reigne of our sovereigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god queene of England France & Ireland defender of the faith etc. (1598?) I John Gregson of Swainstead within the townshippe of ..... being sicke in bodie but of perfect remembrance god be prayed therefore do make this my last will and testament in manner & forme following First I bequeath my soule into the handes of almightie god my ..... and my bodie to be buried in the church yard at the parish church of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my children kinsfolkes and freinds Itm I give .... of all my lands tenements and ..... thappurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise apperteyning unto my sonne and heir Thomas Gregson Itm I give to .... Procter and Jane Procter daughters of Edmond Procter .... my will is that John Carr of brayshay have it use to .... before she be one and twenty yeares of aige .... then living shall have the whole .... before they come to xxi yeares then my will is that the rest of my children .... paid to Edmond Procter Itm I give to Edmond Procter an arke standing in his barne .... a chist and so much houshold stufes as shall amount to the value .... xx s Itm I give to my daughter Agnes one chist a bed of clothes and three poundes thirtene shillinges and fower pence yearlie to be paid unto her or her assignes duringe her life naturall and of my landes and tenements by Thomas Gregsonne my sonne and heire Provided alwaies that if the said Jane my daughter do marry then my will is that Thomas Gregson my sonne shall pay unto her the some of .... li in full satisfacon of her .... within the space of one yeare next after her marriage And so longe as Thomas my sonne do sufficiently maynteyne and keepe my daughter Jane with meat drinke and apparrell to the good liking of Anthony Foster and Richard Clarke then my will is that he the said Thomas duringe that tyme shall pay her .... Annuitie Itm my will is that my debts and funerall expenses discharged on the whole and full legacies discharged I give the rest of my goodes to Thomas my sonne and heire whome I appoint my sole executor of this my last will and testament the day and yeare above written Witnesses hereof John Carr Margrett Procter

Latin text

**WILL OF Robert GREGSON 1557**  
**Borthwick Vol.15(2) Folio 201**

In the name of god amen the second day of August 1557 I Robert Gregson sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the holy company of heaven & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick Item I give & bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will I give to the buying of a great bell 2s. Item to the high altar for forgotten tithes 2d. Item I will that my wife shall have my farmhold & land that mine is & she to bring up her children & mine & after her widowhead she to have her third Item I will that my children shall have there portion of goods according to the law Item I give to my eldest son all my husbandrie gear & he to have my farmhold & land Item to (James?) Wildman a ewe lamb Item to John Linsey a lamb & to his sister 12d. Item to Elizabeth (howson) half a stone of wool & a ewe lamb Item to William foster my sisters son 12d. Item to mathew howson a frese jacket a pair of over worn hose & a over worn coat Item to Christopher (lemine?) a grey jacket Item to Thomas bell a pair of hose & a coat Item to lawrence warffe a blue jerkin The rest of my part goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath to the children that my executors shall think convenient with the advice of Agnes their mother & I make Agnes my wife & John my son my whole executors These witnesses hugh gregson Alan Warffe John Armitstede & Richard Linsey with other moo

*4 lines in Latin*

*'frese jacket' – frese relates to a coarse woollen cloth with a nap*

## John Hall 1582

### Borthwick vol 22 fol 419

In the name of god Amen the xxiiijth daye of August in the yeare of our lord god 1582 And in the xxiiijth of the reigne of our Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth etc I John Hall of Settle, sick in bodie but of good and whole memorie (praysed be to our lord god) do make this my last Will and testament in manr and forme followinge: First I recomende my soule into the m'cifull handes of Jesus Christe my onelie Savioure and redemer, by the merritts of whose previos deathe, and passion I have for salvacon of everlastinge Joyes, and filicitie beseching hym of his infinite goodnes to have mercye upon me, and to pdone and forgive me all my synes and offences wch I have comitted against his divine maiestie. And I will that my bodie be buried in the churche yearde of Gigeswicke. And I will that all my deus wch I owe by lawe or conscience, be trulie contented and paide, Also I will that Agnes my wyfe, and Thomas my sone shall occupie my whole tente so longe as Willm my sonne will suffer them or so longe as he cane well be without yt, And when he cannot welbe without yt, my will is that he shall enter to the moitie or one half thereof at the Candlemas next after And then my wyfe Agnes shall but occupie the other moytie during her Wyddowhead. Also I will that Ellyne my daughter shall have so mucche to her mariage as I have alredie promissed. Also I will that Willm my sone shall paye unto Thomas his brother fyftie thre shillinges foure pence when he shall most need thereof. And I give unto Willm my sone one greate arke, one amborie and one table with the moytie or one halfe of all my husbandrie geare when he enterethe And I will that he shall all the husbandrie geare, after the decease of his mother, And I ordeyne and make Agnes y said wyfe, and Thomas my said sone my executores of this my last will and testament unto whome I give all the residue of my goods and cattalles unbequiethed. And thus havinge my whole faythe and full trust in Jesus Christe I make an ende. Thes beinge witnesses John Altham, James Armytstead, and Dyonis Jennyngs, Thomas Hewet wth others ..

Latin text



**HALL Thomas 1598****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 365**

In the name of god amen the 10<sup>th</sup>. day of April 1598 I Thomas hall of Giglesweeke sick in body but of perfect remembrance prazed be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and commend my soul to Jesus Christ my only lord and saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Gigleswicke aforesaid Item I will that my debts be paid of my whole goods and if my goods will not extend to pay all my debts then I do truly and clearly and absolutely assign sett over and confirm all my whole estate interest title claim and (demand) of in and unto all my grounds at lynethwaite and of that firehouse there upon situate and builded and of that house lying and being under craven banck at the towns end of Gigleswicke aforesaid, and also of that house or stable builded on the side thereof unto John Brooke of Atherton yeoman and James Brigge of Wakefield chapman to sell or lett the same for term or terms of years for the satisfaction of all my creditors and after the end and expectation of such term or terms of years then I will that the same shall remain unto James Armistead eldest son of Roger Armistead of Armistead younger and to his issue lawful, and for want of him and his issue lawful then unto the eldest son of my daughter Margaret and to his issue lawful, he the said James and his issue lawful or he the said eldest son of my said daughter Margaret and his issue lawful or whosoever the same shall fall unto before he or they do occupy the same grounds and houses paying unto the children of my daughters Elizabeth and Margaret so much as at the discretion of my said friends James Brigge and John Brough shall be sett down Item I will that Anne my wife have her widdowright of all my goods and grounds, And I ordain and appoint her my said wife my sole executrix of this my will witnesses hereof John Palay and Thomas Palay

*3 lines Latin*

**WILL OF Margaret HAULL APL 15 1550****BORTHWICK PROB. 13 FOLIO 662**

In the Name of God amen the 15<sup>th</sup>. day of Aprill the year of our lord god 1550 I Margaret Haull holl of mind and memorie loved be God make this my last will & testament in manner and form following, first I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the glorious company in heaven and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary that at right will Item I bequeath to my too daughters all my raiment except my best (yell.....) and two (bushels?) of ba..... Item to John Haull my son a mattress a K.....and a long board Item to Richard Armitsead a shepe hog Item I give my title and right of the tithes corn with the (licence?) of the parson to (Augustine) Haull my son Item I give to the said Augustine my son all my.....that master John Lambert gave unto me The residue of my goods my debts paid and funeral expenses I give & bequeath to Augustine my son whom I make my whole executor Sir Stephen Haull my son ...../..... and then the said Stephen to be equalle with the said Augustine if they can agree These being wittness Stephen Knolles John Armitstede George Haull

*Three lines Latin*

**MICROFISH IN VERY POOR CONDITION**

**Thomas Heddleston 1575**

**Borthwick vol. 20 fol. 78v**

In the name of God Amen the 16th day of August 1575 I Thomas Heddylstone sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance laud be to almighty god makes this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty god and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick and for my mortuary all that right will Also I will my debts be paid of my whole goods and the residue thereof to be divided amongst my wife and children according to the law Also my will is that my wife shall have the occupation of my lands and tenements of all my goods and cattels and she to bring up my children during their minority and when they come to age to give them their portions of goods and when my son William shall accomplish the full age of 21 years my will is that he shall enter unto the half of all my lands and tenements and my wife to enjoy the other half thereof during her natural life trusting she will thereby the better ..... my younger children and after her death the whole lands and tenements to remain unto my said son William and to his heirs male for ever and for the lack of heirs male of the said William my will is that my son Thomas shall have my lands and tenements to him and to his heirs male for ever in such sort and order as is appointed to William my son and for lack of issue male then the same to be and remain to the daughters of my son William and to their heirs and for lack of them and their heirs then to remain to the daughters of Thomas my son and to their heirs and for lack of them then to remain to Thomysen my daughter and to her heirs and for lack of her and her heirs and to the next right heir of me Provided always and nevertheless my will is and I do give unto Thomas my son all the house and grounds at the lodge with the appurtenances which Hewghe my brother now occupies to enter unto and immediately after the expiration of the years which I have already granted thereof unto Hewghte my brother and to have and enjoy the same to him and to his heirs male for ever paying therefore yearly to the said William his brother and his heirs the yearly rent of 6d at the feast of Pentecost And if my wife die before William my son come to age then my children to be at her appointment during their minority Also my will is that if Thomas Morehowse perform his bargain of the exchange as is now set down before my friends then he must have the half of the deeds and if he refuse then all to be void and as it was before Also I make and constitute Crechenein Heddylstone my wife my whole executor and I make supervisors of this my will Hewght Hedlestone my brother Adam Brown Thomas Lynsaye These witnesses master Christopher Shute schoolmaster James Armytstead Adam Brown Thomas Lynsaye and Robert Crayke...

Latin text

**Robert Hedilston 1572**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 576**

In the name of God amen the xxj daye of December in the yeare of our lord god 1572 I Robt Hedilston of of (*sic*) Settill secke in bodye and of good and pfite Remembrance loved be almyghtie god my maker and Redemr make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequith my soull to almyghtie god and my bodye to be buryed in the pische churche yeard of gyggleswicke, Also I gyve and bequithe for my mortuarye and other churche dues all that will Itm I gyve unto Thomas Hedylston my brother my holle lande and Tenemente in Settill or els with thappurtenances to have and to hold to hym and to his heires forevr, Reservinge unto Hugh Edilson my brother one lease thereof for the terme of xxj yeares which said lease take his begynnyng this xxj daye of December 1572 Whereupon I have taken a gode peny of the said hugh as acknowledge thereof provided and non the lesse my will is that the said Hughe or his assignes shall paye unto the said Thomas my brother the some of foure pounce for a full fyne and gressum for the saide xxj pound, and the yearly Rent of xxs dew for the same at the feaste of penticost and saint m'tin the bishopp in wynter by equall porcons, also I will that yf my brother Thomas or his heires be mynded at any tyme hereafter to pte with the said lande that then he shall lett his brother have yt from and to a nother and for lacke of brethren and there heires, then to his syster agnes and hir heires as he will answere me at the last daye also I gyve and bequithe to evy god child that I have a lamb a pece so farre as they will extend and the rest of the god children to have at the discrecon of my Recorders, also I gyve and bequithe to James Iveson and to Seaven poore widowes of Settill to evy of them a pecke of barlye, also I gyve to Lawrence wilkinson children a paire of hose and a Jerkin. The Rest of all my goods my debttis and funerall Expenses paid I gyve and bequith to Hugh Edilstone my brother and Richard Tomson my brother in lawe, and to Isabell Edilston equallie amonge them and I constitute and make Hughe Edilstone and Richard Tomson my holle Executors Thes wittnesses John wynsar Rbt Altham George Somrscalls adam palay John Editstone Thomas morehouse Robt Crayke and Robt Tatham with others, ....

Latin text

**WILL OF Richard HEYTON 1557**

**Borthwick Vol. 15(1) Folio 338**

In the name of god amen the 30th. day of June in the year of our lord god almighty 1557 I Richard Heyton of Settle sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god, make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I give & bequeath the title & tenant right of my tenement after my wife & me unto myles heyton my son with the licence of the lord he paying to his brethren & to any one of them 40s. For their good will The rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath unto Alice my daughter; & I make margery heyton my wife & myles heyton my son my whole executors These witness William Browne Thomas Twistleton henry howson & Richard Cokson with others

3 lines in Latin

## Thomas Hind 1594

### Borthwick vol 26 fol 240

In the name of God Amen. The tenth day of Februarie in the xxxvij th yere of the reigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland Queene defender of the faith etc 1594 I Thomas Hind sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be god, do make this my last will and testamt in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath my soule to Jesus Christ my onelie lord and saviour by whose death my faith do assure me that my redemption is wrought, and through whome I am certenlie and fully prsuaded after this life to be Coheritor with the rest of his saints in the kingdome of glorie for ever and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of the pish church of Giggleswicke. And for my mortuarie and other church dues all that right will, I will be truelie paied, and also my will is that Katheren my wife shall have her right of my house and grounds belonging unto it wch I tooke of Thomas Preston, and of whatsoever Covenants beside are comprised, and conteyned in the Indentures made betwixt him and me for and concerning the same, according to the true intent and meaning thereof. And I do also give and bequeath unto my said wife all and singular grounds wch I have taken or bought to have the use and occupacon of the said grounds according to the manner wherein I tooke or brought (*sic*) the same, to hir most profitt and advantage, and to hir assignes, after the day of my death, for and during hir life naturall, and after hir decease I will that the same shall in like manner remaine my brothers sonne willm Hind, and to the issue of his bodie lawfullie begotten, and to be begotten, and for lack of lawfull issue of the said willm then after his death I, that (*sic*) the same do remaine unto my nephewes Henry Atkinson and John Hind equallie and by even porcons to be devided betwixt them. Of wch grounds so now by me unto my said wife given and bequeathed I do onelie except one butt of ground in Crumancroft(?) wch I give unto my said brothers sonne willm Hind to enter unto at the day of my death, and to have the same as then it shalbe howsoever. And I except also one butt of ground in the same Crumancroft wch I tooke of Robert Carr wch Butt I give to Thomas Carr to enter unto and have the same umediatelie (*sic*) after the day of my death, howsoever then it shalbe condiconallie that he be dutifull to his mother. And further I will also that my said nephew willm Hind have one rooth of ground lieing upon the ..., and one pcell of ground called the beggergreanes wch I bought of Robert Carr, he paieing for the same according to bargaine made of it, or els my wife to have it, she paieing for the same. And I also give and bequeath to my said nephew willm Hind the third pte of things close, and whereas Thomas Preston and Isabell Preston do owe me xij s, I give the same unto them, and whereas I have xij s 4d or thereabout owen unto me, wite the rest I give it to my said nephew willm Hind and I will that he hath letters of attorney from my executors for the claming and recoverie of the same. Also I give to everie one to whome I am godfather iiij d. And I give to my said nephew willm Hind my best garmt to apparell him withall. And I give to Roger Carrs wife of Giggleswicke my wives daughter vj s 8d. (*sic*) and to Roger Sampsons wife of Knight Stainforth vj s 8d. The rest of my goodes unbequeathed my funerall expences paied and other dues done I give there halfe thereof to Katheren my wife, and thother halfe to Henry Atkinson to John Hind and his sisters, and to willm Hind equallie to be in three ptes devided amongst them. And I do also constitute and appointe Katheren my wife and Henry Atkinson my ioynt executors of this my last will and testamt. Witnesses hereof John Payley Thomas Stackhouse and Richard Brayshay...

Latin text

**John Houghton 1588 (b)**

**Borthwick vol. 25 fol. 849**

In the name of God Amen The xxiiij th day of June Anno 1588 I John Houghton of Rawthemell within the parish of Gigleswicke husbandman being of good and perfect memory praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form Following. First I Commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god my heavenly Father by whose mercies through the redemption of Jesus Christ I believed to be saved. And my body to be buried in the parish church yard at Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends. Item I will that my Mortuary be paid of my goods as to ..... appertains. And all other things discharged as the law requires. Also I do bequeath my tenement with the appurtenances thereto belonging to John Houghton my son to enter unto the same at Candlemas next after my decease to whom also I give all my husbandry gear and of ..... to the same belonging (my cart gear excepted) in full satisfaction of his child's portion without making any further title or claim to any part or parcel of my goods movable and immovable. Furthermore I give to Agnes my wife two kyne(?) and my will is that she shall have meat and fodder therefore(?) them ..... said tenement. Also my will is that she shall have one Chamber in the nether end(?) of the firehouse and the loft over it also two bushels of oatmeal two bushels of Bigge and one of Malt during her life natural and also my best brass pots. And if my said wife Agnes be not content with these aforesaid things allotted and bequeathed unto her as aforesaid Then my will is that she shall be served (?) at my said house with meat drink and other necessaries during her pure widowhood or life natural. Also I give to Elline(?) Procter my daughters daughter one ark and my chest. Also I give to Agnes her sister one brass pot or four shillings in lieu thereof at her discretion also one cow two pans (?) and a chest. Also I give to Elizabeth the wife of Christopher Procter of Awstwicke my daughter one long chest standing in the loft and Furthermore my will is that Richard Houghton my son have one bedroom with .... to the same in the midchamber upon the backside until such time as he can(?) be better provided for. Also my will is that John Houghton my son shall pay to my said son Richard Houghton 20 shillings of money within one half year next after my decease. Also I give to Alice Procter one Chest one Cow and an Ambrie Also I give to every child that I am grandfather unto twelve pence. The rest of all my goods my debts paid and funeral expenses discharged I give to Richard Houghton my son whom I make sole executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses William Armitstead Thomas Carre thelder Thomas Carre younger Richard Bradley and Gyles Houghton with others

Latin text

**HOUGHTON James 1599**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 699**

In the name of god amen the twenty seventh day of June in the one and fortieth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith, anno domini 1599 I James Houghton of Rawthmell in the parish of Gigleswicke and county of york tanner sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to Jesus Christ my redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Gigleswicke whereof I am a parishioner and for my mortuary and of her church dues all that right will Item my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods and after my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged and performed I will that the residue of my goods which shall then remain shall be equally divided amongst my five youngest children, Item my will is that my son John shall enter unto and have my whole farm or tenement by (lease) and licence of both my lords (viz to) the earl of Cumberland and mr. Catterall after 13 years be expired after my decease and until that time my will is that my mother in law Agnes Knowles shall have the tuition of my children and government of them if she live so long and my whole tenement towards maintaining of her self and Margaret my stepmother and my children in like manner Item I desire Mr Shute mr. William (Mawby?) Oliver Wharffe and my brother John Houghton to be supervisors of this my last will and testament and that they would have licence to see my children have their right and if my son John will not be ordered by them that then my son Richard shall have my tenement if the said supervisors do think it so good Item my will is that my son John if it please the said supervisors that he have my tenement shall pay to all the rest of his brethren and sisters £3.6s.8d. a piece at such time as the said supervisors shall think good and in like manner my son Richard to pay and do if it please the said supervisors that he have my tenement provided always that if either of them do refuse to pay such sums as is beforesaid that then my tenement to be disposed upon as the said supervisors shall think convenient Item it is my will that what soever the said supervisors shall think good to be done for the well of my children for my mother in law and my step mother that the same shall be my will Item my will is that my step mother shall be maintained and kept at my house as she hath been aforetime and she to dispose her goods amongst my children (at) her decease Item my will is that my mother in law shall have the third part of my tenement after the said 13 years during her life towards maintaining of her self and my stepmother if she be then living Item I make my said mother in law my sole executor of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Edouard Wilkinson Richard Houghton and Thomas Browne and John Houghton

*3 lines Latin*

## John Houghton 1577

### Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 5

In the name of God amen the xxv th day of March Anno Regin Eliz dei gracia anglie Regine etc. Decimo none Anno domini 1577 I John howghton of Rawthemell in the county of york husbandman the son of henry howghton late of Rawthemell aforesaid deceased, sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god makes this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows First I give and bequeath my soul to god almighty my maker and Saviour, and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswicke Itm I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that Right will Itm I will that my Debts be paid of my whole goods, And my will is that when my debts is paid of the whole as is aforesaid, that then the goods shall be divided into three parts, and my wife to have one part, and I give one other part unto agnes my daughter, And the third part which is my part I will that my legacies and bequests and funeral expenses with the ordinary Fees be paid of the same, and the Rest that Remains I give unto Eliz(a) my wife, and to the said agnes my daughter, Viz. to my wife two parts thereof and to the said agnes my daughter the other third part thereof Itm I give and bequeath the Tythe Tenant Right and occupation of my Tenement with the appurtenances in Rawthemell unto James Armytstead my son in law Reserving the third part thereof unto my wife during her widowhood and she to be the best at the house during her said widowhood and my will is that agnes my daughter shall be kept of the Tenement at the costs and finding of my said son in law James Armytstead And he so keeping her my will is that he shall have the occupation of her portions of goods towards her maintenance and he so having it, to uphold the Stock And if she mislike of James keeping, Then he to amend it, at the Sight of the Recorders of my will, and after her death my will is that her goods be divided amongst my children at the discretion of my Recorders, because she is Impotent, and if James use her well he to be the better considered of Itm I give and bequeath unto William armytstead my son in law, all my whole part and portion of all that pasture ground within the township of Rawthemell and elsewhere commonly called and known by the name of the overrake alias Flemynge gyste the which I with other of my neighbours lately bought and purchased to me my heirs and assigns of one William Catterall Esquire, And which he the said William Catterall lately purchased of one Sir henrye darcy knight Together with my whole estate Therein and thereunto with all ways easements and liberties appertaining the same and all deeds and evidences or other assurances Touching the same, to have and to hold all my said part and portion of the said ground called the over rake alias Flemynge gyst and all evidences or assurances touching the same to the said William Armytstead his heirs and assigns, to his and their only and proper uses for ever according to the true meaning of my deed to him the said William Armytstead and his heirs thereof made, Free and Clearly Discharged of all manner of encumbrances and demands had made done of suffered by me the said John houghton one yearly rent of four pence payable to the said William Catterall and his heirs always excepted and Reserved Itm I give unto Barthilmewe and Jane eldest children of William Armytstead my son in law, and unto Anne and Katherine eldest children of James Armytstead my son in law to every one of them one stirke Itm I give to alice my daughter now wife of Anthony Wigglesworth one Stirke Itm I give to Jennet Rossendaile my Sister daughter ..... shillings Itm I ordain and make Eliza my wife my whole Executrix of this my will charging him (*sic*) to perform the same These witness allan carre son of Thomas John houghton son of gilles oliver houghton and Robt Browne

Latin text

**John Houghton 1588 (a)**

**Borthwick vol 23 fol 817**

In the name of God Amen The xxviiij th day of marche in the thirtie yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne Ladie Elizabethe by the grace of god Quene of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc a thousand fyve hundrethe eyghtie eyghte, I John Houghton of Rawthemell of the pish of Giggleswicke in the Countie of yorke husbandman sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme Followinge, First I bequethe my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and onelie saviour, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard at Giggleswicke. And for my mortuarie and other churche duties all that Righte will. Itm my will is that my dettes be paid of my whole goodes, and the Residue my wyfe to have her widdowe Righte and my children their porcons all excepte Giles my eldest sonne Also my will is that Giles my sonne shall nowe & presentlie enter unto have and occupie all the ..... acres of grounde called Longtweate the Brigedaile wch was Richard Bradles and ....dailes And thes to be unto hym in considiracon of his childes pte of my goodes or(?) yff he refusse to accepte of yt then this my bequest to be void. Itm yt is my will that my wyfe shall have and enioye(?) my whole landes and tenementes duringe her widdowe head to bringe up my children upon and after her widdowe head I give and bequethe my tenement unto the Said Giles my sonne by licence of the lord. And I charge hym to agree wth his mother and brethren and systers accordinge to Righte, Itm I will that henrye my sonne shall have one Blacke Whye wch was under marigould over and beyonde his porcon of my goodes. Also that I owe unto John Carre of Capplesyd sexe shilljnges eyghte pence wch he paid to our mr for me ..... will that Giles my sonne paye the same and he shall have for yt the great table in the house the great ...dstone by the house syd and the longe stee or ladder so as he suffer his mother to have the same when she needes duringe her widdowe head, And yf he refusse this then my executores to paye yt and have the premisses appoynted to Giles The Residye of my pte of goodes not bequeithed my funrall expences paid I give wholie unto Anne my wyfe to bestowe amongst my chidren at her discrecon, And I ordayne and appoynt the said Anne my wyfe my sole executrix of this my last will and testament Thes witnesses henry Robinson Willm Armitstead Robrte Browne hughe Talior and Robrte Crake.....

Latin text



**Oliver Houghton 1587**

**Borthwick vol. 23 fol. 818**

In the name of god Amen the eighth day of February in the thirtieth year of the reign of our (sovereign) lady Elizabeth by the grace of god queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. a thousand five hundred and eighty seven I Oliver Houghton of Rawthemell of the parish of Giggleswicke in the County of york husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my maker and only saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswicke. And for my mortuary and other Church duties all that Right will. Item my will that my debts paid of my whole goods and the rest that remains my will it be divided into three parts. And that done I give and bequeath two parts thereof unto my wife. And she to discharge my legacies and funeral expenses further of the same. And the other third part I give unto Elizabeth my daughter. Item it is my will that my wife shall have the occupation of my whole lands and tenements for and during her natural life without lett(?) of any person or persons Claiming by or from me. Item..... . my will and I .... .... and bequeath unto Elizabeth Houghton my daughter

..... my whole lands and tenements with the appurtenances in  
..... To enter unto the same immediately after the natural decease  
..... And from then further To have hold occupy possess and  
..... Elizabeth my daughter and to the issue of her body lawfully to be  
..... and for lack and in default of issue of the body of the said Elizabeth lawfully  
..... have issue and the same issue die without issue Then my will is and I  
..... my said lands and tenements unto the eldest son of Elline  
..... wife of Thomas Carre And to his lawful issue for ever. And for lack  
..... son and his lawful issue and so from son to son and their lawful issue  
..... and for lack thereof and I give and bequeath all my said lands and tenements  
..... eldest daughter of the said Elline my daughter and to her lawful issue  
..... to her next daughter and to her lawful issue and so from daughter to daughter  
..... lawful issue for ever and for lack of such issue the said lands to remain unto  
the right heirs of me the said Oliver Houghton for ever. And I make ordain and  
appoint the abovesaid margaret my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and  
Testament. These witnesses George Robinsone Thomas Carre Leonard Watkinson  
and Robert Craike

Latin text

## Henry Howson 1568

### Borthwick vol 18 fol 56

In the name of God amen. The xxij day of february Anno dom millmo Quinge...Sexagesimo octavo I Henrye Howson of Settill in the parishe of gigleswick secke in bodye and of good pfytt memorye lovyd be almyghtie god mayke this my last will & testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequeathe my soull to almyghtie god and to all the glorious companie in heaven and my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche yeard of giglesweycke Also I gyve and bequeathe for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that Right will Also I gyve and bequeathe to Janytt my wife half of my tenement duringe hir wedoweheade with the lycence of my Lord and hir wedowe right of all my goodes, and I gyve to my children ther portions of my goodes accordinge to the Lawe, Also I gyve the title and tennant right of my tenement with the Lycence of the Lord after my wief and me unto Thomas Howson my sonne so that the said Thomas shall neither sell lett nor .....no pt nor pcell of my said tenement put to his brother John Howson and in lyke maner the said John to Robart his brother And the said Robart to george howson his brother Also I gyve to Henrye Heysse and Henrye Lawson to either of them a gymmar Lambe Also I will that if any of my sonnes be disposed to be a smythe then my will is that he that shall have my tenement shall lett him have the smythe for xxd In the yere during his lief also rest of my pte of goodes my detts funrall expences and other charges paid I gyve the one half to margarett my daughter and the other half to Robart Howson and george Howsone my sonnes And he that shall have my tenement shall pay to his thre brothers fyve markes a pece when they come to xxtie years of aig I mak constitut and ordayne Janytt my wife and willm browne my brother in lawe my hole executors and resserve for his labors vjs viijd Thes wytnes Richard palay of muyth(?*Mewith*) thelder Adam browne Richard jackson younger willm heysse and willm howson with others....

Latin text

WILL OF John HOWSON JUN 25 1550  
BORTHWICK VOL.13 FOLIO 660

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the year of our lord god Jun 25 1550 I John howson sick of body & whole of mind & memory make my will as after followeth First I give & bequeath my soul to god almighty & my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick Item for my mortuary that at right will Item I will that my wife shall have the occupation of the third part of my tenement during her widowhood if she be disposed to continue upon my said tenement and if she go from h(i)t to any other of her friends then I will that she have one acre of sown land & one other of meadow during her widowhood paying the yearly rent therefore. Item I bequeath to Sir Thomas howson my son 13s.4d. if he (have?) it & if not I will it be divided among the poor people of the parish at the sight of H(enry) my son with other friends Item I give & bequeath to Henry my son the house that I dwell upon and so as well the house that my son Henry dwelleth in after my decease and after the widdowhood of my wife. I give and bequeath to Henry my son my whole tenement, with the licence of the Lord saveing I will that Thomas Howson son to the said Henry shall have my (smithie) or s..... with one gardying thereto belonging and also one (lanil.. mere?) and I give and bequeath to the for said Henry my son one great ark that standeth upon my ho...../..... two old (knopps?) three mete boards my harness plough gear and waingear saveing I will that my wife be helped with the said plough gear during her widdowhead Item I give to the said Henry my son one black whie that is at Conystone for ...../..... that I had of him Item I bequeath to William..... my son in law 13s.4d. in penny or pennyworth at the sight of foure equal me... Item I bequeath to Thomas Lawson son of William Lawson two lambs a wedder lamb, and one gymer lamb Item to George Jackson son of Richard Jackson other two lambs one wedder lamb and a gymer lamb and I give them by the way of charity, and fo.....(duty?) that I owe to their father for I owe them nothing and that I do take upon charge. Residue of my pte of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to William my son whom I make my executor of this my will These witnesses Adam Somerscales William (.....) and Richard Coleson

**Robert Howson 1587**

**Borthwick vol 23 fol 762**

In the name of God Amen. The twelvthe day of februarie Anno dni 1587. I Robert Howson lat of Dubcoot in Horton and nowe in freer Stainforthe in the Countie of yorke and pishe of Giggleswicke sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance prayed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and Forme followinge. First I bequiethe my soule to Jesus Christe my onelie saviour and redemer. And my bodie to be buried in the Churche yeard at Giggleswicke And for my mortuarie and other churche duties all that Right will. Itm I give and bequiethe to Willm Lawkland of freer Stainforthe my Cosyn and especiall frend, All and singular my goodes chattalls and debtes moveable and imoveable in whose hands custodie & kepinge soever the same be or any of them are, And all bills bondes and assurances touthing the same whatsoevr. To have and to hold the same to the said Willm Lawkland his executors adminstrators and assignes for ever afore all those somes conteyned and written under a certaine letter of attorney by me maid unto the said..... Willm .....whatsoever, And I ordeyne and appoynt the said Willm Lawk(*land*) my sole executor of this my last will and testament and I appoynt Willm Armytstead and Christofer Sailbancke suprvisors of this my will prayinge them for godes sake to ayd and assist my executrs ...

The remainder of the will uncopyable from the microfilm, but content is :-

*Witnesses – Christ. Sailbanke and Bryan Bainbrige ...the executor in the execution of this my will upon ther reasonable charges borne. These witnes Wm Armytstead, Chris. Sailbk Bryan Bainbrige*

## **William Husband 1582**

### **Borthwick vol 22 fol 369**

In the name of god amen the vijth daie of Januarie a thousand five hundrith eightie two I Willm Husband of Stainford Underhill of the pishe of Gigleswick within the countie of York husbandman of good and pfect memorie (praysed be god) makes this my last will and testament in manr & forme folowinge. First and principallie I comend my soule into the mercifull hands of almyghtie god my Creator and maker and to his sone Jesus christe my onelie saviour and redemer throughe whose merittes deathe and preciouise blod shedinge I moste fathfullie beleve to have ful pdon & forgivenes of my synnes and my bodie to be buried whensoever yt shall please god to take me out of this lamentable maze, in the pishe churche yeard of Gigleswick aforesaid, and my mortuarie to be paid and all thinges discharged as the lawe requireth. Also my mynd is that Thomas my eldest sone and xpofer my yonger sone and Alice my wiffe do occupie my farmhould or tent together during the liffe naturall of my said wiffe yf they so can agre together yf not my said wiffe to have her thirdes of my said tent and also of my goodes moveable and Immoveable And upon the decease of my said wiffe my tent to remane to my eldest sone payinge to his saide brother suche somes of lawful Englishe money as shalbe thought good by the discretion of fower frendes by them indifferentlie chosen Further I will Alice Preston have all suche porcons and pcells of goods as I have of here in my custody or ells the parte of suche pcells as I have either sould or maid exchange of wch was pte of her childes porcon Finallie my debtes paid funrall expences and legacies discharged I give all my goods moveable and Immoveable to Alice my said wiffe and xpofer my yonger sone whome I make executors of this my said testament. Wyttnesses of the same Thomas Brayshay of Gigleswick Richard Foster Henrye Cocket and Samuel Saunders wth others ..

Latin text

### **HYRST William 1595**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 26 fol. 278**

In the name of god amen the seventh day of January 1595 Anno domini Elizabeth dei gracia Anglie Regine etc xxxviij th year I William hyrst of Litle Banke within the parish of Gigleswicke sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Gigleswicke And for the (church dues) all that right will Also it is my will that my debts be paid of my whole goods and it is also my will that Isabell my wife have all the goods moveable and immoveable with the childrens portions till they come to their full age and then the same goods to be divided amongst them Item I make Isabell my wife my whole executrix of this my last will and testament these bearing witness William Catterall Christopher Browne and Geoffrey Atkinson

*4 lines Latin*

## Borthwick vol 19 fol 433

### Steven Iveson 1571

In the name of God Amen the vj th day of Auguste anno die a thowsande fyve hundrethe seaventie one I Steven Iveson of langeclife syke in bodie and of good and pfyte remembrance loved be allmyghtie god maykes this my laste will and Testament in manner and forme followynge First I geve and bequythe my Soule to allmyghtie god and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yarde of Giglesweke Also I geve and bequythe for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will Also I bequythe to Willm Iveson my sone my title and Tenante righte of my fermeholde he doinge his dewtie to the lorde and he to enter to the halfe at the nexte Candlmes and my wyfe florence and her ij<sup>o</sup> daughters to the other halfe duringe my wyfes widoweheade or to suche tyme as she haythe broughte the one of my daughters to succoore then my will is that willm my Sonne shall have ..... use of my farmeholde and my wyfe the thirde parte duringe her wedowhead and after her wedowhead all to remeyne to my sonne Willm Also I will that my sonne Willm be obedient to his mother as a good childe aughte to Also I geve my wife her wedowe righte accordinge to the lawe Also I geve my children ther porcion that is Elizabethe Ellen and Margaret Also my will is that my debtes be paid of my hole goodes Also I geve unto my wyfe and Willm my sonne all my husbandrie geare to be occupied equallie betweene them bothe duringe my wyfe wedowheade and after her wedowheade all the husbandrie to remeyne unto Willm my sonne And my will is that to be for his childes porcion Also I geve to my godbarnes that is to say Robte Armesteade and Stephen Iveson eyther of them a gymer lambe and they to be sent forewarde to the children use and to Willm Foster and Willm Remington eyther of them iiij d Also I geve to Willm my sone my beste Jacket my beste hose my best dublet my beste shawle and my newe bowe Also I geve to James Iveson a newe Jacket a payre of hose a dublet a shawle and a paire of shooes Also I geve to Anthony Cokson a sherte Also I will that florence my wyfe shall pay halfe of the gressinge to the lorde and my sone Willm the other halfe the reste of my pte of goodes my debtes and all other ordinarie dewes paid I geve and bequythe unto my thre daughters Elizabeth Ellen, and Margaret equallie amonge them and I mayke and constitute my hole executors Florannce my wyfe and margaret Iveson my daughter Also I make Thomas Somerscales supvisor of this my will Thes witnes Roger Kide John Browne and Joh armested with others

Latin text

**Hugh Iveson of Stockdale Will 1547**  
**Borthwick 13 f 358**

In the name of god amen the yere of our Lorde god a thousande five hundreth fortie seven the xxviii daie of September I Hewe Iveson of Stokdale seke in bodie and hool of mynde thanks be to god maike my last will as in forme following First I bequeath my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried within the churche yarde of Gigleswike Also I bequeathe to everie prest singinge mass for my soule that daie I am buried iiii d also I bequeathe the title and tennande righte of my farmolde to Agnes my wif duringe her widoweheade to the bringinge up of my children Also after my wif I will that my farmolde shall remayne unto Willm my sone with the licence of the lorde if he wilbe obedient to his mother as he shold be and if he (*unreadable*) I will that my farmolde shall remayne to my sone John or els to one of my other sones Roger or Thomas Also I will that the sone whiche have my farmolde shall agree with his Bretheren at sighte of Hughe Franklande Hughe Newosse Willm Browne and Thomas Browne whiche I leave in trust for my wif and my children Also I bequeathe all my goods to my wif and my children Also I will that at suche tymes as anye of my children shall come to marredge or to honest *?siteconce* for to have there pourcions and *?barne* parte of goods at sighte of the saide foure mty of my hool goods Also I will that the foresaide foure men shall have their costs and charges bourne in what paynes as they shall taik for my wif and my childer Also I will that my detts be paide of my hool goods also I make Agnes my wif and my children executores of this my last will Witnes herof Hughe Franklande Hughe Newhosse Willm Browne Thomas Browne Thomas Yveson Thomas Foster with other moo

[Latin]

**Robert Iveson 1575**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 842**

In the name of God Amen the xxviiij of June 1575 I Roberte Iveson of Staneforthe wthin the pish of Gegleswicke in the countie of yorke beinge hole of mynde and memory thankes be god maykes this my laste will & testamente in manner & forme folowinge First I bequythe my soule to allmightie god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the churche or churche yearde of Gegleswicke aforsaid And for my mortuary all whiche is due Item I gyve and bequithe to Anthony my sone all wch is due Item I gyve & bequythe to Anthony my sone all my title & tenante righte of my farmeholde wth the appurtenances in Staneforthe And yf yt fortune that my said sone Anthony do dye before he come to lawfull years of aige my wyfe beyinge at the maykinge hearof wth an other sone Then my will is that that child beyinge a boy shall have my said tenemente wth thappurtenances in Staneforthe And for defalte of suche ishue male of my bodie my will ys that my said Tenemente shall remane to Anne Iveson my eldest daughter so successively for lacke of one of my daughters to an other Also I gyve & bequith to my wyf hir widowe righte of my goodes accordinge to the lawe & custome of the contrye and also to my children ther porcons & also my will is that my wyfe shall have thoccupacon of my said tenemente in Stanforthe towards the maintenance & good bringinge up of all my children untill my said sone Anthony shall come to reasnable years of aige And yf my said wyfe do so longe kepe hir widowe & unmarried after my deceasse And yf my wife do at any tyme mary agane before my sone come to reasnable aige Then my will is that willm kid Richarde kydson willm Armesteade & lawrence Swaynson or ther assignes wth the consente of my brother Anthony Thomas & willm Iveson or so may of them as shalbe then lyvinge shall tayke over for the ocupation of my said tenemente duringe the minoritie of my said sone Anthony or duringe the minoritie of any other sone of my bodie lawfullie begotten Also I gyve & bequithe to my said sone Anthony .....of all other ....chilides porcon (*illegible*) And the other halfe of my pte of goodes I bequithe to my daughters equally to be devided betweene them Also I gyve and bequythe to Everyone of my godchildren jijd a piece....mayke my brother Anthony Iveson & Elizabethe my wyfe my hole executors of this my laste will & testmente And willm kidd Richard kidson Lawrence Swaynson & willm Armesteade suprvisors hearof desieringe them to se the same be trulie pformed accordinge to my meanyng The beyng witnesses xpofer Shutte Scolemaster at Gegleswicke henry Tennante willm kidson Richarde Iveson & Robte p(ro)cter wth others ..

Latin text



**IVESON Simon 1565****Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 17 fol. 573**

In the name of god amen the year 1565 the fifth day of September in the seventh year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god queen of England I simon Iveson of lanckliffe in the county of york husbandman being whole of mind and perfect remembrance praised be god, do make this my (present?) testament and last will in manner and form as followeth First I do commend my soul unto almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried where It shall please god Item I give and bequeath to Robt. Iveson my brother my tawnye cote Item I give and bequeath to William Iveson my cousin the mylner of lanckliffe my best cote Item I give and bequeath my interest of my tenement or farmhold in lanckliffe with the licence of the lord thereof unto my daughters anne or agnes whether of them as my brothers henry coore and Thomas (Somerskelles) my brothers anthony Iveson and Robt. Iveson think most convenient and if neither of them will be ordered and .....*several .words gone....* my said (brothers) and Thomas (Somerskelles) then I will that my brother (Arthur/Anthony?) Iveson have my said interest of and in my said tenement to him and their issue and further I will that my mother anne Iveson and Alison my wife do occupy my said tenement during the nonage of my said daughters (t.....) and bring up my said daughters upon till they be at lawful age as shall be thought mette my said brother and Thomas (Somerskelles) the residue of my goods not bequeath moveable and immoveable my debts and funeral expenses (paid? - *word missing*) and this my will performed I give and bequeath to Alice my wife and anne and agnes jointly together and I make Alice my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament These witness Thomas (Somerskelles) William Iveson Roger Kidd and Robt. Iveson with others

*4 lines Latin*

**WILL OF Thomas IVESON Aug 20 1562****PROBATE 17 FOLIO 110**

In the name of God amen the 20<sup>th</sup>. day of August in the year of our lord god 1562 I Thomas Iveson of Settle in Craven sick in body and of perfect remembrance thanks be to god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I give and bequeath my soul to god almighty and my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick and for my mortuary that at right will also I give and bequeath the tithe & tenant right of my tenement to Richard my son if he be willing to dwell upon it then I give & bequeath my said tenement to roger my son & then I will that he give to (Ric.?) his brother 20s. & to every one of his other brother 10s. at such time as he shall be able to pay them the rest of my pte. of goods my death & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath to be divided among my children also I make roger my son my whole executor of this my last will also I make Thomas Armitstead James Carr & Richard Kid supervisors of this my will These witnesses Willm Brown Adam Car & John Baldeston with others.

*3 lines in Latin*

**WILL OF William IVESON 1560**  
**Borthwick Vol.17 Folio 112**

In the name of God amen the fourth day of June in the year of our lord god 1560 I William Iveson sick in body & yet of perfect remembrance thanks be to god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul to god almighty to our lady saint mary & to all the blessed company in heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick or else where it shall please god to call unto his mercy & that day that I am buried cost to be made at the discretion of my executors & recorders Also I give unto Thomas Iveson my godfather one pair of hose & to my brother Thomas my best jacket with one linen dublet, Item I give unto my children all the rest of my apparel Item I will that my wife shall have, by the letter of the law, & shall occupy my farmhold at Stockdale with my half sown of corn that is a (BLANK) of the tithe corn & ..... of Settle to find & bring up my children upon during her widowhead providing always that if my said wife do marry at any time or times hereafter & intending to dwell of the premises then my will is that she shall be ordered at the discretion of my executors, or their assignes what term that she should be there. Also my will is with the licence of the lord that my son Hew Iveson shall have all my whole title & tenant right of all & singular the premises to him & to his issue male after my wife widowhead for ever provided always that if the said hew die before he come to marriage or before he have issue male lawfully begotten, that then my will is, that the whole premises above said shall remain & return with the licence of the lord unto Thomas Iveson my brother if he then be living paying unto my daughters or to so many of them as shall then be living £20 of current money of England then which premises he shall have for his grement of my said tenement but if he be not then living my will is then that the whole premises before said, remain & come unto one of my three daughters which my recorders think most mete the (*sic*) paying unto the rest of my daughters such sums of money as my said recorders or their assignes shall think convenient. Also my will is that my debts & bequeathed funeral expenses & other ordinary costs be taken & paid of my whole goods Also my will is that my wife have her portion of my goods according to the law Also the second part of my goods to be given to my daughters & of my one part which is the third I will that hew shall have ten ewes to be delivered unto him when he cometh to lawful age & all husbandrie gear with bedstockes chairs stools & forms & if he die the said ewes (etc.?) to remain to my daughters & the rest of my said goods that is of my one part to be equally divided unto my three daughters or among so many of them as then shall be living Also I make my wife my whole & full executrix of this my last will Also I make Thomas Somerscale?) & simon Iveson supervisors of this my said last will .... all things done according to the true meaning of the same These witness Richard Wharffe Adam browne Willim Kid & Rich. (Hill) with other moo

*3 lines in Latin*

*# Will of a Thomas Somerscale at Stockdale House in 1572*

**Borthwick vol 24 fol 369-70**

**William Iveson 1589**

In the name of god Amen the xix th daie of Julie 1589 I willm Iveson of Lanckliffe of the pish of gyleswicke in the countie of yorke sick in bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be god do make this my Laste will and testament in manner and forme followinge Firste I bequie the my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and onely saviour and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard where it shall please god .....

And for my mortuarie and other church duties all that righte will Also it is my will that my wief shall her widowe right of my goodes and my children ther porcon my debtes beinge first paide of the whole goodes Itm I give the title and tenant right of my ten[emen]t unto Stephane Iveson my sonne with the license of the lorde The resedewe of my goodes not bequie thed my debts and funerall expenses paied and discharged I give unto my wief and children equallie to be devyded amongste them And I ordeine and appointe the said margaret my wief my sole executrix of this my Laste will and testament Thes witnesses Thomas Foster Willm Kidd John Kidd and John Armisted with others

Latin text

**Hugh Jackson 1576**

**Borthwick vol 21 fol 4**

In the name of God amen The xxj daye of februarie 1576 I Hughe Jackson of Settill seike in body but of good and pfyte remembrance loved be almyghtye god my maker and redemer maike this my last will and Testament in manr and forme followinge First I gyve and bequithe my soull to almyghtie god my savior and my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche yeard of gyggeswicke, also I bequithe for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that Right will, also I bequithe to alice my wyfe her widdowe Right of my goods also I bequithe to myles Jackson my sonne the house that was my Brothers and the fyve shillinges rent of mi tenant land after the decease of my wyfe and me and duringe her lyfe they to occupye yt joyntlie together with the licence of the lorde, also I gyve to Robart Jackson my sonne Twentye shillings or els the yonge colte that is wynterd with me within Batte end (??) in Bowland, also I gyve to Richard lemyne my blewe coate and to agnes his wife and to there children the whiteheaded cowe , The Rest of all my goods when my debttes funerall Expenses and all other ordynarye fees paid and discharged I gyve and bequithe to alice my wyfe and Miles Jackson my sonne, And I make and constitute alice my wyfe and Miles jackson my sonne my holle and Joynte Executors of this my last will and Testament Theis witnesses Willm wilkinson George Somrscails and John Bawderston with others

...Latin text

**Diones Jennynge 1587**

**Borthwick Vol 23 fol 763**

In the name of God Amen. The thirtie day of october 1587. I Diones Jennynge of Giggleswicke in the Countie of yorke sicke of bodie but of pfect remembrance prayed be god, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme Followinge First I bequiethe my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and onelie saviour. And my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard at Giggleswicke. And for my mortuarie and other churche duties, all that Right will Itm yt is my will that my dettes be paide of my whole goodes and the Rest that Remayneth my wyfe to have her widdowe Right and my children their porcons And the Residue to be devided amonge my wyfe and children. Itm yt is my mynd and will that leonard Wilson and alice Wilson children of Thomas Wilson shall have their goodes first paid, and be honestlie brought up wth meat drinke and clothinge wth my goodes duringe all suche years as I have letten the tenement wch I had by their father mother wch is for foure years or thereabouts. Itm yt is my will that Robte Carre of Lanklyff shall have the lease wch I have of mr Willm Catterall esquire of the tenement in Giggleswicke And all assurances wch I have eyther of hym or of Richard Newton touchinge the same And my whole Right therunto accordinge to my former Bargynne to hym therof maid he payinge to my executor towards the payment of my dettes suche somes of money as he and I ar agreed upon And I ordeyne and appoynte Elizabethe my wyfe my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. Thes witnesses Richard Radclyfe, Thomas Brayshay and Willm Preston.....

Latin text

WILL OF Robert KIDDE OCT 27 1543  
BORTHWICK Vol.11 FOLIO 721

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN October 27 1543 Robert Kidde crazed & sick in body nevertheless good & perfect of mind & memorie make my last will & testament in manner & form following First & principally I give & bequeath my soul unto the merciful hands of god almighty to the intercession of our blessed lady saint mary the virgin all the holy company of heaven my body & bones to be buried in the church (earth) of saint alkelda virgin of Giggleswick Also I give unto the same church all duties accustomed of right thereto belonging I bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day that I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath unto .....preston daughter of Richard preston a lamb Also it is my will & mind that Alice my wife have occupation of my whole tenement during her widowhood for to bring up my children (withall) & after her departing or (breaking) of her widowhood I give & bequeath the title & tenant right of my said tenement unto Richard my son with the licence of the lord thereof Also I bequeath unto the said Richard my son all my plough gere & wayne gere & so to be contented for his portion & part of my goods Also I will that the sd. Richard my son shall give & pay unto his brother william for his half of my sd. tenement five nobles (5 x 6s.8d.) in penny or pennyworth & other five nobles unto the child which my wife is (withall) if it be a son & if it be a daughter nothing & it to be paid at such time as his mother & other of his friends shall think him able to occupy it And if the sd. Richard my son die without issue then I bequeath my sd. tenement unto william my son Also I make Thomas Kid & John Kid & richard preston of the nearbeck supervisors of this my last will & testament Residue of my (part) of goods not bequeathed my debts & funeral expenses paid I give to william my son to alic & (*word obliterated*) my daughters Also I make alic my wife & richard my son executors of this my will these witness richard medope william lund william (windsar) & hugh carre  
*five lines in Latin*

**WILL OF Anthony KNOLLES 1557**  
**Borthwick Vol. 15(2) Folio 200**

In the name of god amen the 22nd. day of September 1557 I Anthony Knolles sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I give & bequeath to the buying of a church bell 16s.8d. Item I will that my wife shall have her widow right Item I will that my children shall have their childs portion of goods according to the law Item I will & bequeath my title & tenant right of my tenement with the licence of the lord unto William Knolles my son Item I make John Swinglehurst my father in law supervisor of this my will & testament Item I make & (constitute?) Isabell my wife & Willim my son my whole executors the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath to Willim my son These witness Willim Watkinson John Wildman Willim lund Peter Swinglehurst & Thomas Turner Sir James Foster (counsell) with others

*3 lines in Latin*

**KNOWLES Alice 1599****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 616**

In the name of god amen the 15<sup>th</sup>. day of April 1599 I Alice Knowles of mearbecke sick in body but perfect memory praised be almighty god doth make this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth First I give my soul to Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer by whose death I am fully persuaded and do believe to inherit his everlasting kingdom I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Item I give and bequeath to my brother Anthony Knowles eight pounds Item I give and bequeath to my brother Richard Clarke six pounds Item I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret six pounds Item my will is that my father Stephen Clark shall have all this good (*sic*) yet five years to come and then it shall be put forward to their behalf and most advantage Item I make my father Stephen Clarke and my natural mother Margarett Clarke my executors these witness James Armitstead Richard Clarke

*3 lines Latin***KNOWLES Alis 1574.****Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 19 fol. 842**

In the name of god amen the ninth day of February 1574 I Alis Knowles widow sick in body but of good & perfect memory loved be almighty god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswike also I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will The rest of all my goods my debts & all other ordinary fees paid and discharged I give & bequeath to Margaret Knowles my daughter & I constitute ordain & make Margaret Knowles my daughter my whole executrix These witness Mr. henry Tennand Thomas procter Richard preston & roger preston with others

*2 lines latin***KNOWLES Elizabeth 1595****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 26 fol. 96**

In the name of god amen the sixteenth day of April 1595 I Elizabeth Knowles widower late wife of the late deceased Anthony Knowles of mearebeck in the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard in Giggleswicke, and for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. I do also bequeath and give three parts of my goods (being equally in four parts divided) unto Alice Knowles my sons daughter. And I give and bequeath the fourth part of my said goods unto Anthony Knowles my sons son And I do ordain and make Alice Knowles daughter to my son William Knowles my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have to this my will subscribed my sign and my said mark the day and year abovesaid. In the presence of these witnesses Roger preston henry Knowles and Thomas clarke with other moe

*3 lines Latin*

## Johann Kydd 1440

### Borthwick vol. 2 fol. 675

In dei nomine Amen Anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> quadragesimo primo die mensis April  
Ego Johannes kydd compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum In primis do &  
lego animam [meam] deo omnipotenti beate marie ac omnibus sanctis & corpus meum ad  
sepeliend in ecclesia mea parochiali de Gygleswyk Item lego optimum animal meum nomine  
mortuarij mei Item lego fratribus de lancaster v s viiij d Item lego fratribus de preston xx d  
Item lego *minister* & fratribus de knaresburgh xx d Item lego Abba de Salley iij s iiij d Item  
lego cuilit (quilibet) monacho cum ipsis vestimenta ad exequias meas xij d Item lego Abba de  
Fournes xx d Item lego dominus Johann Setell xij d Item lego dominus E[gi]do (Edwardo?)  
karr iiij d Et dominus Christofero Altham iiij d Et Roberto horseman clerico parochiali iiij d  
Et Thome Blakburn xx s Et Elizabeth Blakburn xx s Et Johanni filio meo ij boves quos habet  
Et cuilit pueris eiusdem unam ovem Item lego Johanni Forst[er] unam ovem Et Johanni kerr I  
ovem Et Johanni kyng unam ovem Et Thome filio meo vj s viij d quos michi debet Item lego  
uni presbitero pro anima mea celebraturo xl s Item Willmo kydd unam vaccam Et margarete  
filia Roberti kydd iij s iiij d Et Ricardo kydd & Thome kydd filiis Roberti kydd ij s Et Ricardo  
dukedale (?) totum quod michi debet Item Thome Somerscale I ovem Residuum vero omni  
bonorum meorum superis non legatorum do & lego Johanna uxori mee henrico filio meo &  
margarete eque inter eos dividend Quos *quid* Johanna uxorem & henricum filium meum facio  
executores meos ad disponend pro anima mea sicut volunt respondere coram summo iudice  
Item lego Willmo Forst[er] per labore suo xij d date die & Anno domini supradictis

Vicesimo septimo die mensis Septembris Anno domini m<sup>o</sup> cccc<sup>mo</sup> xl<sup>mo</sup> probatum fuit presens  
testamentum & commissa administratio executores in eodem testamento nominatie iurat in  
forma iuris

In the name of god amen 1440 the first of April I John Kydd of sound mind make my  
testament in this manner First I give and leave my soul to almighty god blessed Mary and all  
the saints and my body to be buried in my parish church of Giggleswick Item I leave my best  
animal in the name of my mortuary Item I leave to the brothers of Lancaster 5s 8d Item I  
leave to the brothers of Preston 20d Item I leave to the minister and brothers of  
Knaresborough 20d Item I leave to the abbot of Salley 3s 8d Item I leave to any monk with  
him vestments for my exequies 12d Item I leave to the Abbot of Furness 20d Item I leave to  
Sir John Setell 12d Item I leave to Sir Giles (or Edward) Karr 4d and to Sir Christopher  
Altham 4d And to Robert Horseman parish clerk 4d And Thomas Blakburn 20s And  
Elizabeth Blakburn 20s And John my son 2 oxen which he has And any sons of them a sheep  
Item I leave to John Forster a sheep And to John Kerr one sheep And to John Kyng a sheep  
And to Thomas my son 6s 8d which he owes me Item I leave to one priest to pray for my  
soul 40s Item to William Kydd a cow And to Margaret daughter of Robert Kydd 3s 4d And to  
Richard Kydd and Thomas Kydd sons of Robert Kydd 2s And to Richard Dukedale(?) all  
which he owes me Item I leave to Thomas Somerscale one sheep The rest of all my goods not  
bequeathed above I give and leave to Johanna my wife and Henry my son and Margaret my  
daughter to be divided equally between them ..... Johanna my wife and Henry my son I  
make my executors to dispose for my soul just as they would wish to be answerable in the  
highest court Item I leave to William Forster for his labours 12d Given the day and year  
written above

27th day of September AD 1440 this present testament was proved and administration was  
committed to the executors named in the same testament sworn in legal format.

**William Kydd 1591**

In the name of god Amen the [twenty second day] of March in the yeare of our Lord god one thowsand fyve hundreth nyntie one I Willm Kydd of Lancllyffe sycke in bodeye but of perfect memory praysed be Almightye god doe make this my last will and testamt in manner and forme followinge First I commend my soule into thandes of my heavenly father by whose mercyes through Jesus Christ I beleve to be saved and my body to be buryed at the discretion of my friendes Itm I geve for my mortuarie that which of right is due Also I geve to Elizabet my wife her thirdes of my goodes landes and tenementes according to Custom of the Countrey and as of right appertainnes unto her to have and geve to all my children being not maryed now sett forward to any say(?) of sharing(?) out my goodes heretofore their dew portyons of goodes as in equitye appertains... Item Also whereas I have Bargayned and concluded wth mr Nicholas darcy for the purchase of my tenement and have paid him alredie sixteene poundes & (?) rest Indebted yet thirtie two pound xx d which is to be paid uppon and at the sealinge myne assurance my will is And I do devyse that yf the said Nich Darcy or any other(?) for(?) him do Assure my said tenement to me or myne Assignes whether yt be by deed(?) lease or other wyse that then my son Thomas shalbe myne Assigne And have ye said tenement to him and to the heires of his body Lawfully begotten for ever my wifes Lawfull thirdes received during her life And my will is that my said sonn Thomas shall paie in Consideracion theireof vj li xiiij s iiij d to every one of my childrenne being nowe unmaryed Itm I geve the best fether bedd at my howse and my two pair of Lomes to my said sonne Thomas kydd in Consideracon of parte of his Childes portyon and my will is that he shalbe further considered at the sight of my frendes mr Shutt Lawrence Swaynson and James Bankes to whom I confer the ordering and setting downe of all thinges as shalbe thought good &(?) trewe(?) for the behoofe and Benefitt of my Children The rest of all my goodes not already(?) geven and bequeathed I geve to my sonn Robert Kydd and my daughter maude kydde equallie to be devyded betweene them And of this my last will and testamt I make Elizabeth my wyfe and Thomas Kydd my sonn Execoutures These being wytnesses Richard kydson and mathew Sigsweek wth others

Latin text

{Mr Shutt was Vicar of Gigleswick }



## Richard Kydde 1589

### Borthwick vol 24 fol 449

In the name of god Amen. The last day of October Anno dm 1589. I Richard Kydde of Settle of the pische of Gigleswicke sicke in bodie but of pfct remembrance prayed be god doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge. First I bequie the my soule to Jesus Christ my onelie Saviour and redemer and my bodye to be buryed in the church.....in Gigleswicke and for my mortuarie and other churche dues..... Itm I give and bequie the unto the poore of the pische.....Itm I bequie the title and tenantright of my tenement after my....unto Robert Kyd my sonne trustinge that my mr and landlord wilbe good unto hym. Also yt is my will that Elizabete my wife shall have halfe of my tenement duringe her widowhead, and the third pte of my goodes after my dettes be paid also I will that my children have the rest of my goodes accordinge to lawe, also yt is my will that everye of my children shall have two of my sheepe excepte Robert and he to have but one of the worst. Itm yt is my will that all my husbandrie geare shall remaine unto my wyfe and my sonne Robert to occupie the tenement wthall and upon my wyfes deathe or maryage yt wholie to remaine unto my sonne Robert in consideracon of his whole porcon of my goodes. Also yt is my will that yf my sonne Robert dye without yssue lawfullie begotten That then my tenement shall remaine unto my sonne Thomas. Itm yt is my will that my daughters shall have a sufficient and honeste bed romme in the litle chamber beneathe the house to come and goe unto so longe as they be unmaryed, and doe stand need to yt. The rest of my pte of my goodes .....any dettes and funrall expenses paid. I give and bequie the unto Janet kydde.....Kydde my daughters. And I ordeyne and appoynte Elizabete my wyfe .....my sonne Joynte executors of this my last will and testament. And I hartilie desyre Willm Kydd, Robert Kydde and Christofer ....my bretheren to stand frendlie....my said wyfe and children and all their lawfull ....Witnesses hearof Willm Kyd.. Richard Bawderstone, Richard Iveson and Robert Kydde....

Latin text

WILL OF Hugh LAWKELAND DEC 11 1527  
BORTHWICK VOL.9 FOLIO 385

In the name of God amen in the year of our lord god 1527 the 11<sup>th</sup>.day of December I hugh lawkeland of whole will & mind & sick of body (ordenes) & make my will in manner & form following first I bequeath my soul unto God almighty our lady saint mary & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary that at right acquireth Item I bequeath to the reverend father in god Thomas lord abbot of the monastery of Salley 40s. & to the (convent) of the same 26s.8d. for my absolution & my predecessors & to pray for our souls & also to be good lord & maker unto my mother & the children of William (Iveson) my brother & to this my last will And who so ever doth occupy the sd. tenement after my mother I will that they pay the sd. bequeath to my lord & convent Item I bequeath to Saint Sunday Chantry 10s. And to the gild of our lady if it proceeds & go forward 10s. & if it procede not then the sd. 10s. to be given to Saint Sunday Chantry aforesaid Item I give to the friars of Saint (Robert?) 12s. And to our lady house of Appilby 12d. And to the friars of Preston 12d. And to the friars of lancaster 12d. p..... I give & bequeath with the licence of my lord title tenant right & my good will wholly as my father give & bequeathed me of the farmhold with the appurtenances thereto belonging & being in the holding & occupancy of my mother & me for to enjoy & remain unto myles wildman of winskill to him his heirs executors or assigns after the death of me & my mother paying therefore as it is agreed betwixt these too aforesaid that is to say Thomas Yeadon priest William foster Richard paley & William husband And if it please my mother to sell or lett part of the farmhold or all She for to lone or sell with the licence of the lord unto myles aforesaid giving & paying to her as other neighbours will And if she will not do as other will then she to take her advantage during her life And the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give unto my mother for to dispose for my (full residue?) at my departing And at her death if she have no need thereto as she will answer for & her I make my executrix with Sir Thomas Yeadon to see that this my will be performed & fulfilled these witness Edmund wing..... priest Thomas cokhed hugh cook & hugh armitstede of Friarstainforth with other moo  
*three lines in Latin*

*Sir Robert mentioned above – reference to him being a local priest at Gargrave & a connection with Sawley Abbey later on. .*

**Hugh Lawson 1577 (Hewe)**

**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 31**

In the name of God amen The xij day of may 1577 I hewe lawson of the lodge sick in body (but) of good and perfect memory, praised be almighty god do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I give my soul to god almighty, and my body to be buried in the church yard in ginglesweke and for my mortuary and other church dues all that Right will also I give to the poor men's box one bushel of barley, Also I give to John Watkinson, and christopher watkinson other one gimmer lamb to Thomas lawson one black Jacket to John Watkinson my best pair of hose, and to christopher watkinson my best Shirt to Alice(?) my daughter my Cardinall hat, also I will that Isabell my wife be the best in my house and dwell and continue in that end of my house wherein we now dwell so long as she is my wife and that my said wife and hewe lawson son of Thomas lawson my son and his mother, being unmarried shall occupy my Tenement Jointly together, as I and they have done unto (*until*) the Right honourable Earl of Cumberland come to age or enter to his lands and after he enter to his lands, my will is that my wife and hewe lawson my son and the Survivors of them shall occupy the one half of my Tenement and hewe lawson younger and his mother she being unmarried the other half of my Tenement unto (*until*) the said hewe lawson younger shall come to the full age of Twenty years, and when he shall come to the full age of xx years, my will is that then my wife shall be content with the Third part of my Tenement, Also I give to hewe lawson the son of Thomas lawson my son when he shall come to the full age of Twenty years The Title and Tenant Right of my whole Tenement The third part thereof always excepted and reserved to my wife during her widowhood, and if the said hewe the son of Thomas fortune to die without issue of his body lawfully begotten Then I give the Title and Tenant Right of my whole Tenement to hewe lawson my son also my will is that my wife shall have the ordering of my children and their goods so long as they are unmarried, and to marry my daughters of the whole goods also I give my portion of goods my funeral expenses church dues and bequests being first paid out of it to hewe lawson my son, also I will that the rest of my debts of the whole goods also my mind and will is, That my wain and wain gear, carts and cart gear, ropes and rope gear, plough and plough gear, and my harrow shall after the decease of my wife remain at the house to whomsoever shall occupy my Tenement also I make Isabell my wife and hewe lawson my son my whole executors of this my last will also I make Thomas paly my brother Edward Sargynson my son in law, and Roger preston Supervisors of my said will witnesses hereof Sir James foster curate Thomas procter Thomas lawson Thomas paly Roger preston and Edward Sargynson with others

Latin text

**LAWSON Henry 1572.**

**Ref. Borthwick vol. 19 fol. 531**

In the name of god amen the 13<sup>th</sup>. day of October a thousand five hundred seventy two I henry Lawson of Langcliffe within the parish of gigleswike sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be almighty god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of gigleswike Also I give and bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all th(a)t right will Also I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife her widows right both of my goods and farmhold Also I give the title and tenant right of my tenement after my wife and me on to Elizabeth Lawson my daughter and to henry Lawson my son Also I give to my 3 children their childs portion of my goods according to the law The rest of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged, I give and bequeath unto Margaret Lawson my daughter and I make and constitute Agnes my wife my whole executrix These witness (Thomas) Lawson Roger kyd Richard Lawson William kid Lawrence Swynson with others

2 lines latin

**John Lawson 1586**

**Borthwick vol. 23 fol. 380**

In the name of god amen The foure(?) and twentie day of november in the yeare of our (lord) god (a thousand) fyve hundrethe) eyghtie sixe in the xxix te yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne ladie quene Elizabeth etc. I John Lawsons of knight staine forthe within the parish of Gigleswicke in the countie of yorke yeoman seke in bodie but of sound and perfect remembrance praysed be almyghty god do make this my last will and testament in.... .. in manner and forme following That is to say First I comend my soule into the.... .. mercyfull handes of almyghty god my maker and unto Jesus Christ my onlie saviour and redeemer by the meritts of whose precious ... and passion I hope for salvation and ..... his divine .... and I ..... my bodie to be buried in the churche yard of Gigleswicke And I make and .... all my debts which I owe by right or custome be trulie contented and paid. Also I give for my mortuarie and (church dues) all that Right will. Further I will that Elizabeth my wyfe shall have her Widdow Right of my goods The Residue of all my goodes and chattells my dettes and funerall expenses paid of the whole I give and bequeathe unto the said Elizabeth my wyfe And I make and ordaine the same Elizabeth my wyfe my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament And I make and appoynte Roger .... thelder and Richard Paley(?) supervisors of this my last will trusting they will see the same ... according to my true meaninge And thus haveing my whole faith .... In Jesus Christ I make an end. Thes being witnesses ... aforesaid and dyonesse Jennynge of gigleswicke with others

Latin text

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 707**

**Thomas Lawson 1574**

In the name of God Amen the xxiiij th day of October a thowsand fyve hundrethe seventie foure I Thomas Lawson of Langclif within the pish of Giglesweke husbandman sicke in bodie but of good & pfyct memorie loved by allmyghtie god maykes this my laste will & testament in manner & forme folowinge fyrst I gyve & bequythe my sowle to allmightie god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the pishe church yarde of Giglesweke Also I bequythe for my mortuarie & other churche dewes all that right will Also I will that Elizabeth my wyfe shall have her widowrighte bothe of my goodes & farmeholde And I gyve unto my said wyfe a .... which of myne as she will choose Also I will that George Lawson my sone shall have for his title & tennante righte of my farmehold & his childes porcon of my goodes iij li vj s viij d in redie mony at that tyme as the righte honorable Erle of Cumberlande shalbe at full aige and demannde Gressom of hym Also I gyve to my fyve daughters & to everie one of them one Ewe schepe of the beste Also I will that xpofer Lawson my sone shall have his thirdes porcon of my goodes & the said goodes shalbe delyvered to Richarde lawson my sone & the said xpofer shalbe founde of my farme olde Also I gyve unto Elizabeth deane a gymmer lambe The reste of my pte of goodes my dettes & other ordinarie feys paid & discharged I gyve & bequythe to Richarde Lawson my sone & his children And I mayke & constitute my sone Richarde Lawson my hole executor Thes witnes Willm Bankes of Giglesweke Thomas kinge Giles Cookeson & mathewe Sigisweke with others

Latin text

**Thomas Lawson younger 1573**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 534**

In the name of god amen the xxvth day of may anno dni a thousand fyve hundrithe....three, I Thomas Lawson younger sicke in bodie but of good and pfect Remembrance loved be god makes this my laste will and testamente in manr and forme followinge. First I give and bequithe my soule to Almightye god and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of giglesweke. Allso I bequithe for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will Also my will is that Elsabethe my wiffe shall bringe upp my sone Hewghe Lawson upon my tent, and...to yt to my saide sone Hewghe shalbe twentie yeares oulde. And then bothe her husband .....with all their goods to avoide with owte delaye. Allso I give and bequithe the title and ...Righte of my tent with the Licence of the Lorde unto my sone hewgh and yf he depte.....the mercie of almightie god withoute Issue lawfullie begotten then I give the said tytle....tenant righte unto hewgh Lawson my brother. Allso I will that Elsabethe my wiffe have her widowe righte of my goods and hewghe Lawson my sone his childes porcon of my goods.And if it so chance that my saide Elsabethe shall Marie then I will that then iiij men Thomas .....Adam palay Roger preston and Adam Browne, so that mr. Henrie tenant shall alwayes be ...cheffe govrnor and gider of my saide sone hewghe Lawon & yf some contravrsie be .....times betwixte my father and my wiffe that it is my will that mr henrie tennnt and...men above named shall order yt The reste of my goods my debts and funrall exspenses paid I give and bequithe to Elsabethe my wiffe and hewhy Lawson my sone and I make and constitute Elsabethe my wiffe and hewgh Lawson my sone my full Executors. These wytnes Hewghe Lawson my father, Thomas Lawson Adam paylay and Roger preston and Adam browne with others ...

Latin text

**Will of Richard Lund May 04 1537**

**Borthwick Vol.11 Folio 245**

IN DEI NOM AMEN the fourth day of May the year of our lord God 1537 I Richard Lund sick in bodie & whole in mind make my last will & testament in manner & form following first I give & bequeath my soul to God Almighty to our lady saint mary & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the church of saint alkelda virgin of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to the high altar for tithes & oblations by me negligently forgotten 12d. Also I bequeath to every priest saying mass for my soul the day I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath to the church of Giggleswick 3s.4d. Also my will is that my wife shall occupy two parts of my tenement & William my son the third part unto such time as th[e]one of my daughters be married. And then I will that my wife shall (let?) occupy the one half of the said tenement & William my son the other half. Also I give & bequeath the goods titles & tenements rights of the said tenement to William my son after the discharge of his mother with the licence of the lord thereof. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give & bequeath to my wife which I make my executrix of this my will for to dispose as she think most expedient for the health of my soul & will of my children These witnesses by Richard Somerscale (Hamnet?) Masse Miles Wildman with other moo.

*3 lines in Latin.*

**Will of John Lupton 1599**  
**Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 727**

In the name of god Amen the 29th day of October 1599 I John Lupton of Settle sick in body but in perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my only lord and alone saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church in Giggleswick. Item I give devise and bequeath all my whole estate right title interest claim demand which I now have or which I my executors administrators or assigns might ought or of right may have of in and unto my tenement now in myne owne tenure and occupation of the yearly rent of 10 shillings situate lying and being within the town and townfields of Settle aforesaid with all houses edifices buildings arable lands meadows pastures commons moors mosses feedings and enclosures with all and singular the appurtenances to the same in any wise appertaining or belonging together with all such writings assurances and conveyances which I now have from any person or persons for and concerning the same unto Henry Lupton son of John Lupton my nephew and to his issue lawful And if it fortunes the said Henry to die without issue lawful then to Francis Lupton of Feazer my nephew and to issue lawful and for want of such issue then to the nearest in consanguinity and kindred by law then half of the said tenement and houses with the appurtenances thereto belonging reserved unto Ellin my wife for and during her life natural. Item I give devise and bequeath all my whole estate title interest claim and demand which I now have or which I my executors administrators or assigns might ought or of right may have of in and unto all and singular my houses and grounds with the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining situate lying and being within the town and townfields or commons moors and enclosures of the lordship of Langcliffe by me bought and purchased together with all writings assurances and conveyances whatsoever I have from any person or persons for and concerning the same unto the said Henry Lupton and to his issue lawful and if it fortunes the said Henry to die without issue lawful then unto Francis Lupton aforesaid and to his issue lawful and for want of such issue then unto the nearest in consanguinity and kindred by law the moitie and one half thereof reserved unto Ellin my wife for and during her life natural and also one chamber in the northern end of my fire house in Langcliffe And one garth called the round garth next adjoining to the grounds of Richard Armitstead of Langcliffe aforesaid on the north side reserved unto John Wharfe my manservant which I give unto him for and during his life natural Provided always And it is my will that if the said Henry Lupton shall not be contented to continue and dwell with Ellin my said wife or Francis Lupton my said nephew without going or departing from them untill he shall accomplish the age of 18 years and also without going to dwell with his father during the said time then these my gifts and bequests to stand and remain unto him as void then I will that the premises remain unto the said Francis and his issue lawful and for want of such issue to the nearest by law. Item I give unto the said John Wharfe my blue coat. Item I give unto Margaret Clapham for a red petticoat. Item I leave unto Ellin my said wife the half of all my goods movable and immovable whereof I am now possessed as to her due according to the custom of the diocese of York and all the other half being my part commonly called the dead part I freely give and bequeath unto Henry Lupton aforesaid Provided always and it is my will that if Francis Lupton aforesaid and William Browne of Settle aforesaid do aid and assist Henry Lupton aforesaid in what suits or troubles may arise about my said tenement or either of them if the said Henry observe and perform the condition above

**LYNSAIE Richard 1595**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 515**

In the name of god amen the tenth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand five hundred ninety five I Richard lynsaie of palay green within the lordship of Gigglesweeke in the county of york husbandman being all feeble & crased in body nevertheless of perfect remembrance praised be god do ordain & make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god trusting by the merits and passion of Christ Jesus to be saved And my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Gigglesweeke aforesaid at the discretion of my children & friends Item it is my will that my funeral expenses and such debts as I owe be discharged out of my whole goods And all the residue of my goods my debts & funeral legacies discharged I give and bequeath unto Jaine lynsaie my youngest daughter in regard of her painfulness and diligent service and behaviour towards me now in mine old age when I was not able to help & relieve myself And further my will is and I ordain that my said daughter Jaine shall have and enjoy till Candlemas next after my natural decease to the use and behalf of her the said Jaine and her assigns the occupation and benefit of those grounds at palay greene which my son John lynsaie standeth bounden to permit & suffer me & mine assigns to enjoy till the said Candlemas Item I give and bequeath 6s.8d. to be bestowed on such poor folk as here after I shall nominate before Roger Wilson & James Clarke my neighbours And I make and appoint my said daughter Jaine foresaid sole executrix of this my last will and testament witnesses hereof Roger Wilson Rowland Carr James Clarke John Lynsaie & William Lawson

*4 lines Latin*



## Will of Sir John Malton Chantry Priest 1538

### Borthwick vol. 11 fol. 495 mf 919

In dei no[m]i[n]e amen the xxvj day of Septembre the yere of oure lorde god m[i]l[lesimo] v<sup>c</sup> xxxvij I S[i]r John malton chantre prest at Gigleswike seke in bodie and holl in mynde make my testament and last will in mann[er] and forme followinge First I bequeathe my saull to god almightie oure laydie sancte mairie and to all the sanct[es] in heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche or churche yarde at Gigleswike Also I bequeathe certayne good[es] to the some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d to be disposed in the p[ar]ishinge of Gigleswike in this condicon as herafter doth followe that is to say that if the said p[ar]ishing of Gigleswike will take ov[er] land to kepe one prest and so after a nother for ev[er] more in the churche of the said Gigleswike so that it be nev[er] voyde the space of xxx days of a prest which prest shall dulie say mess at matins after this mann[er] that is to say frome the feast of the annu[n]ciacon of oure laidie unto the feaste of the nativitie of oure Laydie betwixte v of the cloke and vj of the cloke And frome the feast of the nativitie of oure laidie unto the feast of the Annu[n]ciacon of our laidie the said mess to be said betwixt vj of the cloke and vij Provyded alway that the saide prest shall say daylie placebo and dirige And also that the saide prest be hired and occupyinge after the condicon aforsaid within the space of xxvj wek[es] after that they that I leve my trust with give warninge unto the said p[ar]ishing And if the said p[ar]ishing will not hier the said prest and kepe hyme after the condicon aforsaid And wheras the said some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d is not sufficient to do it with that the said p[ar]ishing will mak it upe sufficientlie of the goodes And if the said p[ar]ishing will not annswer unto the condicon aforsaide then I bequeathe the said some xxxiiij li vj s viij d to the p[ar]ishing of clapham after the said condicon savinge that they shall assigne the prest to say messe at any tyme of the day provided alwais that the saide prest shall say daylie placebo and dirige for the soules dep[ar]t[e]d and if the said p[ar]ishing of clapham will not hier the said prest and kepe hyme after the condicon aforsaid And wheras the said some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d is not sufficient to do it with that the said p[ar]ishinge of clapham will make it upe sufficyentelie of the goodes And if the said p[ar]ishing of clapham will not annswer unto this condicon aforsaid then I bequeathe the said some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d unto theme that I leve my trust with in the condicon that they hier one prest or prest[es] to pray for saules dede that pleses gode to be prayde for so longe as the said some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d doth p[ro]vide iiij li iij s iiij d by yere so that the said prest and prest[es] say wekley messe upon

feria quarta de quinque vulneribus Christi feria sexta de no[m]i[n]e Iesu et sabb[ato] de visitatione b[ea]te marie virginis nisi duplex fest[um] de maioribus ipsis diebus contingerit et tunc psalterium b[ea]te marie virginis dicetur genuflexo et Ita semel in septimana missa<sup>34</sup> de requie p[ro] o[mn]ibus defunctis et in o[mn]ibus istis feriis placebo et dirige c[um] no[ue]m lectionibus

*{the Wednesday of the Five wounds of Christ, on the Friday of the name of Jesus and on the Saturday of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin unless there should happen to fall a double of those major days and then the psaltery of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be said on bended knee and then once a week a Requiem Mass for all the departed and on all those weekdays placebo and dirige with nine readings.}*

**WILL OF Richard MELLYNE 1555**  
**Borthwick Vol.15(1) Folio 36**

In the name of god amen the 13th. of February the year of our lord god 1555 I Richard Mellyne sick in body & of good & perfect memory loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I will that my wife shall have my tenement for to bring up my children & (have) with all ... during her widowhead & after her widowhead I give & queath my tenement with licence of my lord unto myles mellyne my son & if the said myles die without issue lawfully begotten then I give & bequeath my said tenement unto John Mellyne my son & from one child to an other Item I will that my children shall have there portion of goods according to the law Item I make William Lawson of Long Preston & William Browne of Settle supervisors of this my last will & testament & Agnes my wife my whole executrix The rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath to Agnes my wife & to my children to be equally divided amongst them These witness Richard Ratclif (Anthony) Knowles Hughe Lawson & Thomas Somerskills with others Sir James Foster

*4 lines in Latin*

## Will of Sir John Mone 1538

### Borthwick vol. 11 fol. 329 mf 918

Testamt Johnis Mone prestre nup de Gyglesweke defuncti

In the name of god amen the second day of September in the yer of our lord god (md) xxxviiij I Sir John Mone prest beinge in perfect remembrance and seke in bodie make this my testament and last will in maner and forme folowinge. First I bequeathe my soull to allmightie god to our lady saint mary and to all the company of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of saint Alkeld of Gyglesweke. Also I bequeathe to everie prest that shall celebrate Mass at my buriall iiij d and to everie scoler doinge prayre (?) ther that day j d also I bequeathe to Sir John Nelson iij li in money and my best gowne and best hate to pray for me one yere. Also I bequeathe to the byeinge of one crucifix of coper and gilted to Gyglesweke churche iiij li vj s viij d Also I bequeathe to everie childe that I am godfather unto ij d Also I bequeathe to my brother Edmund one Brande ox that is in the kepyng of James karre so that he do not take hym unto the tyme that she have maide her filthe the next yere. Also I bequeathe unto the said Edmund vj s viij d in money. Also I bequeathe unto Jamys Mone one ox that is in the kepyng of John Falthrope of Rome and also I do give unto hym vj s viij d the whiche he dothe owe unto me. Also I bequeathe to Richarde Mone of Bolton one cowe now in the kepyng of Richard Jakes. Also I bequeathe unto the said Richard one sored (sorel?) nage and also v s that he dothe owe unto me. Item I bequeath to Anthony knolle my godssone iij s iiij d whiche is parte of the det that his father owes unto me. Also I bequeathe to Robert Glover wif one synge gowne. Also I bequeathe to John Mone one cowe now in the kepyng of John Falthrope the elder Also I bequeathe to everie childe that is my brother Edmundes equally there partes of xxxiiij s iiij d which the vicar of Clapham dothe owe unto me if it may be gotten and I autorise them in my behalf to sew for the same and get it of ther owne costes. Also I bequeathe to Sir Thomas Miton (?) v s. All the residue of my goodes not bequeathed I put to the disposinge of henry Mone my brother and I make my said brother henry and William Preston the elder my executors to mynyster for me and fulfill my last will and I will that William preston shall have for his labour x s all his costes and chardges to be borne of my goodes and to....

Sir Richard Mone prior of bolton Sir Thomas preston and Sir Thomas yedon with other men(?).

....xviiij die mensis Septembris anno dm predicto emanduit  
comissio

decano de Craven ad

et die Octobris..

**William Newhouse of Giggleswick Will 1541**  
**Borthwick v 11 f 617**

In the name of god amen the yere of oure lorde god 1541 the xiith day of Januarii I William Newhouse seke in bodie and holl of mynde make my will as after followeth First I give and bequeath my soull to god almightie and to oure Ladie sainte marie and to all the saints in heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Sainte Alkelde virgyine of Giggleswike and for my mortuary that at right will Item I bequeathe to the highe altare for tithes and oblacons by me forgotten vid Item I bequeathe in consideracon of frendes and neighbors the day of my buriall that at my..... shall .... Make goode and expedient for the life of my Soule Item I bequeathe to every prest sayinge mass that ... the day I am buried iiiid Item I bequeathe to the amendinge of the hieway within the parishe of Giggleswicke if my neighbours will take upon hande to amende it vis viiid and if no then I bequeathe the forsaide vis viiid to the gilde of Sancti Sunday Item I bequeathe to the gilde of oure ladie vis viiid Item I bequeathe to everie one of my god childer within the p'ishe iid and to every one without id Item I bequeath to Margaret my daughter vis viiid Item to Elisabeth my daughter vis viiid Item I bequeathe to Sr John my sone to pay one trentall of masses for my soull and all other soulls that I am most ..... to pray for xs Item I bequeathe to the saide Sr John xs and so to be contente for his porcon of goodes and also for the title and tennande right of my tenement for ever Item I bequeathe title and tennte right of my tenement with the appurtenance therto belonging to my wif duringe her wi(*dowhede*) and after her widowhede I give and bequeathe title and tennte right of my saide tenement with thappurtenance therto belonginge to Rollande my sone. And if it is fortune the saide Rollande to die without issue. Then I give and bequeath my saide tenement with thappurtenance to Thomas my sone. And if the saide Thomas die withoute issue then I give and bequeathe my saide tenement with thappurtenance therto belonginge to Hughe my sone Residue of my goodes now bequeathed my detts and funerall expenses paide I give and bequeathe to Elisabeth my wif and to my towne sones that is to say Rollande and Thomas whome I make myne executors of this my will Thes wittnes Oliver Newhouse William Preston Smyth. Thomas Carre of Stakhouse and Thomas Kidde my sone in law with other moo Item I bequeathe my sone v nobles and my wif rewarde and so to be content both for my tenement and goodes

[Latin]

*Trentall = set of 30 masses to be said for the dead*

**WILL OF Oliver NEWHOUSE 1556**  
**Borthwick Vol.15(1) Folio 284**

In the name of god amen the 25th. Day of September in the year of our lord god 1556 I Oliver Newhouse sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick Item I give & bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item my will is that my wife Isabell & Oliver Newhouse my son son (*sic*) shall occupy my farmhold together till Oliver Newhouse my son son be of 21 years of age & then shall my wife pay unto the said Oliver for the occupation of my said farmhold as iiij friends or recorders shall think mete & convenient provided always that if Isabell my wife & Oliver Newhouse my son son can not agree then shall my wife have the 3rd. part of my farmhold during her widowhead after the custom of the country & then my will is that the said Oliver Newhouse shall with Richard Newhouse his kinsman (bocthe) his goods & the rest of my said farmhold during his nonaig # & the said Richard shall pay to the said Oliver at the sight of iiij friends or my recorders for the occupation of my said farmhold & if it chance my said son Oliver to die without issue lawfully begotten then my will is that Agnes my daughter & her children lawfully begotten shall have the title & tenant right of my said farmhold Item my will is that the said Oliver Newhouse shall make his uncle Alexander Tenand a counsell of his marriage the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath unto Isabell my wife & Oliver Newhouse my son son whom I make my whole executors These witness Richard Newhouse Thomas Browne Willim Browne Willim Craven Thomas hind with others

*4 lines in Latin*

*# nonnaig – pre 21 yrs. of age*  
**George Palay 1576**

**Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 6**

In the name of God amen 1576 the xij day of February I George Paly of Knight Stanforth within the parish of Giggleswicke sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be almighty god my maker and Redeemer make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Gyggleswicke also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will also I give and bequeath the title and tenement right of my Tenement unto James Palay my son after my wife and me also I give and bequeath unto katherine my wife her widow right both of goods and farmhold also I bequeath to my children their child's portion of my goods according to the law The rest of all my goods my debts and all other ordinary fees paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto agnes Palay and Eliz Palay equally between them, and I make and constitute Katherine my wife my whole executrix These witness John Palay the elder John Palay the younger and Thomas Palay with others

Latin text

**Mathewe Palay 1569**

**Borthwick vol 18 fol 129**

In The name of God amen the xxj day of Maij Anno dni 1569 I Mathewe palay secke in bodye but of good and pfcte memorye loved be almightie god makes this my last will and Testament in maner and forme folowinge First I gyve and bequithe my soull To almyghtie god, and to all the glorious Companye in heaven and my bodye to be buriede in the pische churche yearde of gyglesweke also I gyve and bequith for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that Right will also I gyve and assigne to Adam palay my eldest sone my lease and the tenande Right of my tenament he doynge his dewtye to the lorde and ....therof Also I gyve to the said Adame all my husbandrye geare and his owne pper goodes and so the said Adam to be content and have no childe porcon of my goodes also I gyve to the said Adame xv bushells of Ottes and fyve bushells of bigge, and the rest of my children to have there childe porcons of my goodes accordinge to the lawe Also my will is that Alice my wyfe have and possesse all suche goodes and grounde as was awarde her to have by foure honest men in the seconde and thirde yeare of the Reigne of phillippe and Marye The Rest of my pte of goodes and all other costes and charges paide I gyve and bequithe to Eliz. palaye my daughter, also I will that Adam my sonne shall paye unto John palay his brother for the tente Ryght of my tente when he shalbe xx ti yeares and more. xx s and the said John to seale and delivr a genrall cognitance, and I make Adam Palay my sonne and John Palay my Cosyn my holle Executors Thes wittnes John Swayson John Lowson John Palay thelder and Roger Lowson with others....

Latin text

**Richard Palay 1571**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 434**

In the name of God amen the xvj day of Aprill anno dni a thousande fyve hundrethe seventie one I Richarde palay of Capelside singleman seke in bodie never the less of good and pfite memorie prayed be god do make my laste will and Testamente in manner and forme followinge First I geve my Soule to the omnipotente lorde and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde at Geglesweke and for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will also I geve to Thomas palaye my brother sone thre poundes to Richarde palay his brother fower poundes and to Jaine palay ther sister fyve poundes also I geve unto Alice Newhouse fyve shillings and to Jenet Armesteade xijd The reste of my goods my dettes funrall expences and bequestes paid and discharged I geve and bequythe to Alane Carr of Capilside and Thomas palay senior of Giglesweke senior (sic) who I make my hole executors of this my laste will wittnes... Robert Tresdale(?) and Jennet Houghton wth others ...

Latin text

**William Palay 1570**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 24**

In the name of god amen the xxxj daye of Julie anno dni 1570 I will..Paylay of gigleswicke seike in bodye but of good and pfect memorye loved be almy...god make this my last will and testament in manr and fourme Folowinge First I give and bequeathe my Soull to allmyghtye god and to all the glorious comp... in heaven and my bodye to be buried in the pische churche yearde of gygles....also I give and bequeathe For my mortuarye and other churche dewes all Ryght will also I give and bequeathe title and tenant Ryght of my tenem...unto Thomas palie my sonne and yf he dye wtout ysshewe maille lawf... begotten then I give yt to Richard palie my sonne and yf he dye without ysshewe maille lawfullye begotten then I will that Richard Palay my brother Shall have my tenemente wt the licence of the lord and he to give to Jane my daughter at the discretion of my Recordars also when thomas pala my s... shalbe xxtie I will that agnes my wife shall have my tenement to bringe ...her children & myne and to marye to it to thomas palay my sonne ...yeares of age and agnes my said wife shall be ordered at all tymes and in all mattars at the discretion and com... of thomas brayshay . ...Browne and george lawson also I will that agnes my wife shall have hir widow ryghte of my goods and my children ther childs porcon and Richard palay and Jane palaye my children shalbe brought up of my tenement to the yonger of them be xxtie years of aige also I give to thomas my Sonne or to hym that shall have my tenement all the tymber The rest of my parte of goodes my detts and funrall expenses paid and discharged I gyve and bequeathe to Richard pala and Joanne pala my children and I make & constitute Agnes my wife and Thomas palay my sonne my hooll Executors these witnes Thomas Brayschaye Thomas banks James Browne george lawson and thomas pala wt other...

Latin text

**WILL OF Hew PALAY 1564**  
**Borthwick Vol.17 Folio 435**

In the name of god amen in the year of our lord god 1564 the 29th. day of July I hew palay of stainforth sick in body & of perfect remembrance praise be god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to god almighty & my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will Also I will that my wife have the half of my (tenement) with the appurtenances which I now do occupy during her widowhead & be the best in my house & when she please & after my wife all my said tenement & houses with the appurtenances to remain to Richard my son & to his issue for ever Also I will that Roger my son have his child portion of my goods if he will rest in his own goods, if not, then I will that he shall have soo such for his portion & for his agreement of his brother Richard as ric. palay & William palay of Giggleswick (25s) for .... (johnson?)& Roger Swaynson shall judge him to have, & if he refuse this judgement then I will that he have neither childs portion nor greement Also I will that they judge what Thomas shall have for his agreement Also I will that Richard my son shall have all my husbandry gear after my wife withall nail fast gear, with formes, bords & chairs, & my buckskin dublett Also I will that all my debts & funeral charges be first paid of my whole goods that done the rest of my part of goods I give & bequeath to Thomas my son, provided that my wife have quietly her goods Also I make my wife & Thomas my son my whole executors of this my last will These witness John Swaynson John Paley senior John Paley junior & Thomas palay with other moo

*4 lines in Latin*

**WILL OF Isabell PALAY 1556**  
**Borthwick Vol.15(1) Folio 253**

In the name of god amen the 9th.day of January 1556 I Isabell palay widow sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god to our lady saint mary & to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I give to the high alter for forgotten tithes 3s.4d. Item if the parishioners of Giggleswick will buy a great bell I give then to it (20s.) Item to Robt. Armitstede to his wife a young cow Item to Agnes Lawson a brewing pan & a coverlett Item To Isabell Lawson my goddaughter 6s.8d. Item to margaret browne my best hat & an apron Item to Alkelda Browne a kirtle & a smock Item to Adam Browne daughters of mitton parish a coverlett Item I give & bequeath the title & tenant right of this my tenement with the licence of the lord thereof unto Thomas Knolle my husband sister son The rest of my goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath unto Thomas Browne & Oliver Brown whom I make my whole executors These witnesses James Armisted of huntwath the elder William Armisted & James armisted the younger with others

*2 lines in Latin*



## Richard Palaye 1598

### Borthwick vol 27 fol 514

In the name of god amen the tenth day of August 1598 I Richard Palaye of Gigleswicke sicke in body but of pfect remembrance praised (*sic*) do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I Comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onely Lord and saviour and my body to be buryed in the churchyard of the pish church of Gigleswicke Itm I give and bequeath unto Thomas Palaye my brother one acre of arrable land by estimacon be yt more or lesse wch I bought of Henry Roome of Giglesweeke aforesaid a pcell whereof lyeth at a place called Gilderslights and another pcell thereof lyeth at a place called Whitewrages(?) neere Leonarde thwaites wthin the townfeildes of Giglesweeke aforesaid to have holde occupie & enjoy the same to him and his assignes for evr in as full and ample manner in all respects as I myselfe had or of right might or ought to have the same of the said Henry Roome he the said Thomas my said brother for his said assignes yeilding and paying at thend of foure yeares next after he or they shall come to the occupacon of the same grounds unto Jaine Palaye my sister if she be then living the full whole and iuste some of fyve pounds of currant and lawfull money of England at one entyre and whole payment Itm I give unto Thomas Palaye my said brother twentie shillings wch Hughe Tailor doth owe unto me. Also I give unto him my said brother that myne apparrell wch he nowe haith at his house Also I give unto Jaine my said sister one chiste wch is at the house of my said brother Thomas Palaye All the rest of my goodes my debts first discharged my funerall Expences paid and other dues done I give and bequeath unto Richard Brayshaye my father and Jaine Palaye my said sister equally to be devided betwixt them whome I also ordeyne and appointe Executors of this my will and testament. Witnesses hereof John Palaye El(de)r Henry Roome and John Standeven.....

Latin text

**Richard Paley 1569**

**Borthwick vol 18 fol 130**

In the name of God amen the xij day of July Anno dom 1569 I Richard paley of Knight St(*ainforth*) seike in bodie but pfcte of Remembrance lovid be almyghtie god makes this my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequithe my soull unto allmyghtie god and to all the glorious companye in heaven and my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of gyglesweke, also I gyve and bequithe for my mortuarie and all other churche dewes all that right will. Also I will that my wyf shall have for widowe right bothe of goodes and farmholde and my children to have there childe porcons of my goodes accordinge to the lawe also I gyve the revercon of my lease to Hewe paley my sonne and yf he dye without yssue then I gyve yt to Eliz. my daughter and yf she dye without yssue lawfullie begotten then I gyve yt to agnes my daughter, also my will is that my wyf shall have and occupye my farmholde duringe her widowheade and to bringe uppe her children and myne to they be of lawfull aige, also my will is that yf my wyf shall chance to marrye agayne then ..shalbe at the dyscrecon and order of John Swayneson and Thomas Craven with the ....of other frendes bothe of her pte and myne whether she shall marrye to my farmholde agayne duringe the nonaige of my sonne or daughters or not, also my will is that yf Eliz. my daughter shall have my farmholde. Then she shall paye in penny and penny worth iij li vj viij d unto agnes her syster when she shall enter to the saide farmholde. The Rest of my pte of goodes my detts and funerall expences paid I gyve to agnes palay my daughter, and I constitute and make Kathe...my wyf and Thomas craven my holle executors. Thes wittnes John Swaynson gregorye twist... .....Lawson and Roger Swaynson with others....

Latin text

**Hughe Paley 1598**

**Borthwick vol 27 fol 616**

In dei no(m)i(n)e amen upon the xxvij th day of march 1598 I Hughe Paley of knightstainforde wthin the pish of Gigleswicke and Countie of yorke sicke in my bodie but of pfct remembrance praised be Almightye god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend my soule to almightye god by whose mercie throughe the redemption in Jesus Christ my onely saviour I believe to be saved and .....buried in the churchyard at Gigleswicke Also it is my mynde and will is that my debts be paid of my whole goods, my debts being paid and funerall expences discharged I will that Anne my wife have her right of the residue and my children there porcons Itm I bequeath the tenntright of my tente to Anne Paley my wife to educate and bring upp my children upon wth the licence of my mr and landlord trusting that my mr and landlord wilbe good to my wife and children even for gods sake Also I do make and ordayne Anne Paley my wife executrix of this my last will and testamt And I desire Willm Newhouse and John Burton of Feezor to be supervisors hereof and to helpe my wife and children where need shalbe for gods sake Theis being witnesses Roger Swainson and Bryan Baynbrigg....

Latin text

## James Paley 1593 (?)

### Borthwick vol 25 fol 1458

In the name of God Amen the tenth of maie I James Paley of Paley greene within the parishe of Gigeswicke sicke in bodie but of whole and perfecte memorie praised be allmightie god do make this my laste will and testamente in manner and forme followinge. Firste I commende my soule into the handes of allmightie god my heavenlie father belevinge throught his mercie in Jesus Christe my Redeemer to be saved and my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my friendes Item I give for my mortuarie that whiche is due and accustomed Item I give and bequeathe to Katherine my wiefe the moitie or one halfe of my tenemente at Paley greene duringe her widowhead accordinge to an agremente heretofore made between me and my sonne Thomas Paley Item my will is that my daughters unmarried shalbe maried and preferred of all my goodes out at a side (*sic*) and also that Tho: Paley my Sonne shall give unto his brethren iij li vj s viij d in consideracon of suche covenantes as are betwene him and me or so muche as master Shute and my said sonne Thomas shall agree upon for them to have Also the reste of my goodes my debtes paide and funerall expences discharged I give to Katherine my wiefe yf that she do not marrie againe but if she do marrie againe then my will is that she shall have no more but her onelie lawfull thirdes And I make the said katherine my wiefe executor of this my laste will and testamente And I praie Thomas Bankes of Sigleswicke(*sic*) Roger Carre of the close house Richard Paley my brother and my Sonne Thomas Paley to be Supvisors of my will for the helpinge of my wiefe and children Thes witnesses xpofer Shute Tho: Paley...

Latin text

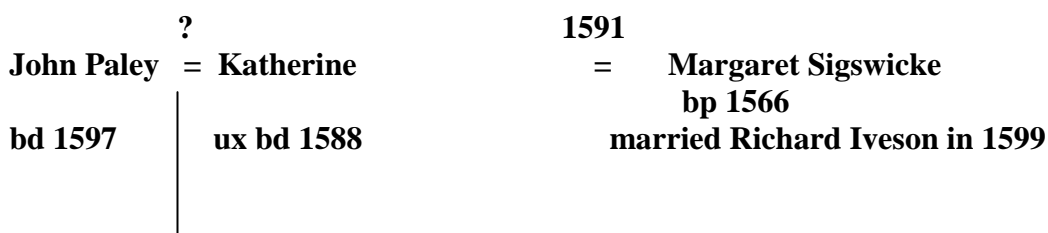
**John PALEY 1597 Borthwick 27, fol. 176**

**Will of 29<sup>th</sup> November 1597, bd 16<sup>th</sup> December 1597**

In the name of God amen The xxix th day of November 1597 (I) John Palay of Lancklife sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance prased be God do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following first I Comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onlie lord and savioure and my bodie to be buried in the Church yarde of the pish Church of Gigleswicke and for my mortuary and all Churches what of right is due and accustomed I will that the same be trulie paid Item I give to Thomas my sonne and to his issue lawfullie one close called Lees close lying betweene the grounds of Thomas Sowden and Richard Armistead and also a pcell of grounde called Pesber by afirmaton half and (*sic*) acre and one garden lying and being upon the northeside of Lanclife for ever and for wante of him and his issue then I give the same grounds unto Elizabeth Payley my supposed daughter and to her issue lawfull then I will the same shall reservatone (?) unto Margaret my wife for and during her pure Widdowhead And I also will that my wife have the use and occupacon of these grounds untill my said sonne Thomas come to the age of one and twentie yeares iff he live so long and yf she be able maintane him and yf she be not then I will that these grounds be sell and letten to the most profitt for his mayntennce And for my goods aswell moveable as unmoveable I will that my Children Thomas and the said Elizabeth shall have their equall porcons thereof and my wife her Widdowright and for my pte of goods my debts first discharged of the whole goods my funerall expences paid and other dues done I give the same unto Elizabeth my said supposed daughter and I give also unto Myles Nicholson Scholer two sheepe Item I ordayne and appointe Margaret my said wife and Elizabeth my said daughter my Joynt executors of this my will witnesses hereof John Palay and Richard Kidson Mathew Sigsweeke George Lawson and Thomas Siggeswicke.....

Latin text

**A plausible but unproven family tree**



**Thomas bp 1586/7 (not yet 21 in 1597)**

**Why is Elizabeth a *supposed* daughter? Maybe illegitimate and not registered?**

**Elizabeth Paley de Langcliffe bd 1604/5**

## **Richard Paley 1601**

### **Borthwick vol 28 fol 727**

Memorandum that upon the twentieth day of February anno dom 1601 Richard Paley of Settle in the county of yorke husbandman sicke in body but perfect in memory did make his will and testament as followeth First he did bequeath his soule to god and his body to the earth willing that his debts should be paid and of his whole goods. And the reste he gave to his wife and his child Also his will was that his daughter should have his tenement and all his estate therin to her and her issue and if she dies without issue therof to remaine to his wife and her assignes witnesses hereof Thomas Howson Lawrence Knowles Roger Benson....

*Latin text includes mention of Agneti Paley*

*NB Parish register:- Burial of "Ricardus Palaie de S(ettle)" 21 Feb 1601/2*

*Also Birth of "Thomas illegitime natus Agnetis Palaie de S et Thome Howson sen ut ipsa asserit" 2 Feb 1603/4*

## **Robert Paylaye 1576**

### **Borthwick vol 20 fol 87**

In the name of god amen the thirde daye of June one thousand fyve hundrethe seventie six I Robarte Paylaye of Settell sicke in bodie but of gode & pfecte Remembrance lovyd be Almightye god makes this my last will & testament in maner & forme folowinge First I geve & bequethe my soule to almightye god my maker & Redemer & my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of gigesweke Also I bequethe for my mortuarie & other churche dewties all that Right will Also I will that Agnes my wyfe shall be best at my howse & have & occupie my tenement unto Richarde paylaye my eldest sonne with the lycence of the lorde And yf he die without Issue lawfullie begotten then I geve my said tenemente to thomas paylaye my younger sonne & so from one child to annother Also I will that Agnesse my wiffe shall have her widdow Righte of my goodes & my cheldren ther childes porcons of my goodes accordinge to the lawe Also I will that Richarde paylaye my sonne shall paye to thomas paylaye his brother for his tenante Right three poundes six shillinges eight pence The reste of all my goods my debtes paid & all other dewties paide I geve & bequethe unto Richarde paylaye my sonne And I make & constitute Agnes my wiffe my whole executrix Thesse witnesses Willm Browne John winsor John Bawderstone and John Bankes with others mo

**Thomas Payley 1592**

**Borthwick vol 25 fol 1287**

In the name of god amen the thertye day of Januarie 1592 I Thomas Payley of giglesweeke Sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte remembrance prayed be god doe maike this my laste will and testmt in manner and forme followinge First I bequeathe my soule to Jesus Christe my onelie saviour and Redemmer (*sic*) and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde of giglesweeke and for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that right will Item yt is my will that my debtes be payed of my wholle goodes and then my wyef to have her weddowright and Thoms and John my sonnes their portions also yt is my will that my wyef shall have the occupacon of my house and all taken groundes duringe her weddowhead and righte and where as I have bene att great charges kepinge xpofer my eldest sonne att Cambridge the wch was my intent and his agrement shoulde be to him in full satisfacon of his tyle of my house and for his porcon of my goodes the wch in truth hathe bene unto me in duple charge of that wch I ame nowe able to geve unto the reste of my sonnes my will is theirfore that he shall houlde him self satisfied therewth and that he shall nott claime and have anie more of my goodes or my tyle unto my house and whereas also I have laitlye payde unto William my sonne fouretene poundes my will is that the same shalbe unto hime a full satisfacon for his wholl porcon of my goodes and whereas my sonne John hathe bene diligente to supporte and relive me nowe manynge(?) bothe wth his goodes and other his dutifull obedience And also in consideracon that he shall paye unto his Brother Thomas Fyve poundes ovr and besydes his porcon of my goodes the wch he kyndlie agreed to me that he would doe, my will is in consideracon of all the pmisses I geve devise and bequeathe unto the saide John my sonne my wholl tyle and Tennt right of my howses and cottage by lycence of the lorde and as touchinge my parte of goodes yt is my will that my funerall expenses be payde of the same and the reste that remaineth I geve yt unto my sonnes Thomas and John equallie to be devided betwene them and I ordaine and appointe Elizabeth my Wyef and John my sonne my Jointe executors of this my will and testament In the presence of these wytnesses Followinge vidz Christopher Shute John Thornton Anthonie Foster and Robte Craike ....

Latin text

**PRESTLEY Thomas 1579**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York vol. 21 fol 334**

In the name of god amen the third day of January 1579 I Thomas Prestley of the newhouse near the mearesyke within the parish of Long Preston being perfect of memory praised be almighty god doth make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god my only maker saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the church yard at Long preston also I leave and bequeath my whole tenement with the licence of the lord for the space of three years to Eliz. my wife, and she to educate and bring up my children upon the farm not hurting her widows right, and at the end of the three years, the said tenement shall be co equally divided betwixt henry prestley and Thomas at the discretion of friends so that the election and choice of the division of the said tenement to remain to my son henry provided always that if either party be so disposed to lett or sell there parts of the said tenement, that they shall lett or sell it to no other but party to party and that party that will so do shall have ten pounds for it and no more also it is my will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid that the residue of my part of goods shall be given and divided equally betwixt henry prestley and Thomas prestley my sons, Also I make Eliz. my wife and John (bynns) supervisors of this my last will and testament Also I make Thomas prestley my son my full and whole executor of this my last will and testament These honest men being recorders of the same henry (woodworth) John Butterfield John (halbath?) and Richard Symsby

*3 lines Latin*

**Agnes Preston 1597**

**Borthwick vol 27 fol 177**

In the Name of god amen The vij th day of August in the yeare of our lord god 1597 I Agnes Preston widdow late wife of Richard Preston late of Gigleswicke disceased within the Countie of yorke verie sicke in bodie but of pfect mynd god be prayed therefore do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following First I give and comend my soule to almightie god my maker trusting to be saved in Jesus Christ and my bodie to be buried within the church yard of Gigleswicke aforesaid Item for my goods and cattells I will that they be bestowed as followeth viz: that the charges of my funerall be First laid downe and allowed of the whole Item I will that my sonne in law Willm Browne be satisfied the next for my tabling this last yeare and some other debts wch I owe unto him Item I give unto the said Willm Browne xs in money which Richard Foster of Staynforth oweth me and other xs and two bushells of Barlie wch the wife late of Richard Brayshay of Langclife oweth me Item I give unto my daughter Margaret Browne wife of the said willm all myne apparrell and for the residew of my goods cattells and debts I give unto my sonne Thomas Preston yf he come into the Cuntrie and demannnd them and yf he do not then I bequeath them all unto my said sonne in law willm Browne whome I make sole executor of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof George Lawson Thomas Foster and willm lawsonn.....

Latin text

## Borthwick vol 20 fol 45

### Edward Preston of Cowside 1575

In the name of god amen the eight daye of maye in the yere of our lord god a thousand fyve hundreth three score & fyften I edward preston of Cosheyde in the pishe of giclesweke sicke in bodie but of good & pfecte remembrance laude and prayse be to almightie god make this my laste will & testamente in manor & forme folowinge Firste I geve & bequeth my soule to almightie god & to all the glorious companie in heaven & my bodie to be buriede in the pishe churche yearde of gicleswecke Also I bequethe for my mortuarie & other Churche dewes all that right will Also I bequethe to Isabell my wife halfe of my goodes.....yf she be not with childe & yf she be withe childe she to have the thirde pte of my goodes and the thirde pte of my landes & yf my wife have no sonne but a daughter then I will that robert preston my Brother shall have the reste of my lande duringe his naturall lyfe & after his lyfe I geve my said land unto thomas preston sonne of Addam preston to thomas preston & Roger preston equallie betwext them so that they shall paye unto my daughter six pounds thertene shillinges foure pence yf I have one Also I bequethe to rychard Saylbanke one pr(?) of waine Raythes Also I bequethe to roger Saylbanke my syster sonne a Jackit a doublet a layne yocke a heade shackell a Iron tynne a wayne head shackell & a tranre Also I geve to the poore folkes of gicleswecke pishe iij sh iiij d Also I geve my lease of Schayll lande liinge on Remynton more to my wife & Roberte preston my Brother duringe their naturall lyves & after ther lyves I geve my said lease to Willm preston Sonne of John preston of Calton Also I geve to my wife & to roberte preston my Brother my moitie whiche I have of one Wallys duringe his naturall lyfe whiche is twentie (*sic*) thertene shillinges foure pence Also I will that Roberte tomponne shall have a lease for one & twentie yeres he payinge therfore three pounds Sixe shillinge eight pence & within a quarter of a houre after the said edwarde said that the said roberte cookesone should paye twentie ponde the reste of all my goodes my debttes & all other ordinares payde I geve unto Isabell my wife to my child yf she be with childe & to robert preston my brother & I make & constitute Isabell my wife & roberte preston my Brother my holle executors thes witnesses Rychard taylor Rychard saylbanke henrie paycoke henrie collare with others



**WILL OF Richard PRESTON SNR. 1554**  
**Borthwick Vol.14 Folio 153**

In the name of god amen the 6th. of January in the year of our lord god 1554 I Richard preston the elder of the mearbeck sick in body & of perfect knowledge & good memory thanks be almighty god doth order & make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul unto almighty god & to all the celestial saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick before the church door. Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I give & bequeath the title & tenant right of my tenement unto Anne my wife during her widowhead & after her widowhead I give & bequeath all my whole title & right of my said tenement unto Roger preston my son with the licence of the lord First I give & bequeath to my son Roger all my husbandry gear & my said son Roger shall have his childs portion of my goods And I will that Anne my wife & Roger my son shall keep & hold Robert preston my son at the school unto he be able to help himself Item I give & bequeath to Christopher preston my son 20s. & yt to be for agreement for my tenement & for his childs portion of my goods Item I give & bequeath to hew my son over & besides his childs portion 20s. & it to be paid at such times as Anthony Knowles hew Lawson & Richard preston the younger shall think mete & convenient The residue of all my goods my debts & funerall expenses paid I give & bequeath to Anne my wife whom I make my whole executrix Item I make (.....) Knowles & hew lawson supervisors & they to se this my last will & testament to be fulfilled & (kept?) & they to have their costs & charges bourne of my whole goods These men being witness ..... Knowles hew lawson Richard preston younger & Robert Kidd with other

*4 lines in Latin*

**WILL OF Thomas PRESTON 1567**  
**Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 809**

*Large portion of document obliterated*

In the name of God Amen The third day of 1567 I Thomas preston sick in body & of Good and perfect.....right god make this my last will & testament I give and bequeath my soule to God Almighty& to our lady saint mary ..... & my Body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick & for my mortuary .....right will Item I will that Agnes my wife shall have .....during her widowhead, & after her widowhead I .....of my (goods?) to adam preston my son with licence (of the lord).....then I give my title to Alice my .....John preston my brother shall have one of my (childer?) wh.....Item I make John preston & Willim preston my brothers .....& then to see it fulfilled Item my children shall have .....the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral (expenses).....my children to be equally divided amongst them .....preston my son my whole executor these witnesses hewgh newhouse (*rest of witnesses names obliterated*)

*5 lines in Latin*

## WILL of William Preston of Giggleswick 1590

### Borthwick vol. 24 fol. 646r and v

In the name of God Amen the 23rd day of March 1590 I William Preston of Giggleswick in the county of York sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my maker and only saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard in Giggleswick. And for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. Item it is my will that my debts be paid of my whole goods and the rest that remains my wife to have her widow right and my children their portions. Also it is my will that my wife shall have the occupation of my tenement and my children's portions to bring up my children upon till my son Richard come to the age of 21 years she keeping .... my wife. And after he come to the same age of 21 years to enter to the one half of my tenement and my wife to have and enjoy the other half thereof till my younger children be brought to succour either by marriage or otherwise provided for. And then my wife to have her widow right and my son Richard the residue. And after her death or end of widowhood my whole tenement to remain unto my said son Richard and to his lawful issue and for (*lack? word missing*) of issue of Richard the same to remain to my next son and so from son to son and their lawful issue. And it is my will that my said son Richard or he that shall first enter into my tenement shall pay to either of his brethren seven pounds and if there be but one brother he to have but only seven pounds the same to be paid when they and every of them do come to lawful age or otherwise stand need thereof at the discretion of my wife and supervisors. Item it is my will that my younger sons be kept at school till they be able to serve apprenticeship. Item it is my will that the seven pounds which is in James Garnettes hands the same shall be accounted in one portion of goods and the same seven pounds with the increase thereof I give to my younger sons. And if either of them die it to remain to the survivor. Also it is my will that my brother Thomas have such bequest as is appointed to him by my father's will and according to the true meaning thereof. The rest of my part of goods not bequeathed my funeral expenses paid I give it wholly unto my two daughters equally between them so always as they shall be ruled by their mother and my supervisors. And if either of them refuse to be guided either in marriage or otherwise as my wife and supervisors shall think meet they to have no part of this my gift (?). And I ordain and appoint Isabell my wife and Richard my son my joint executors of this my last will and testament. I appoint my uncles Roger Carr Richard Foster my father in law Henry Robinson my brother in law Brian Cookeson William Browne and Robert Craike my neighbours supervisors to assist my executors in the execution of my said will. Witnesses hereof my own hand hereunto subscribed the day and year above said in the presence of the persons above said viz. Roger Carr Richard Foster Henry Robinson Nicholas Benson William Browne and Robert Craike

Latin text

**WILL OF Richard PRISTON 1567**  
**Borthwick Vol.17 Folio 679**

In the name of god amen the 23rd. day of April 1567 I Richard priston sick in body & of good & perfect memory thanks be to god, do make this my last will & testament in maner following First I give & bequeath my soul to god almighty, & my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick, & for my mortuary that at right will Also I will that Anne my wife have & occupy my whole tenement to the most profit of her & my children, during her widowhead, & after her widowhead I will that Willim my son shall have my said tenement which I now do dwell upon & the crasseynge to him & his lawful issue, for ever & for lack of lawful issue of his body I will that my son Thomas have my said tenement after the decease of my son Willim to him & his lawful issue for ever. And if it fortune Thomas to have my said tenement then I will that his childs portion be divided equally amongst his sisters being not married, further I will that Willim my son have all my husbandry gear, & he to demand no other childs portion Item I will that Thomas my son shall have the walke milne, the smithe withall the instruments of the smithe & thackwaite # to him & his issue for ever & for lack of lawful issue of Thomas my son the same smithe thakwhate milne & smithe goods to revert & return to Willim my son & his issue, Also if it fortune Willim my son to die without lawful issue, & Thomas my son to have my tenement then I will that Thomas my son shall geve to everye one of his sisters 20s At such time as my supervisors shall think good, Also I will that Willim my son shall enter my tenement at such time as my said supervisors shall think good & profitable Also if it fortune both my sons to die without issue lawful, then I will that Eliz. my daughter have my said tenement giving to her sisters at the discretion of my supervisors or so many as then shall be living, & if she die without issue then my tenement to remain to my second daughter she doing likewise as is above said Also I will that Thomas my son be kept at the school as long as my supervisors shall think good, & if he be aminded to continue at learning then I will that William my son have the milne, thakewhate & smithe, & he to keep Thomas at the school as long in recompence of them as my said supervisors shall think (reasonable) I will that all bequithes in my fathers will (not discharged) be discharged & if any of my daughters die, her sisters to have her childs portion Also I will that my portion of goods, my debts funeral expenses & bequeaths paid of the whole be equally divided amongst my daughters & I make my wife & Willim my son my whole executors of this my last will & I make Richard newhouse Thomas foster Roger Carr Adam Carr Thomas hind & Thomas paley supervisors of this my last will who are also witnesses of the same

*4 lines in Latin*

*#thackwaite/thackthwaite – name of a field adjacent to Catterall Hall, shown as Thackwood on 1850's 1st.ed. map.*

**WILL OF William PRISTON 1564**  
**Borthwick Vol.17 Folio 433**

In the name of god amen the year of our lord god 1564 the 2nd. day of July I Willim priston sick in body & whole of mind thanks be to god make this my last will & testament as after followith First I give & bequeath my soul to god almighty & my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will, Also I will that my wife shall be the chief within my house & to have my title so long as she shall continue my wife saving that I will that Thomas my son shall have the third (bushall?) when he doth marry & to pay the third penny Also I will that he shall have half my cart gear, & he to gether the said tythe & if he be not good with his mother, then I will that she shall have my whole tythe , during her widowhead, & after her widowhead I give & bequeath the said tithes , houses & garthings with all the appurtenances there belonging to my son Thomas / Item I will that he shall have that 36s. 8d. which is in (our?) (tunstall?) land towards the payment of his next gressum #, Item I give to my said son Thomas all my tenter wood my shears & looms withall nayle fast gear Also I will that my said son Thomas shall give to his brother hew for his title of my said tithes, houses & garthings with the appurtenances 40s. Also I give & bequeath my whole part of goods to hew my son & jane my daughter, the residue of my goods unbequeathed I give to Katherin my wife, hew my son & jane my daughter Also I will that my children & their goods continue with their mother so long as she is my wife & then not married Also I make my wife & Thomas my son my whole executors of this my last will These witnesses Richard Radcliffe Richard Foster & Thomas palay with others

*4 lines in Latin*

*# gressum – tax/fine to landlord*

**Robert Proctor 1597**

**Borthwick vol 27 fol 116**

In the name of god amen I Robert Proctor of Cleatop in the Countie of yorke sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte minde and memorie do make and ordaine this my last will & testament in manner and forme followinge, First and principallie I comitt and commend my soule into the hands of Almightye God, And my bodie to bee buried in the parishe church of Giggleswicke so nigh my father and mother as maie bee, And I will that the money alreadie in the howse and to bee ppared for the first paimiente(?) touchinge the purchase of Cleatop bee given to my brother Henrie Proctor towardses the same purchase, And the right and interest which I have of thoneside of Cleatop Alreadie I give the same to my lovinge wyfe Alice Proctor to enioy during her life, And after her decease I give the same to my brother Henrie Proctor and George Proctor his sonne, And I will that in case(?) my wyfe live longer then the yeares I have alreadie in Cleatop that my said brother Henrie Proctor suffer her to enioy that side of which I now have after the said purchase bee made so longe as shee shall live, And I give and bequeath to my good and lovinge uncle Henrie Tennt gen Willm Proctor and Anthonie Proctor my bretheren and to everie one of my servants such legacies as my saied wyfe shall thinke meete and conveniente to bee bestowed of them and no more. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Alice proctor my saied wyfe whome I make the executrix of this my last will and testamente willinge and requiringe her that she remember my brother Henrie Proctors Children with such legacies after her death as she by her will and testament shall thinke beste In wyttnes whereof I hereunto set my hande the tenth daie of September 1597. Wyttnesses Roger Preston and Henrie Knowles .....

Latin text

**John Rayne of Giggleswick Will 1548**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 501**

In the name of god amen the yere of oure Lorde god 1548 the xxvi day of Septembre I John Rayne of Giggleswicke seke in bodie and holl of mynde thanks be to god make my last will as in forme followinge Firste I bequeath my soull unto almightye god and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde of Giggleswicke. Also I bequeath to Richarde my sone the title and tennte right of my farmhold with licence of the lord. Also I will that Richarde my sone shall kepe my towe daughters Alice and Elisabeth to suche tyme as they shall come to marriedge and at what tyme as they shall come to marriedge or any other suche shal my sonne Richarde give to either of theme the some of xiii marks at the sight of foure frendes Also I will that if it so sorton thone of my daughters marie not then she for to have here portion of goodes as aforesaid and one chamber and one roode of land she payinge some therfore accordeinge Also I will that if either of my daughters die afore they come to mariadge then her portion of goodes to be devided betwixt my sone and the other of my daughters at sight of iiii frendes The residue of my goodes my debts and funerall expenses paid I give and bequeath to Richard my sone whome I make my holl executr of this my last will witness herof Thomas Carre Richarde Beke Robert Bradshawe Thomas Lawson John Rome with other moo

[Latin]

**Will of Robert of Staynford 1390**

**Borthwick vol 1 fol 57**

**main part only since second part of a few lines only is illegible mf 911**

**the second page is to be found as folio 25**

In dei no[mi]ne ame[n] xvj die mensis maij anno d[omi]ni mill[es]imo ccc<sup>mo</sup>  
nonagesimo Ego Rob[er]tus de staynford in bona memoria existens ordino fac[i]o  
(co[e]ii?) condo test[ame]ntu[m] meu[m] in hunc mod[um] In p[ri]mis lego &  
co[m]mendo an[im]am meam deo & beate marie & o[mn]ib[us] sa[n]ctis suis  
corpusque meum ad sepeliend[um] in eccl[es]ia de Gygellyswyk Itm lego  
opti[m]um a[n]i[m]al no[m]i[n]e mortuar[i]i mei Itm lego xl li[bras] cere ad  
comburend[um] circa corpus meu[m] die Sepult[ur]e mee Itm lego c m[a]rc[a]s ad  
expendend[um] circa corpus meum die Sepult[ur]e mee um omnibus expens[is]  
Itm lego paup[er]ibus et illis quibus feci Iniuria[m] ad distribuend int[er] eod[em] c  
m[a]rc[a]s Itm lego c m[a]rc[a]s ad distribuend int[er] amicos meos & servientes  
meos & ..... eorum in .... per ordinac[i]o[n]em executoru[m] meorum Itm lego  
margarete et agneti filiabus meis o[mn]ia a[n]i[m]alia scilicet boves vaccas  
bovicul[as] Iuven[culi] & stor[ia]e & o[mn]ia utensilia domorum in .... domum  
dicti Robti Itm lego filie ric[ard]i Tempest c m[a]rc[a]s ad maritag[iu]m suu[m]  
Si contingat eam cum marito maritari Sin autem filiabus d[ic]ti Ric[ard]i Tempest  
et filiis eiusd[em] Itm lego Elisabeth filie Rob[er]ti de stanford Junioris xx  
m[a]rc[a]s Itm lego fabrice eccl[es]ie de Gygeleswyk tanta[m] sum[m]a[m] argenti  
quanta potest . ..... pred[ic]tam fabricam q[uo]d pred[ic]tus Rob[er]t[us] iunioris  
Itm lego q[ua]tuor ordinibus fratr[ibus] me[n]dica[n]tiu[m] xxxij s per eq[ua]les  
porc[i]o[n]es int[er] eos dividend[um] Itm lego mariote sorori mee vj m[a]rc[a]s  
durante sua vitia ona ord[i]nand pro executores meos Itm lego per par[o]chia[ll]is  
de {name deleted}horton o[mn]is mer[enn]ium meum q[uo]d iacet ap[u]d .... nisi  
faciam ponte[m] de eod in fra istum annum Itm lego resid[uum] omn[ium]  
bono[rum] meo[rum] no[n] legato[rum] ricardo Tempest militi et abbas de sallay ut  
ordinet & dispone[n]t pro a[n]i[m]a mea si[cut] rat[i]o est Itm fac[i]o et ordino Ric  
Tempest ..... Johan

*from folio 25 top three lines almost illegible*

Johan[n]e de stackden .....

Johnis Walker & thome forster .....

ordinet & disponet pro .....

**Christopher Sailbanke 1600**

**Borthwick vol. 28 fol. 348**

In the name of God Amen the Sixteenth day of November in the year of our lord one thousand and six hundred I Christopher Sailbanke of Stainford under Bargh in the County of york yeoman sick in body but of perfect memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker redeemer and saviour and my body to be buried in the parish Church of Giglesweeke Also I will that my wife shall (have and) enjoy my lease and the .... tenement now in my possession for the tenure of six years next ensuing And at the end and expiration of the said six years I give and bequeath my said tenement and all my Right therein together with the lease to my son James Sailbanke and to his executors and assigns during the term herein specified (excepted unto my said wife one third part thereof For and during her widowhood) so always as my son James will content and pay unto my daughter Alice Sailbanke in consideration of this my tenement the sum of thirty pounds of lawful english money at or before the end and expiration of seven years next ensuing in or at the now dwelling house of me the said Christopher Sailbanke And in default and for lack that my said son James do not content and pay this said sum of thirty pounds in manner and form as is by me .... my will and mind is And I give to my said daughter Alice in recompense thereof seven acres of pasture ground in Sannat close in the field called stringleholme by estimation five (?) roods and another close called the shortleis and a parcel of ground called howcroftes by estimation one Rood during the term of my said lease Also I will and bequeath that at the end of the said six years my son James shall have all my husbandry gear which I have saving that my wife have the third part of it so long as she shall keep her my wife and widow, also that my wife shall make the charges of the whole crop, saving that year which my son shall enter to it Moreover it is my will and mind that whereas I am indebted to my brother Richard the sum of six pounds four shillings and eight pence That if my said brother Richard Sailbanke be content to suffer the said sum abovesaid to remain in the hands and Custody of my wife and son James that then my said brother Richard shall have his finding and maintenance with meat drink and apparel during his life of my said wife and son James and if he do procure the said money to be paid out of the lands of my said wife or son James that then he shall have a bedroom in some Convenient place of my now dwelling house And I give to my daughter Alice the best Arke that I have and A Chiste in recompense of the boards that her grandfather gave her Also I give to my son James another Arke and the best pan that I have Also I give to my said daughter Alice the moiety of all my household goods (the said two arkes and pan before bequeathed excepted) And for the rest of my goods I give them unto my wife whom I do make and appoint my executrix of this my last will and testament These being Witnesses William Lakeland William Kidson Richard Iveson and Thomas Lakeland

Latin text

**Margarete Sailbanke of Giggleswick Will 1551**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 825**

In dei noie amen the xxii day of October in the yere of our lorde god 1551 I  
Margarete Sailbanke widowe hooll of mynd and memorie lovid be almightie god  
make this my last will and testament in manr and forme followinge First I bequethe  
my soull to almightie god and to all the glorious company in heaven and my bodie to  
be buried in the churche yarde of giggleswike Item I will that the dewties of churche  
be paid and my mortuarie as the right will Item I bequethe to Ric my son vii sheepe  
and one whyte headed whye Item I bequethe to xpofer Foster wife of Wynskayll one  
coitt Item to Alice my maid a pare of read sleeves and one kyrchiff Item to my  
mother in langclife one pare of newe shoes Item to Isabell Saylbanke my goodsister  
a pare of knit sleeves and one holiday kyrcheffe Item to Jenett Battersbye one approne  
Item I bequethe to Alice my daughter my grene kyrttle and my best white coott The  
residue of all my partte of goods my detts paid and funerall expenses I geve and  
bequethe to xpofer my son and also my daughter whome I make my hole executors of  
this my last will and testament so that my daughter Alice have the better partte of my  
goods at the sight of John Pacocke and Thomas Sailbanke my Brother in Law Item I  
will that my said brother Thomas Saylbanke and my brother William Wetherhede  
of Kyrkby Mallamdale have the governance of my children and their goods and to  
answer for theme till thei come to lawfull aige witnes hereof Jacobus Foster curate  
John Paycoke lawrence Smythe with other moo

[Latin]

*Whye = heifer*  
*Coitt = coat*  
*Coon = ?*

**SAILBANKE Richard 1577.**  
**Ref. Borthwick, York Vol. 21 fol. 340**

In the name of God amen The fourth day of January 1577 I Richard Saylbanke of Staynforthe sick  
in body but whole and perfect mind praised be almighty god make this my last will and testament in  
form following First I give my soul to god my heavenly father and to Jesus Christ my only  
redeemer by faith in whose blood I believe only to be saved and my body to be buried in  
Giggleswick church yard Secondly I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right  
will, also my will is that Willim Preston of Ayrton Willim Lawkland Thomas Howson and  
Christopher Saylbanke shall have the ordering of my tenement and all my goods to the use of my  
wife and my children, provided if my son Roger Sailbanke do recover of his disease, that he may  
govern himself honestly and well, Then he shall have my tenement, and if not then shall my said  
tenement come and descend to James Saylbanke my son, and to the issue of his body lawfully  
begotten and for lack of such issue, to Willim Saylbanke my son. The rest of my pte goods, my  
debts and all other dues paid I give unto my children, equally among them and of this my last will I  
make Margaret my wife and Willim Preston of Ayrton my executors. These being wittness, William  
Lawkland, Thomas Howson and Christopher Sailbanke with others

*3 lines in Latin*



**James Salebanke 1551**  
**Borthwick vol 13 fol 782**

Dei no(m)i(n)e amen the xx day of August in the year of our lord god 1551 I James Saleband (*sic*) of Stainforth under hill, whole of mind and good memory loved be almighty god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I bequeath my soul to almighty god and to the glorious company in heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswike Item for my mortuary that at right will Item I will that Xpofer my eldest son have that which his grandfather and grandmother gave him in their wills he paying to his other brothers xx s and his brother to sell him acquittance for the tenement Which his grandfather put unto him by the consent of me his father and Christopher to have all the husbandry gear of wood and ..... and if anything come to Christopher my son Item I will that Richard my son have the tenement with the licence of the lord Item to Christopher my son a great ark Item I will that Richard my son and Isabell have every of them their child's portion of my goods and Christopher shall have no child's portion of good item I will that my wife have her widowright and if she chance to marry, then my childer for to be ordered at the sight of my master John Armetstede James Armetstede and Thomas Salebanke Item I bequeath to Agnes my sister my mold jacket Item to Francis Howson my (?servant) a sleeveless gray jacket It to William Howson my good brother a gray jacket The residue of my part of goods I give and bequeath to Richard my son and Isabell my daughter and it to be divided among them as ... shall require Item Richard my son and Isabell my daughter shall be my executors These men being witnesses John Armetstede James Armetstede and Thomas Salebanke

*Latin text*

**Henry Saylbank of Giggleswick Will 1551**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 858**

In dei noie amen The xviith day of mche in the yere of our Lord god 1551 I Henry Saylbank hooll of mynd and perfcte memorie lovid be almightie god make this my last will and testament in manr and forme followinge First I bequethe my soulle to almightie god and my bodie to be buried within the holye ground of giggleswicke church yearde Item the dewties of the church and for my mortuarie that at the right will Item I give and bequethe after my wife the title and tenantright of my tenement with the licence of the lord to Richard Sladeburn sum of my Rayment too stottes and to every child of the said Richard a lamb Item to Henry Howsome children xld when they shalbe of lawfull aige and if any of theme dye then the other to have the hooll. the Residue of my partt of goods my detts paid I give and bequethe to Margarete my wife and Richard my sonne whome I make my hooll executors thes witnes Robert Somerskaill Willm Lawkland William Husband and Symon Yveson with others

[Latin]

## **Borthwick vol 13 fol 485**

### **James Saylebanke of Cowside 1548**

In the name of God Amen the yere of oure lorde god a [thousand] v [hundred] xlvijj the Seventhe day january I James Saylbanke of Cowsed seke in bodie and hooll of mynde thankes bee to god maike my laste will and testament as in forme followenge First I bequeathe my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde of Gigglesweke Also I bequeathe to the comon chiste iij d Also I bequeathe .... and .... tenmte righte of my farmolde unto mgarete my wif withe licence of the lord duringe her wid[ow]heade Also after my wif I bequeathe the title and tenmte righte of my farmold unto Richarde my eldest sone withe licence of the lorde Also I will that my detts be paide uppon my hooll goodes Also I will that Richarde my sone have all such goodes as is in the custodie of Thomas Saylbanke my brother of Lanklif and all my husbandrie geere belonginge.... housse and the forenayed husbandrie gere to.... Also the residue of my goddes I will that they shalbe devyded to Margaret [my] wife and my children Richarde and Chr[ist]ofer my sones and Isabell and Alice my daughteres accordinge to righte and custome when tyme shall requier at sighte(?) of John paycoke Thomas Saylbanke my brother John Foster and Willm Wederheade(?) of Mallonghedale whome I leave in truste for my Wif and children Also I will that Chr[ist]ofer my sone shall have Richarde my eldest sone childe porcon of goodes for the title and agremente of my farmolde Also I will that my pairte of goodes my buriall expenses paid be devyded betwixte Isabel and Alice my daughters Also I make Margaret .... of this my laste will witnes herof John paycoke John Foster Thomas....

Latin text

### **SAYLBANKE Richard 1570**

**Ref. Borthwick, York Vol.19 fol. 436**

In the name of God Amen the 14th. of March AD 1570 I Richard Saylbank of Toysed sick in body and of good and perfect remembrance loved be almighty god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god and my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I will that Ellyn my wife shall have her weddow right both of my goods and farmhold and after my wife wedowhead I give and bequeath the title and tenement right of my tenement unto Robert Saylbanke my son with the licence of the lord and if he die without issue lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath it to Agnes Saylbanke my daughter Also I will that my childe shall have their third portion of my goods according to the law Also my will is that my wife shall order and bring up my childe to they be of lawfull age and if the childe die or marry before they be of lawful age then I will that the recorder of my will shall order my childe and their goods with the farmhold till they be at lawful age The rest of my pte of goods my debts and all other dues paid and discharged I give and bequeath to Ellen my wife and to my two childe equally among them I make and constitute Ellyn my wife and Robert Saylbanke my son my whole executors. These witness Thomas Saylebanke Henry paycoke Willim Armesteade and Richard Somerscales with others

*5 lines in Latin*

**Roger Saylbanke 1593**  
**Borthwick vol 25 fol 1553**

In dei No(m)i(n)e Amen the sevende day of Marche 1593 I Roger Saylbanke of Stainforthe under hill in the parishe of Gygleswycke and countye of Yorke, secke in bodie, but whole and perfecte in mynde, praised be god, do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge, First I comende my soule to god my heavenly Father and to Jesus Christe my Redemer, by fayth in whose death and passyon, I hope assuredly to be saved, and my body to be buryed in the churche yearde of the parishe churche of Gygleswycke, And for my mortuarye, and other churche dues all that Right will, Itm it is my will, that my debts be paid of my whole goods, Itm my will is, that Margaret my wyfe and children shall have my tente and howses with the appurtenances theunto belonging, and goodes equally to be devyded amongst them Itm I give to my Syster Isabel Saylbancke two shepe, and I give to my Syster Agnes other two shepe, Itm I give to my brother Willm, twenty shillings in payment and recompense of certayne odds pertayninge betwene him and me, yf that my Supervysors can have hym to take in lesste (?), Itm I give unto the poore of the parishe of Gygleswycke iij s iiij d. I pray and Request my frends and neighbours Chofr Armystead, Willm Lawkland Xpfr Saylbancke, and Robt Lawklande to be my Supivysors payde and assiste my executors in thexecution of my will, And I ..... and appoynte Margaret my wyfe and Henrie(?) my sonne my ioynte executors, of this my last will, and testament. These beinge wytnesses, Willm Lawklande Christopher Saylebanke and Rbte Lawklande,

*(Latin text)*

**Mathewe Sigsweeke 1598**

In the name of god amen the xxi th day of february 1598 I Mathewe Sigsweeke of Lanclife sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onelie Lord and Saviour And my bodie to be buryed in the churchyard of the pish church in Giglesweeke Item I give, devise, bequeath, release, assigne, sett over, and confirme unto Thomas Sigsweeke my sonne all my whole estate, right, tyle, interest, clayme and demand wch I my Executors, Administrators or assignes ought or of right might or may have of in and to all my houses and groundes of what sorte or estaite.... the same be of lyeing and being in the towne feilds, and moores of Lancliffe togeather with all writinge eindent[ures] escriptes and muniments thereof and of evry pt and pcell thereof to have and to hold the same to himselfe his executors, administrators and assignes to his and there use and uses comodities profit and advantage for ever my said sonne Thomas pmitting and suffering Anne my daughter to have, hold and enioye the chamber called the Shoppe wherein to sett her bed and her chist and also have halfe of that garden next ajoyning to the garden of Lawrence Swainson And also tenne pounds in money or money worth at the discretion of fower indifferent freinds and the same to be paid unto her my said daughter or her assignes within three yeares next after my death ensewing that is to say evry yeare during the said terme of the said three yeares, the just some of three pounds six shillings and eight pence and this I will she shall have if shee keepe herself unmaryed, but but (*sic*) if she marrie then I will that she hold herselfe contented onlie with the some of tenne pounds to be paid unto her in manner and forme before expressed and sett downe and also I give unto her my said daughter one chist, wch I bought of Christopher Browne wch said pmisses I will shall stand her in full recompence and satisfacion of her whole childs porcion of my goods Item I give to Bryan my sonne twentie shillings as last pt of payment of his porcion or childs pt of my goods he my said sonne Bryan sealing and delivering unto my executors a good lawfull and sufficient aquittance and release for all goods All the rest of my goods (my wife her widdowright referred unto her) I give to Thomas my said sonne whome I appoint executor of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof John Paleye Richard Kidson Thomas Sowden Willm Browne and John Braisheye

Latin text

Will of Thomas Somerscale, 1572/3

Borthwick Institute vol. 20 fol. 72 R. Price transcription

In the name of God Amen, the tenth daye of Marche a thowsand fyve hundrethe Seve[n]tie two, in the fyftenthe yeare of the Reigne of our Sov[er]eigne Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Quene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, defendor of the faithe etc,

I, Thomas Somerscale, of Stockdaile howsse, in the p[ar]ishe of Gigleswecke, in the countie of Yorke, Sicke in bodie but of p[er]fecte Remembraunce (praysed be God) makes this my laste will and testamente in maner and Forme as Folowethe.

Firste I bequethe my Soule to God almightie, my maker and saviour, and my Bodie to be buried w[i]thin the churche yearde in what p[ar]ishe it pleasethe God to take me to his mercie, and to be laide night my owne Father yf the grounde will suffer,

And I will that coste shall be maide at my Buriall in suche sorte as my executors, sup[er]visors and nighest kinsfolke and Frenedes thinkes mete, and especiallie upon the pooreste Sorte accordinge to my poore.

Ite[m] I geve and bequethe unto my wiffe, to bringe uppe my cheldren w[i]thall, All my tenemente at Stockedaile howse, w[i]th th'appurtenaunces, the fourthe p[ar]te of the tyeth [tithe of] corne and strowe of Setle, and the tyeth barne, and all my p[ar]te of Setle Mylne, be it more or les, w[i]th all other bargans which I have, either by bill, bounde [bond], lease or otherways, w[i]th all and ev[er]ie the appurtenances their to in anie wise app[er]teyninge or belonginge,

And also the use and occupac[i]on of all my husbandrie gear, w[i]th all Cupbordes, Arkes, Allmeries, tables, Counters, bedstockes, foroms [forms], chares, stooles, and all woodes, broken or hole, and all such thinges that be neleffeste [nailed fast, fixed],

The whole bargans w[hi]ch I have from my m[aste]r S[ir] Henrie Darcie of the p[ar]sonage of Gargrave, and From Mr Lamberte of the p[ar]sonage of Burnsall, always accepted,

And the p[ro]fites ther of duringe the yeres therin, I geve unto my executors and their assignes, to the onelie usse and p[ro]fite of my cheldren that well be ruled by them and ther assignes, be yt learninge, mariage or otherwisse,

And my will is that my wiffe shall occupie, posses and enioye all the p[re]misses, excepte the foresaid leiste excepcions, to bringe uppe my cheldren upon dewringe her wiadowheade in such Sorte as my said executors thinkes moste mete and conveniente,

Condicionallie that my wiffe shall not sette, lete, Sell or geve anie p[ar]te or p[ar]cell of the p[re]misses w[i]thoute expeciall lycence and consent of my said executors or their assignes.

Also my will is, and I geve and bequethe unto Henrie my Sonne, and to the heirs maile of his bodie lawfullie begotten for ever, the hole com[m]oditie and bequeste appointed for my wiffe as is abowe said, to enter unto emediatlie after the deathe of my wiffe, or end of her wiadowheade, or otherwayes as my said executors or ther assignes shall thincke mete and conveniente,

**Will of Adam Somerschalles, 1569**

**Borthwick Institute vol. 18 fol. 219 R. Price transcription**

In the name of God, Amen, the 25 day of October Anno d[omi]ni 1569,

I, Adam Som[er]schalles, seike in bodie but of good and p[er]fite remembra[u]nce, lovid be almyghtie God, makes this my last will and Testament in man[n]er and forme followinge.

Fyrst I bequithe my soull to almyghtie God and to all the glorious Companye in heaven, and my bodye to be buried in the p[ar]ishe church yerde of Gygleswicke.

Also I gyve and bequithe for my mortuarie and all other churche duties, all That Right will.

Also I gyve and bequithe to Richard Som[er]schalles my sonne the tyle and Ten[au]nt Right of my Tenament, with the licence of the lorde, after the deceasse of me and Anne my wyf, or after her widdowhed.

Also I will that Richard my sonne shall have and occupie half of my Tenament and Anne my wyf the other half duringe her widdowhed.

Also I will that Richard my sonne and Anne my wyf shall have and occupie all my husbandrie geare together, and after her widdowhed my sonne Richarde to have all the saide husbandry geare.

Also I will that Richarde my sonne, after my wyf, shall have my Awmerye [large cupboard], so that the said Richard shall bye an arke of 10s price or more, That Isabell my doughter may have the said Arke.

Also I will that Anne my wyf and Isabell my doughter shalbe Together yf they can agree.

Also I will that Anne my wyf shall have to my two children whiche are at London so moche as she may spaire, and nott hurt her owne levinge.

Also I gyve to foure children of Will[ia]m Meddoppes foure lambes.

Also my will is that Thomas Som[er]schalles my Cosen shall ayde and assiste my wyf in her Right accordding to this my last will.

The rest of all my goodes, my debttes and funerall expences paid and discharged, I gyve and bequithe to Anne my wyf and Isabell my doughter, and I make Anne my wyf my holle Executrix.

Thes wittnes, Richarde Somerschalles medius [middle], Richarde Cookson medius, Will[ia]m Meddoppe, and Richarde Somerschalles my sonne, withe others.

## Will of Robert Sommerscales 1597

### Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 260

In the name of God Amen The 27th day of October in the year of our Lord God 1597  
I Robert Sommerscales of Settle in the county of York mercer weak in body but  
strong in mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form  
following First I commend my soul into the hand of almighty god hoping assuredly  
through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life  
everlasting. And whereas I am possessed of certain lands in little newton long Preston  
West Newton Settle Malham moor my will is and I ordain that one lease which I have  
Already made and conveyed over to Henry Sommerscales of Stockdale in the said  
county of York and to William Wilson of Kirbie in the county of Westmorland  
gentleman for the use and consideration in the said lease expressed and set down and  
one other lease made to Henry Sommerscales my son shall stand good and be  
effectual according to the true intent and meaning set down and specified in the said  
several leases and in this my last will and testament and after the expiration of the said  
several leases my will is and I appoint that as well the lands already granted in and by  
the said leases As also all the rest of my lands tenements and hereditaments  
wheresoever to and in anywise appertaining or belonging shall be and remain to  
Robert Sommerscales my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten one  
lease which and I have of the grant of Henry Tenant excepted And Also such other  
lands in this my will hereafter expressed and bequeathed to my wife for the better  
bringing up of my children And for default of such issue to Henry Sommerscales my  
second son and to the issue of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such heirs  
to the right heirs of me the said Robert Sommerscales forsaid provided always and it  
is my will that if my said son and heir or such others to whom my said lands shall  
come will not permit and suffer those persons to whom I have granted the said leases  
quietly to enjoy according to the said grant that then and from thence forth it shall be  
lawful for them the said Henry Sommerscales and William Wilson and Henry  
Sommerscales my son their executors and assigns to enter into such parcels of lands  
of mine in Newton as shall countervail such and so much lands as they shall be  
debarred of by my said heir or whom my said lands shall come unto and the said lands  
to hold and enjoy to them and their assigns during so long time and terms as in the  
said leases are expressed and not expired Also I give and bequeath to the rest of my  
children that is to say Henry Sommerscales Jane Sommerscales Alice Sommerscales  
Margaret Sommerscales Mary Sommerscales and Agnes Sommerscales every one of  
them Two hundred pounds to be taken out of my said goods and lands already leased  
to the said Henry Sommerscales and William Wilson and out of such goods as shall  
remain my debts being paid and discharged And the said £200 to be answered to  
every one of my said children at the sight of the supervisors of this my last will and  
testament orderly at such time as he or she shall accomplish their full ages of twenty  
and one years or otherwise be preferred Provided that my children shall be ordered  
and ruled by my said supervisors which if they do refuse then my will is that they or  
any of them so refusing shall not take any benefit of this my legacy or bequest And  
Also providing that if it pleases god to call any of my children to his mercy before he  
or she come to have their portions that then the portion or portions of such child or  
children shall die with them that so my son and heir may come the sooner to his lands  
Also my will is and I ordain that my wife shall have the one half of my lands at  
newton all my lands in long preston and all my lands messuages and tenements in

**Will of Robert Sommerscales of Settle, 1597**

**University of York Borthwick ref v27 f260**

T[estamentum] Som[er]skales  
[Will of Somerscales]

In the name of God, Amen, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the yeare of our lord God one thousand five hundredth nyntie and seaven,

I, Robert Somm[er]scales, of Setle in the Countie of Yorke, Marcer [mercer], weake in bodie but strounge in mynde, doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in maner and forme following.

First I Comend my soule into the handes of allmightie God, hoping assuredly, through the onely merittes of Jesus Christ my saviour, to be made p[ar]taker of liffe ev[er]lasting.

And whereas I am possessed of certeine Landes in Litle Newton, Longe Preston, Westm[ar]ton, Setle, Malham moore, my will is and I ordayne that one lease which I have alredie made and conveyed over to Henrie Somm[er]scales of Stockdell in the said countie of Yorke, and to Will[ia]m Wilsonn of Kerbie in the Countie of Westm[or]land, gentleman, for the use and considerac[i]ons in the said lease expressed and sett downe, and one other lease made to Henrie Somm[er]scales my sonne, shall stand good and be effectuall according to the true intent and meaning sett downe and specified in the said sev[er]all leases and in this my last will and testamen[t],

And after the expirac[i]on of the said sev[er]all leases my will is, and I apointe, that as well the landes alreadie granted in and by the said leases, As allsoe all the rest of my landes, Tenementes and heireditamentes wheresoever to me in any wisse appertayning or belonging, shalbe and Remyne to Robert Scomm[er]scales my sonne, and to the heires of his bodie lawfully to be begotten,

One lease w[hi]ch I have of the grante of Henrie Ten[au]nte excepted, And Allsoe such other landes in this my will hereafter expressed and bequeathed to my wife for the better bringing upp of my children.

And for default of such issues, to Henrie Somm[er]scales my second sonne and to the issue of his bodie lawfully begotten,

And for default of such heires, to the Right heires of me, the said Robert Somm[er]scales forev[er],

P[ro]vided all waies, and it is my will, that yf my said sonne and heire, or such others to whome my said landes shall come, will not p[er]mitt and suffer those p[er]sons to whome I have granted the said leases quietly to enioy according to the said grante, that then and frome thenceforth it shalbe lawfull for them, the said Henrie Somm[er]scales and Will[ia]m Wilsonn, and Henrie Somm[er]scales my sonne, their executors and assignes, to enter into such p[ar]celles of landes of myne in Newton as shall contervale [equal in value] such and soe much landes as they shalbe debarred of by my said heire, or whome my said landes shall come unto, and the said landes to hold and enioy, to them and their assignes, during so long tyme and termes as in the said leases are expressed and not expirde [expired].

Allsoe I give and bequeath to the Rest of my children, that is to say, Henrie Somm[er]scales, Jane Somm[er]scales, Alice Somm[er]scales, Margaret Somm[er]scales, Mayrie Som[er]scales and Agnes Somm[er]scales, ev[er]ie one of them, Twoe hundredth poundes, to be taken out of my said goodes and landes alreadie leased to the said Henrie Somm[er]scales and Will[ia]m Willsonn, and out of such goodes as shall Remyne, my debtes being paid and discharged,



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Test[amentu]m d[omi]ni Ric[hard]i Som[er]scaill de Gigleswicke Presbiteri  
[Will of Sir Richard Somerscaill of Giggleswick, priest]

In the name of God, Amen.

The yere of our lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fyftie and seaven, and y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>tie</sup> daie of March,

I, Ric[hard] Som[er]scall, preest, secke in bodie and of good mynde, thankes be to almightie God, maikes my last will as after folowith.

First I gyve and bequeath my soule to God almightie, to our laidie S[aint] Marie, and to all y<sup>e</sup> saintes in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in y<sup>e</sup> churche yead of S[aint] Alkild Virgin att Gigleswicke.

It[em] I gyve and bequeath for my mortuarie y<sup>t</sup> att right will [that which is right].

It[em] I bequeath to everie preest sayinge masse for me y<sup>t</sup> [that] daie I am buried 4d.

It[em] I gyve and bequeath to Margrett Som[er]scall my brothers wiffe £4, and she to dispose or gyve ytt to whom she please if I die att this tyme.

It[em] I gyve and bequeath to George Som[er]scall and to his wiffe 40s.

It[em] I bequeath to everie one of my godchildren 4d.

It[em] I bequeath 6s 8d toward bying of one great bell if the parishe be co[n]tent soo to doo.

It[em] I bequeath to S[ir] James Foster 2s to prairie for my soule.

It[em] I bequeath to John [?ie Johann, Joan] Howghton, wiffe of Alexander, 12d.

It[em] I will y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> increase of all my shepe shall goo y<sup>e</sup> one halfe to the kepers therof and the other halffe to be devidid among y<sup>e</sup> pore people soo longe as there be any of them on live.

It[em] I maike Thomas Som[er]scalles my brother sonne sup[er]visor of this my will, my dettes, funerall expenses and bequeathes paid.

The Residew of all mi goodes I gyve and bequeath to Giles Cokeson, to y<sup>e</sup> bringyng uppe of his children.

It[em] I maike y<sup>e</sup> said Giles Cockeson my wholle Executor of this my last will and Testame[n]t.

Thes witnesses Ric[hard] Coller, Thomas Twisilton and S[ir] Thomas Yeaden, preest, w[i]t[h] others.

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 438**

**Jennet Stachowse 1566**

In the name of god amen the xx day of Auguste in the yeare of oure lorde god a thousande fyve hundrethe thre score and sixe I Jennet Stachowse of Lancklif in Craven wthin the countie of Yorke singlewoman beyng of good and pfyct mynd and memorye thankes be gave to allmightie god maykethe and declarethe my testament and last will nuncupative in manner and forme followinge firste I bequythe my soule to allmyghtie god as mayker and Redeemer (and) my bodie to be buried wthin the pish churcheyarde whevr it shall please god to call upon me and I will that suche obsequies and funall services be doone and celebrated at my burial as pray and dothe stande wth the lawes of god and of the churche Also I give and bequythe unto Rowland Crashawe of Kirkebye in mallomdale all my goods and cattelles moveable and unmoveable wch I shall fortune to have at and in the day of my deathe my dettes and funall expences discharged and I ordaine constitute and mayke the same Rowland Crashawe my hole and full executor of .... testament and last will nuncupative Thes beinge witnesses Roger Kidde John P[ar]kynson....Atkinson Richarde Knowles and John Crashawe of Lancklife aforsaid sone of Roger Crashaye

Latin text

**Hugh Stackhouse 1579**

**Borthwick vol 21 fol 361**

In the name of God Amen the xxijth day of July 1579 I Heughe Stackhouse of Gigleswicke sicke in bodie but whole & pfecte in mynde praised be almightie god, do maik this my last will & testamente in manner and forme folowinge First I commende my soule to almightie god my maker, and to Jesus christe my onely redemer, by faythe in whose blod alone, I beleve to be sayved & my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yerde of Gigleswicke Also I bequithe for my mortuary, whatsoever righte dothe require Item I geve to the poore manes boxe viijd Item I geve & bequeathe to Isabell my wyfe the occupacon of my tente tackes & leases whatsoever I have duringe her widowheade, & also duringe the noneaige of that childe wherewith she is great at this presente. Yf it please god the sayme childe to lyve. And if it dye Then my will is that my Tente shall returne after my wyfes widowhead to my brother James Stackhouse and to thissue of his bodie lawfully begotten. And for lacke of such issue to Roger Stackhouse my brother and the issue of his bodie lawfully begotten and my will (*is*) that my two brethren, James Stackhouse and Roger Stackhouse; shall have paid to either of them xvij li of my whole goodes wch summes I owe unto them at the presente As for the reste of my goods my dettes discharged I geve to my wyfe and to that childe wherwith she is nowe whom I maike ioyntely executors of this my laste will & testamente theis beinge witnesses Thomas Payley willm Craven willm Jakeson wth others...

Latin text

## Elizabeth Stackhouse 1602

### Borthwick vol. 28 fol. 810

In the name of god Amen I Elizabeth Stackhouse of Stackhouse Widowe within the parishe of Giglesweeke sicke in body but of good and perfecte remembrance god be prayed therefore doe make this my laste will and testament the seaventh daie of October in the Foure and fort(ie)th yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. 1602 in manner and forme followinge First I comend my soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker and Redeemer and my body to be buried in the Churchyard of the parishe Church of Giglwsweeke whereof I am parishioner at the discretion of my children kinesfolke and freindes Itm I give to James Garnill and to Margarett his wief all the crophe, corne and haye growinge or hathe growne uppon my third parte of this tenement at Stackhouse thes present yeare together with all thinges in the house whatsoever it be one brazen excepted, which I give to Elizabeth daughter of Robart Wilkinson of Feizer Itm I give to my sonne Robart Wilkinson and to James Garnill all my quicke and moveable goodes withall bills bondes and debts whatsoever one blacke stagge (*colt 1 to 3 years old*) excepted which I give to Elizabeth the daughter of James Garnill Allso my will is that my quicke and moveable goodes withall bills bondes and debtes whatsoever excepted before excepted, to be divided equallie betwene the said Robart Wilkinson and James Garnill savinge that Robart Wilkinson shall have Fortie shillinges more then his equall parte which legaces I doe give to Robart Wilkinson uppon this condicon that he the said Robart Wilkinson shall seale a sufficient acquittance of all manner of matters whatsoever touching (me) Elizabeth Stackhouse to my executors of this my laste will and testament And ..... he the said Robart Wilkinson shall bringe in an acquittance made of old Robart Wilkinson of Lawkland to James Stackhouse And to deliver in that acquittance to myne (executors) if the said Robart Wilkinson doe refuse and denye to performe and fullfill the aforesaid promisses, then my whole will is that all my goodes shall remaine to my executors It(em) whereas my sonne Edmond Ashe oweth unto me the daie and makinge hereof eighte poundes of currante Englishe money due unto me by a legacie given unto me by my sonne Anthony and fower markes which he oweth unto me for a blacke horse and xxiiij s which likewise oweth unto me and xij s which I gave him to paie unto Thomas Brashay All which Indebtes I doe freelie give unto him if the said Edmond will seale a sufficient acquittance of all matters touching me the said testator to myne executors Itm I give to Christopher Stackhouse v s Itm my will is that all my debtes and funerall expences be paid and discharged uppon the whole And I doe appointe James Garnill my whole executor of this my last will and testament In Witnesse whereof I have subscribed my hande in the presence of Robart Carr John Clapham & Thomas Claphamson Clerke

Latin text

*Gurnell in Parish Registers. Jacobus Gurnell md Margaret Wilkinson in 1592*

**WILL OF Robert STACKHOUSE 1567**  
**Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 674**

In the name of god amen the 24th. day of May 1567 I Robt.Stackhous of Giggleswick sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god, make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god, & to all the glorious company in heaven, & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick. Also I give & bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Also I give & bequeath title & tenant right of my house & the tithing unto hewgh stackhous my son according to my leases & after the said lease of my house I give my title & tenant of the garth & house that George Foster dwelles now in unto James stackhous my son with the licence of the lord Also I will that hewgh armitsted my brother in law & Thomas procter of cletopp shall have order & keep my house my three children & their goods to them be it lawful & also the rest of all my goods my debts & all other duties paid & discharged I give unto my three sons hewgh james & oliver & it to be equally divided amongst them & I make & constitute Thomas procter of cletopp hewgh armitsted executors witness hereof John brayshay Richard tailer of Giggleswick John linsey & James foster clarke # further more for the end & help of my children I institute & order other two executors Ric. Newhous & James stackhous these witness Thomas browne of cockhead Willim palay Also I make adam (carr?) of mvyth (mewith?) & John linsey my brother in law supervisors of this my last will & testament & they to see it fulfilled & kept.

*5 lines in Latin*

*# clarke – chantry priest*

**Borthwick Prob Reg 25 fol 1145r**  
**Will of James Stackhowse 27<sup>th</sup> June 1592**

In the name of God Amen the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1592 James Stackhowse of Stackhowse of the parish of Giggleswick within the county of York sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following First he did bequeath his soul to Jesus Christ who he faithfully believed to be his only Saviour and Redeemer and his body to buried In the churchyard of Giggleswick And for his mortuary and Church dues all that of right did appertain it was his will that his wife shall have her widowright of his tenement goods and cattells and his children their portions his debts being first paid of his whole goods. Item he did give to margaret and Ellyn wilkinson to either of them 26s 8d and to Christopher Stackhowse his son 26s 8d and to his son Thomas Stackhowse two shillings the rest of his part of good not bequeathed he did give unto Elizabeth and Sara his daughters equally to be devided between them. And he did appoint Thomas Stackhowse his son his whole executor of this his last will and testament. These witnesses Thomas Wigglesworth Thomas Carr and Willm Carr (*Latin text – 12<sup>th</sup> January 1592.....*)

**Will of William Stalmyn 1412**

**Archbishop's Register (Consistory Wills) Borthwick vol. 18 fol. 352**

Testamentum domini Willelmi Stalmyn vicarij de Gygleswike

In dei nomine amen In die dominica proxima ante festum sancti Thome apostoli anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> duodecimo ego Willelmus Stalmyn vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Gygleswyke eger corpore sed san(n)e mente(is?) condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beati marie omnibus sanctis & corpus ad sepeliend in dicta ecclesia eadem. Item lego magno altari ecclesie de Horton duos solidos. Item lego domino ade morton capellano quinque libras. Item lego domino Rico hayholme capellano quadraginta solidos. Item lego domino henrico Rauthmell capellano unum [.....] quinque cocliaria argenti & ij libras. Item lego unum ordinale q. legenda sanctorum ecclesie de Gygleswike antedictae. Item lego hospicio de Salley ix cooperteria pro hospitibus suscipiendis. Item lego omnia utensilia domus mee totum granum in orreis & grangiis meis Johi Calnlay & Agneti sorori sue dividendum inter eos per equales port(ion)es. Quem Johem Calnlay & dominum henricum Rauthmell capellanum executores meos ordino facio & confirmo per presentes sic faciant & disponant sicut voluerunt coram summo iudice respondere.

Dat apud Gygleswyke die loco & anno domini supradictis.

Et memorand est xvj die mensis Januarij Anno domini supradicto apud Calvod probatum fuit dict testamentum & comissa fuit administratio omnium bonorum ipsius defuncti executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis in forma conform... legati supra hoc edita et supradicta fuit legali in forma.

**William Swainson 1571**

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 337**

In the name of god amen the xiiijth day of Januarye Anno dom 1571 I willm Swainson seike in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance lovid be allmyghtie god make this my last will and Testamente in manr and forme Folowinge First I give and bequeathe my soull to allmightie god and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of Giggleswicke Also I give and bequeathe for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that right will Also my wyffe shall have her widowright both of my good(s) and Farmeholde also I give to Roger Swainson my sonne the Tytle and Tennand Right of mye Tenemente afte my wyffe Also I will that all my husbandrie geare shall Remaine at the house wth my wyffe and my sonne Roger and after my wyffe Roger to have yt Also I will that my thre children shall have their childes porcons of my goodes the rest of my parte of goodes my depts and Funrall expenses paid I give and bequeathe to Jenett my daughter and I make mrgarete my wyffe sole executrix theis witnes .....John B... Roger Swainson and others ..

Latin text

**Will of Christofer Tennant 1496**

**Borthwick vol. 5 fol 482 mf 915 Admon.**

Comiss in bonis d[omi]ni Christoferi Tenn[an]t nup[er] vic[arii] de Gegleswyke defuncti

Itm xxvj<sup>to</sup> die mensis Augusti Anno d[omi]ni mill[esi]mo cccc<sup>mo</sup> Nonagesimo sexto Comissa fuit admi[ni]stracio omnium bonorum que fuer[un]t d[omi]ni Christoferi Tennant nup[er] vic[arii] de Gegleswik ab intestat[o] defunct[i] Thome Tenn[an]t de Eltam in dioc[esi] Cantuar Administrac' in bonis eiusdem defunct[i] Auct[oritat]e ordinar[ii] deputat[i] iurat' in forma iur[is]

Commissioned in goods of Sir Christopher Tennant late vicar of Giggleswick deceased.

Item 26th day of August AD1496 commitment was made of all the goods which were those of Sir Christopher Tennant late vicar of Giggleswick deceased intestate [,] Thomas Tennant of Eltham in the diocese of Canterbury Administration in goods of the same deceased by the authority of the deputed bishop was sworn in legal form

**WILL OF Henry TOMPSON 1603**

**Borthwick Ref.vol.29 Fol.341**

In the name of god Amen, the 27th.day of January 1603 I Henry Tompson of Giggleswick in the County of York, Yeoman, sick in body yet nevertheless of good & perfect remembrance to god be praise, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God, And my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick before the south porch at the discretion of my friends Item whereas I did take a lease of my tenement wherein I dwell of the right honourable (my lord Clifford) the Earle of Cumberland which is redeemable (like) as the leases of other tenements of the same Lordshipp be my will is (if my Lord do not redeem the same) And then I give & bequeath the occupation of my said tenement & all profits thereof to Isabell my wife & her assignes for the term of 20tie years from & immediately after the day of my decease, fully to be complete & ended, for the better bringing up of my younger children & the bettering of their portions And I give the revercon of the same lease to William Thompson my son & his assignes in lieu & full satisfaction of his part & portion of my goods. Also my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods And after my debts paid & funerall expenses done & performed. Then my will is that all my goods & that money which is due to me upon redemption by my lord (if the same come) shall be divided into three parts & my wife to have her third part according to the law & custom of the country & another third part to be divided amongst my children viz Adam Thomas & Anne And for the other third part commonly called the dead part I give out of the same 10s. to Margaret Braishaw my wife's daughter & all the rest thereof to Thomas & Anne my youngest children to be divided equally between them And I make & ordain Isabell my said wife & Thomas my son executors of this my last will & testament. These being witnesses William Carr, Thomas Carr, & William Lawson.

*6 lines in Latin*

**TWISTLETON William 1568**  
**Ref. Borthwick, York. Vol.18 fol. 59**

In the name of God amen the second day of march 1568 I Willim Twisleton of Sherewoodhouse sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised be god make this my last will (*sic*) and in manner and form as followeth First I bequeath my soul to god almighty and my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick nighe where my Elders were buried First my mortuary (withal?) and other church dues all that right will Item I give and bequeath unto gregorie my eldest son my title tenement right and occupation of my tenement at Sheerewoodhouse with the appurtenances that is to say to either child the third part .....Also after my death if it please God to call and....his (powers).....then and after his years be ended at Stayneforth then he shall have two parts and his moeity Then after the third part And after his death he to have the whole Item I give..... unto gregorie my son my whole (flock.....) upon (malhammoor) with all situate leases and mortgages there unto apperteyning to him and his heirs for ever without any cost or charge also the farm, Also I give unto gregorie my son and his heirs one great ark and one great new pann to remain as heirlooms at Sherewoodhouse for ever Item I give unto Gregorie, Anthony and John my sons their whole childes portion of my goods every one in like ..... And I will that upon the receipt of their said childes portion that Anthony and John my sons shall seal and deliver unto my executors their general acquittance for all their childes portions Also I give £17 15s. of gold which is in my wife's keeping, And £6 of gold or money that is in the keeping of gregorie my son to be divided joyntly and equally amongst my wife and my three sons my pte always reserved to discharge my funeral and other things withall Item I give and bequeath unto margaret my daughter James Foster wife, one gowne or other price of such gown as her other sisters had at the day of their (mar)ring and also 13s. 4d. more to be paid to her in penny or penny worth Item I give to Hugh Lupton that married my daughter one good milk cow Item I give to Jane Frankland one whye stirke going on two years old Item I will that John my son shall have ten yewes kept at Sherewoodhouse for 6th. yeares next, to be kept as the dwellers there do keep their own Item I will that if either of my sons Anthony or John do chance to be sick or diseased and have no dwellinghouse, that he so being sick shall have a bedroom, during the end of ten yeares now next to come Item I give to jeffraye benson one gimmer lamb Item I will that my executors shall not take any advantage of James Foster of any writing that he and Willim procter is bounden in unto me, for Willim procter fault or forfeiture Item I bequeath unto janett brown one twynter whye to be given to her at the day of her maring, the rest of my goods not bequeathed my debts and funeral expenses paid I give joyntly among my three sons Gregorie, Anthony and John And I make Emote my wife and gregorie my son my whole and joynt executors of this my last will and testament These witness Robert Twistleton, Christopher Cote hugh Armytsteade and Willim Armytsteade, And also I will that if any (...transe?) do arise amongst my executors and my children, that they shall abide the award and order of the said Robert, Christopher, hugh and Willim for all maner of matters and so this my last will and testament I the said Willim have sett my mark the day and year above written.

*4 lines in Latin*



**Borthwick vol. 18 fol. 172**

In the name of God amen the xxix day of December Anno domini 1569 I Emmott Twysselton widow of Sherwood house within the parish of gyleswicke sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be almighty god, makes this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god, and my body to be buried in the parish church of gyleswicke also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will, also I give to Jane frankland a bound warke coverlet, and also to Jennet Browne a bound warke coverlet and four yards of white cloth to a kirtle, also I give to alice nerlson (*Anderson, Iveson, Nelson?*) two yards and a half white cloth and she to dwell with George Twissilton my son according to my husband will, also I give to katherine my daughter a gown, and to Margaret Armistede a kirtle, also I give to anthonye Twissilton and John Twyselton my sons my part of the occupation of my tenement according to their father's last will and the crop to occupy it withall Item my will is that anthonye Twysselton and John Twissilton my sons have the occupation of two parts of my farm hold of sherwood house according to the lease, Item I will that my said sons anthonye and John shall deliver unto gregorye my son all writings and my husband's last will which I had in possession at the time of my death, also I give to hughe lupton(?) my son in law a great pan so the said hughe shall bring another pan of xx d (s?) price and then the said hughe to have the great pan, and then I will that anthonye and John my sons shall have other the great pan or else the less pan that hughe shall bring again, also I give to Isabell Twissilton my daughter (*could be daughter in law from Par. Reg.*) my best white petticoat also I give to James Foster wife a red petticoat The rest of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged I give and bequeath to gregorye Twissilton anthonye Twissilton John Twysselton John Twysselton (*sic*) and James foster to be equally divided among them and I make and constitute gregorye twissilton and anthonye Twissilton my whole executors, These witness Christopher cott Robert Twysselton James armysted Thomas Craven Roger Coykhed and Richard heghlyne with others

Latin text

**Roger Watkinson 1582 (1581 in YAS)**

**Borthwick vol. 22 fol. 220**

In the name of god amen The iij th day of July in the xxij th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I Roger Watkinson of Setle in the county of york husbandman being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god for it do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows First I bequest my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer and my (body to be) buried in the parish church yard of Gigleswicke Itm I bequest my wife Katherin Watkinson my whole executor and my eldest son to have my tenement Henry Watkinson by name and if he die and he .... heire then I bequest to my son Thomas Watkinson and if it please god to call them both and neither of them have no children then I bequest it to my eldest daughter Eliz(abeth) watkinson and she to give to her two sisters alic and Jane watkinson either of them five marks moreover I bequest that katherine my wyfe bring up my children to my son henry watkinson be xxi years of age or he enter the tenement unless my wyfe marry or wed my will is that she wed not to my tenement but that she void .... from it if she be so disposed my will is that my debt be paid holye of my goodes Moreover my will is that my brother Oliver Watkinson have a bed room at my house making cost him self and this being as long as he is singleman These witness James Armitstead John Lupton Adam ... William Newhouse

Latin text

**William Watkinson 1575**

**Borthwick vol. 22 fol. 220**

In the name of god amen In the year of our lord god one thousand five hundred seventy five and the xxvj th day of October (?) I William Watkinson of Setle within the County of york of good and perfect health and memory praised be god .... do make this my testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following First I commend my soul in the hands of almighty god my maker with full trust and confidence in and by the merits of Jesus Christ that the same shall be saved in the day of the lord and I betake my body to the earth to be buried in the parish churchyard at Giglesweke Also I give and bequeath to my six daughters forty shillings that is to wit to every one of them six shillings eight pence And further my will is that if any of my said daughters die then the said money given as is abovesaid shall remain to their children Also I give to my brother hughe watkinson my best jacket Also I give to henrye watkinson son of henry watkinson of wakefeld all my gear pertaining to husbandry And also all my arks Aumbries boards forms and bedstocks Also I give to margaret knowles two quyes that are with her mother Also I give to every servant I have xij d of good English money Also my debts paid legacies discharged and my funeral expenses satisfied all the rest of my goods Cattells chattells credits debts and also my lands remaining I freely and wholly give and bequeath to henrye watkinson my son whom I make and constitute full executor of this my last will and testament witnesses hereof Wm(?) Taylor John Lupton and James Foster clerk and others many

Latin text proved 1580

**WATKINSON Oliver 1599****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 28 fol. 70**

In the name of god amen the one and twentieth day of December 1599 I Oliver Watkinson of Watkinson (*sic*) of Setle in the parish of Gigleswicke sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised to god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to Jesus Christ my only lord and saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church in (Setle) Sworth?) Item I give to Richard Altham my best coat and best (shoes) and to Thomas Watkinson my best gerken and my best stockings and my best breeches all the rest of my goods my debts first discharged funeral expenses paid and other duties done I give to Anne my wife whom I ordain and appoint my sole executor of this my will witnesses hereof Thomas Browne Thomas (Sigsweeke) Richard Wildman with others witnesses also hereof Richard Altham

*3 lines Latin*

**WILL OF Thomas WATKINSON 1558****Borthwick Vol. 15(3) Folio 214**

In the name of god amen the 10th. day of July 1558 I Thomas Watkinson sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the glorious company in heaven my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick Item I give & bequeath for my mortuary & other charges & all that right will Item I will that Agnes my wife shall order my children & my farmhold during her widowhead & after her widowhead I give my title & tenant right of my tenement of (lodge?) unto John Watkinson my son with the licence of the lord & I give the title & tenant right of a farmhold in heyton which was my fathers unto Christopher Watkinson my son Item my will is that hugh lawson my father in law Oliver Watkinson of Settill shall make suite for the said farmhold in heyton & the goods of Christopher my son shall (bear these) charges & if both my sons die without issue lawfully begotten then I give the title & tenant right of my farmhold of (lodge?) unto Oliver Watkinson of Settill Item I will that if my wife (marry) then shall hugh lawson my father in law Willim Watkinson of Settill Wm.lawson Oliver Watkinson of Rathmell & Rich. Rome order my farmhold & my childer Item I give to the buying of a great bell 3s.4d. It to dowsabell Altham a lamb & to Agnes Armitsted my god daughter a lamb to Elizabeth Rome a ewe lamb to Christopher Wilkinson a lamb to hew lawson a lamb to jane wilkinson a ewe to jenet watkinson a fleece of wool to John Watkinson my son my best jacket to Thomas lawson a violet jacket a dublet & a pair of hose to lawrence townhead a white jacket a cap & 2 shirts to Ric.Rome my best violet jacket to Roger Settill a dublet to jeffrey Settill a jerkin to Re<sup>ta</sup>(?) Thomas procter ij shirts to John Watkinson my cousin my best jerkin Item I make Agnes my wife my whole executrix the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath unto my two sons these men being witness hugh lawson Thomas lawson snr. Ric. Rome ..... & Thomas lawson minor with others

*2 lines in Latin*

**Johan Watkynson of Giggleswick Will 1552 (Joan)  
Borthwick v 13 f 945**

In dei noie amen the xviiiith day of Januarie in the yere of oure lorde god a thousande Five hunderith Fyftie and too. I Johan Watkynson Widow of hoolle mynde and memorie loved be god maike this my last will and testament in manor and Forme Following. First I bequeath my soull to allmightie god and to all the gracious company in heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard of gyglesweke. Item. I bequeath for my mortuarie and other churche dues that at right will. Item to the poore mans Boxe iiiid Item I will that every prest that shalbe at my buriall have iiiid a piece to praye for my soull and all Christen soules. Item I will that they that shall cm with me to the churche to be buried shall have ii cheises and bread that shalbe of half a bushell of meall with ii of my wedders Item to Thomas Talyor (*sic*) of Gygleswike xiid to John Alan xiid to Richarde Bell xiid. To Richarde Browne xiid to William Watkynson younger xiid. And to his children a yawe to Richarde Robert wif wenches xiid to Heughe Watkynson xiid to Heughe Sandshall xiid to Peter Gelderd xiid. To Thomas Lawson xiid to the wif of Alexander Settill xiid to Lawrence Townsend xiid to the wif of William came xiid to lasthous wif iiiid. To Elisabeth Rome one herden shert pare of comes and viiid to mende them Item to Dowsabell Bradshawe a yaw lambe Item to Sir xpofer Talyor and Sir Thomas Yedon a yawe lambe Item to ii Daughters of Lawrance Sheparde ii lambes. Item to the wif of John Hardacre and her children a bedd of cloise my best gowne a forke and ii lambes. Item to Ranolde Care and his children an olde coverlett. Item to Margaret my Sister my best kyrtil Item to Thomas Carre a harden shyрте Item to John Watkynson my great pane and a yawe. Item I give the tytill and tene.... Ryght of my farmholde with the licence of the lorde to Thomas Watkynson my sone. Item I maike William Watkynson the younger and Thomas Lawson of lowgde supervisors of this my last will The Residue of all my goods my detts and funerall expenses paid I give and bequeath unto Thomas my sone whome I maik my sooll executor. Thes men being witnes Sir Thomas Yedon Thomas Lawson William Watkynson younger Heughe Lawson with other moo

[Latin]

*Herden = coarse linen cloth*

**Allan Wharfe 1574**

**Borthwick vol. 16 fol. 691**

In the name of God Amen the xix th day of April in the year of our lord god a thousand three score and fourteen and in the sixteenth year of the (reign) of our most ..... sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith etc I Allan Wharfe of Swynesteade in Craven in the county of york being whole of mind and of .... and .... memory praised be given to god therefore, Now calling to mind that my frail and mortal body is subject to death and that nothing is more uncertain than the time thereof, and considering that when the body shall happen to be visited with sickness Then it shall be more needful to apply my mind to the spiritual disposition of the soul than to be troubled with any worldly matters and minding by gods grace to make such perfect disposition of all my lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances and also of all my goods debts chattels as well Real as personal so that after my decease no controversies shall happen through my default in that behalf and first I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer through whose merits and mercy and I constantly hope and believe to be one of his elect number, and my body to be buried in the Church or Church yard of gingleswicke and such funeral Costs and expenses especially to the relieving of the poor people to be bestowed and Employed thereupon according to the ecclesiastical laws of this realm as shall be thought meet and convenient by my executors hereafter named, Also I give Dispose bequeath and Devise to my eldest son and heir apparent Richard Wharfe all my messuages houses lands and hereditaments, To have and to hold the same from the time of my decease, During his natural life. The Remainder thereof after his decease to Allan Wharfe son of the said Richard and the heir male of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to every next heir male of the body of the said Richard Wharfe lawfully to be begotten successively and to the heir males of the body of every such next heir male lawfully to be begotten. And for default of such Issue the remainder thereof to every next heir male of me the said Allan Wharfe the testator and to the heir .... males .... body of every such next heir male lawfully to be begotten. And for default of such Issue the remainder thereof to every next heir male of me the said Allan Wharfe and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten. And for default of such issue the Remainder to be Right heirs of me the said Allan Wharfe for ever Provided always that if it fortunes any of my said hereditaments before by these presents devised to be sown with any manner of corn or grain at my Cost and Charges at the time of my decease That then my said son Richard and any other person to whom the Remainder of the premises or by these presents devised and given shall permit and suffer my said executor or any other person to whom I shall make any legacy thereof quietly and freely to take away the said corn and grain at their pleasure And also that my said executor shall have xl days for egress and Request after my Decease to remove and carry away my said goods and chattels from my house and tenement at Swynestead aforesaid Provided also that my younger sons John and Lawrance shall have such(?) several tenements and hereditaments as before this time, I have severally reserved unto them according to their estates therein whereof my said sons are now severally possessed So that they pay the old accustomed several Rents for the same to my said son Richard during his life And afterwards to Allan his son and to the heir males of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of such Issue then to every such other person or persons as

**WHARFFE Edmund 1597**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 181**

In the name of god amen the 14<sup>th</sup>. day of December in the fortieth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith 1597 I Edmund wharfe late of Raithmell within the county of york deceased sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god did make and ordain this last will and testament in manner and form following First he did give and bequeath his soul to almighty god and his body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Gigleswicke and for his mortuary and other church duties he did give and bequeath all that right would Item it was his will that his debts should be paid out of his whole goods and for the rest of his goods and chattels moveable and immoveable which should remain when his debts were paid he did give and bequeath the same to Margaret Carr of the aforesaid Rathmell widow late wife of Robert Carr late of the said Rawthmell deceased which said Margaret he did make and ordain sole executrix of this his last will and testament these being witnesses viz. Allan wharfe and Edmund Carr with others

*3 lines Latin*

**WILDEMAN Richard 1575**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 19 fol. 843**

In the name of god amen the 30tie day of May 1575 I Richard Wildeman of Settill within the parish of Gigleswicke sick in body but of good & perfect remembrance make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Gigleswicke Also I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Also I bequeath the title & tenant right of my tenement unto John Wildeman my son with the licence of the lord and I give him my cart & cart gear my plough & plough gear with the iron (teams?) & all other iron gear that pertene to husbandry & all my wayne gear with waynes Also I will that Isabell my wife shall have occupy my tenement & to bring up my children of it and to be best at the house during her widowhead & to have her widowright of my goods Also I will that the brass pot which I bought with the gold that the queens majesty gave me shall be an heirloom at my house & also the great board that stands above the fire & the form in the house shall be heirlooms also and I will that my children shall have their childs portion of my goods according to the law Also I will that John my son shall not have my tenement to he be 21 years of age except his mother be content And if his mother my wife marry again then the recorders of this my will shall both order my children & tenement during their nonages Also I give John wildeman my brother my best jacket Also I have given & delivered a silver spoon to Roger preston my brother in law to the behalf & profit of John wildeman my son Also I have given & delivered a rialle # of gold to James wildeman my kinsman to the behalf of alice wildeman my daughter The rest of part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid & discharged I give & bequeath to alis my daughter & to the child that my wife is with if she be with one And I make & constitute Isabell my wife my whole executrix These witness William lund my father in law Adam Carr my uncle Roger preston & James wildeman with others

*3 lines Latin*

*# Rialle /Ryal – gold coin first issued by Edward IV in 1465 & worth 10 shillings, 15 shillings under Mary & Elizabeth I.*

*Teams - chain link to plough*

**Miles Wildman of Settle Will 1553**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 1002**

In the name of God amen the xvth day of Junii in the yere of oure lorde god 1553 I Miles Wildman of Settle Seke in bodie and of perfytt knowlidge and memorie thanks be to allmightie god doth ordayne and make this my last will and testament in Maner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soull to allmightie god to rest with the holie company of heaven and my bodye to be buried in my parishe church yeard of Gigglesweke also I bequeath for my mortuarie and other church dewes all that right will Item I bequeath to John Wildman my son all my tittle and tennt right of my hooll farmholde with the licence of the lord Item It is my will by the consent of Agnes my wif for dyverse and sundrie consideracons for other iiii children that is to say John William Jenett and Agnes that the said Agnes my wif shall have my best bedd and an honest lyvyng with John my sone duringe his life with all things necessarie. And if ther be any contraverse betwixt the said John my sone and Agnes my wiff then I will that Rycharde Clarke of Swynden and John Foster of Wynscale shall taik and maik suche order betwayne them as they shall thinke most meate and convenient by their owne discrecion. and the said John my sone at all times shall give unto Agnes my wiff as muche money in her purse as the said Rycharde Clarke and John Foster shall thinke by ther owne discrecion mighte reason and convenient. Item I will that the said John my sone shall have every weke iiii dayes in my walke mylne And to Willm my sone ii Days in the weke in the said mylne if he will occupie the walker craft and dwell within this parishe. Item I bequeath to John my sone ii pare of sheyres and vii doss and a half of tenters. And to Willm my sone ii pare of sheyres and vi doss of tenters and if eyther the said John or William give over the walker craft then it is my mynde that he that gyves over the crafte shall leave both the sheyres and tenters with the other. And likwyse the mylne without any coste or charges. And if they boith folowe the craft the reparacons of the mylne shalbe borne betwayne them accorde to ther porcons Item I bequeath to William my sone the tittle and tennt right of the tenement that John my sone dwelleth nowe upone whether it be sawen or unsawne and one close of the tythe corne in Settle and one close of ynggrownde tayken of Oliver Foster of the stubbyng duryng the space and terme of the yeres yet to come. All Husbandrie geare belonginge or beyng at the said house or tenement all bedd stocks and a sheire bord a baye horse that I had of Somerscalles a yonge whit meare xx sheepe xx twylls Item I will that my sone William shall have ii tres that lyes in the garth And one of the tres that lyes before the dore whiche as he will chose and a bord clogge at Maister Catteralls and all that is mylne tymbre to remayne to the mylne betwixte them boith. And iiii markes of lawfull ynglyshe money Item I bequeath to Jane my daughter xxv marks and to Anne my daughter other xxv marks And to eyther of them ii bedds of close and to eyther of them a newe brasse pott for there childe porcons. And they to be honestlie applied of ther owne goods above said when so ever they shalbe married And if eyther of them dye before they be married then I will that her parte of goods shalbe divided in thre parts. That is to say one parte to John and a nother parte to William and the third parte to hir that is a lyve. Item I give and bequeath to every godchildren naymed after me a lambe. And to every other god childe iiiiid. Item to Edwarde *?Cawbeste* my buckskyne coytt Item to James Wyldman my Brother a worsett dublett a pare of hose and my cloke Item to John Wyldman my Brother a pare of hose a dublett and my graye jackett Item to Esabell my Sister my best jackett save one a jerkyne and a pare of .... hose Item to William Wynn a nolde violett jackett Item to the towne of Settle one stoned horse Item to James Wyldman my parennt a jackett cloth a meare and a faill. The Residue of my holl goods unbequeath my detts and funeralls discharged I give and bequeath to John Wyldman my sone whom I make my solle executor of this my last will and testament These wytnesses William Senior William Browne John Foster and Rycharde Clerke with other

[Latin]

*meer = mare*



**James WILSON 1548****Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 13 fol. 411**

In the name of god amen the year of our lord god a thousand five hundred 48<sup>th</sup>. the second day of April I James Wilson sick in body and whole of mind make my last will as after followeth First I bequeath my soul unto almighty god our lady saint marie and all the saints in heaven and my body to be buried within the hallowed mold of Gigleswicke Also I bequeath to the common chest 12d. Also I bequeath to Sibill my wife the third part of my farmhold during her widowhead Also the residue of my farmhold I will it shall remain unto Thomas my son Also I will that after my wife the whole title and tenant right of my whole farmhold to remain to the same Thomas with licence of the lord Also my will is that my wife and my son Thomas occupy my farmhold to the most profit as long as they can agree and if so be that they cannot agree I will that my son Thomas shall (divide?) my farmhold in three parts and my wife shall choose her third and to pay the same therefore also I will that Thomas my son shall give unto Augustine my son after my death for the grant of the title and tenant right of my farmhold 20s. also I bequeath to every one of my childs children 12d. also I will that my son Thomas and my wife occupy all my plough gere and wayne gere together and to remain at the house the residue of my goods and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Sibell my wife whom I make executrix of this my last will witness hereof (Oliver) wharffe William preston smythe Richard wharffe with other moo

*5 lines Latin*

**Raynold Wilson 1570****Borthwick vol 19 fol 340**

In die no(m)i(n)e amen the xjx day of october Anno dom 1570 I Raynold Wilson secke in bodie and of pfecte memorie loved be almyghtie god make this my last will and testamente in manr and forme Folowinge First I give and bequeathe my soull to allmightie god and and (*sic*) my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of gigleswicke also I give and bequeathe for my mortuarye and other churche dewes all that righte will Also I give and bequeathe the title and tenand right of my tenemente after my wyffe and me to Willm Wilson my sonne also I will that my husbandrie geare shall remaine to the occupacon of my farmhold excepte my carte and carte geare and that shall my wyffe have Also I will that my wyffe have her widowright accordinge to the lawe Also I give to olivr windser my godson iiij d and to Isabell fawthroppe iiij d Also I give to Thomas Wilson my .....to yt that I have geven him and he to have yt for his childe porcon Also.....Willm Wilson my sonne shall have no childe porcon of my goodes because I delivrd him halfe of my Farmhold sawen in the grown. Also I agree to Thomas Fawthroppe ....rest of my parte of goodes my depts and Funralle expenses paid and ...I give ..bequeathe to Alice my wyffe and Raynold Wilson my sonnnes sonne whom I make ...executors Thes witnes Richarde pailey thelder Thomas Jude(?) xpofer Cockhead and James foster the curaithe ther wt others...

Latin text

## Renold Wilson 1597

### Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 421

In the name of god amen the 10th day of October Anno do. 1597 I Renold Wilson of Giglesweeke singleman being sicke in bodye but of perfect memory praised be almightie god, did make his last will and testament in manner and forme following First he did Comend his soule into the handes of almightie god his heavenlie father believing by the merittes of Jesus Christ to be saved Also he did give and bequeath his tenement (and) tenement right thereto to Christopher Wilson his brothers sonne, and to the issue of his bodye lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue he did give and bequeath the same to Thomas Wilson his brother and to thissue of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue he did bequeath his said tenement to Lawrence Lawson Thomas Lawson Ellyn Claphamson and Agnes Newhouse equally amongst them, if the Right ho(nourable) thearle of Cumberland did not redeame the same Also whereas he did owe to the said Earle or his assignes the some of xxij li for the latter payment of his fyne for the said tenement his will was and he appointed that the said xxij li should be made of the ground and tenemente itselfe And if the said Earle or his assignes did redeeme the same, then he bequeathed the money already paid to Christopher Wilson or his assignes And yet nevertheless he willed and ordeyned that if Christopher and Thomas Wilson aforesaid dyed without issue of their bodyes lawfully begotten, that then the money already paid to the said Earle or his assignes should returne from the said Christopher and Thomas Wilson and be equally devided amongst these fower vidz Lawrence Lawson Thomas Lawson Ellyn Claphamson and Agnes Newhouse or their assignes Also his will was and he did give & bequeath to George Lawson his uncle the use occupacon, and government of his said tennement and lease and also the tuition of Christopher Wilson abovesaid until the said Earle or his assignes should redeame or during the nonage of the said xpofer Wilson Also whereas Lawrence Lawsonne aforesaid and John Armitstead of Giglesweeke stand bound to Robt Bancke of Giglesweeke for the payment of twenty pounds for him the said Renold, his will was and he did ordeyne that the said Lawrence and John should have his land in Giglesweeke for their discharge And if it did fortune at any tyme hereafter, that xpofer Wilson did repay the said twenty poundes to Lawrence Lawson and John Armitstead aforesaid or their assignes that he appointed and ordeyned that the said land should discend and remayne to the said xpofer and to the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten and for default of such issue to Thomas Wilson and to the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten and for default of such issue to Lawrence Lawson and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten for ever Also whereas he acknowledged himselfe indebted to his brother Thomas Wilson and to some others his will was & he ordeyned that his debtes should be paid of his goodes and the remaynder to be to Thomas Wilson his brother for his better mayntenance and in Consideracon of all such debtes as the said Renold did owe unto him whome he willed also to be relieved of his said tenement Also he did ordeyne and appointe Lawrence Lawson & John Armitstead aforesaid to be executors of this his last will and testament willing that aswell George Lawson aforesaid as also his said Executors should be kept harmles Theis being witnesses Chr: Shute George Lawson, Willm Newhouse, Oliver Newhouse Richard Armitstead Thomas dockney with others

Latin text

**Thomas Wilson of Giggleswick Will 1551**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 858**

In dei noie amen the xxvi day of Januarie in the yere of our lord god 1551 I Thomas Wilson of giggleswyke beinge hooll of mynd and seke in bodie do maike this my last will and testament in manor and forme followinge. First I bequeth my soull to allmightie god and to his mercye and my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my Frendes and neours and also suche dewties to be paid for my mortuarie and funeralls as custome requireth Item I will that my wif have and occupie my tenement to her owne use and proffit during her widowheade so that she bring up the childrene therwith and if it fortune her to depart to god or ells to marie agayne then I will that Willm Lonnde of Settill my brother in lawe William Preston younger Thomas Brayshawe of giggleswike to have the occupation of my said tenement to the use and education of my said children I will also that Eliz my eldest daughter shall have the right of my tenement being at lawful aige to occupie the same and havynge the lords goodwill excepte it fortune my wif to be nowe conceyved with child and bring forthe a son then I will that that sonne have the tenement. And if they both lacke by dethe or other ways then I will that my younger daughter have and enjoye the said tenement also I bequeth to my wif and children the Reste of my goods equally to be divided among theme my detts and funerall expenses being first discharged therwith Fynallie I make my wif and my children my executors to se this my last will pformed thes being witnes Thomas Brayshawe Thomas Palay William Preston younger Thomas Yedon prest with others

[Latin]

**Thomas Wilson of Giggleswick Will 1576**  
**Borthwick vol 20 fol 141**

In the name of god amen the xxvj daye of September 1576 I Thomas Wilson of Giggleswicke sicke in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance loved be almightie god makes this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I give and bequiethe my soule to almightie god and to all the glorious companie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the prish churche of giggleswicke Also I bequiethe for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that right will Also I bequiethe my lease to Eliz'th my wyfe and to leonarde wilson my sone and after my lease be expired I give the tyle and tennant right of my tenement unto leonarde my sone with the licence of the lorde. And I give to Elizabeth my wyfe her widdow righte of my goodes. And I will that my wyfe Elizabeth shall marie to my tenement yf she please, to leonarde my sone be xxj yeares old and yf the said leonarde die without issue lawfullie begotten then I bequiethe the tyle and tennant righte of my said tente with the licence of the lorde to Alice my daughter except my wyfe be with a sone and then I will that he shall have my said tente when he shalbe xxj yeares old and if any of my children (*die*) before they shall come to lawfull aige then I will that his or ther childes porcon of goodes shall remayne to them that be allyve Also I will that leonarde my sone and that childe my wyfe is with shall have ther childes porcon of my goodes And I give to Alice my daughter .....*moneysse*(?) of them for her childes porcon of my goodes Also my will is that all Barganes and promisses maid betwixt Richarde radclife his wyfe and me shalbe pformed and kepte. The rest of my pte of goodes my debtes and all other dewties paid I give and bequiethe to Elizabeth my wyfe and to my children equallie betwixt them. And I make and constitute Elizabeth my wyfe and leonarde my sone my whole executors. Also I make Richarde Radclife my brother in lawe And Roberte Wilson my brother supervisors of this my will Thes wittnesses Richarde newhouse, Willm Lound, John Brayshay, Hewe Claphamson, Thomas Lawson and John yette with others

*Latin text*

**Will of John Wodhouse 1438**  
**Borthwick vol. 3, fol 559, mf 913**

Testamentum dominij Johannis Wodhouse vicarij de Gigleswyk

(marginal note) computatum est

In dei nomine Amen xiii<sup>o</sup> die mensis Septembris Anno dominij millesimo cccc mo xxxviiij (1438) Ego Johannes Wodhous vicarius de Gygleswyk compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam omnipotenti deo beate marie & omnibus sanctis eius & corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesie parochiali de Gygleswyk. Item lego optimum animal meum nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego domino Xroforo Alth(a)m viij marca ad celebrand pro anima mea in ecclesie de Gigleswyk. Item lego Johanni Hermetstede xx s per laboro suo. Item lego Willmo Chippendale xl s. Item lego Margarete filie Rogeri Rider(?) xx s. Item lego Johanni servo meo xx s. Item lego Anabelle sorori mee xj marca. Item ordino & constituto domin Xroforo Alth(a)m Johannem Hermetstede executoribus meos et Ricardum Tempest Armigerum Aspectorem meum. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum do & lego dictis Xroforo & Johanni executoribus et Anabelle sorori mee ut ipsi disponant & ordinent pro anima mea sicut volunt respondere in die Judicij dat die & Anno supradictis

Xvj<sup>o</sup> die mensis Januarij Anno dm predicto probatum fuit presens testamentum & comissa administratio executoribus in eodem nominatis &c.

*In the name of God Amen. The 13th day of September AD 1438 I John Wodhous vicar of Giggleswick in sound mind make my will in this manner. First I bequeath my soul to almighty God the blessed Mary and all his saints and my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick. Item I bequeath my best animal for my mortuary. Item I bequeath to Master Christofer Altham 8 marks to celebrate for my soul in Giggleswick Church. Item I bequeath to John Hermetstede 20s for his work. Item I bequeath to William Chippendale 40s. Item I bequeath to Margaret daughter of Roger Rider 20s. Item I bequeath John my servant 20s. Item I bequeath to Anabelle my sister 11 marks. Item I ordain and constitute Master Christofer Altham and John Hermetstede my executors and Richard Tempest knight my supervisor. However the rest of all my goods I give and bequeath to the said Christofer and John executors and Anabelle my sister that they are to dispose and ordain (them) for my soul just as they wish to answer for on the day of Judgement the day date and year written above.*

*16th day of January AD aforesaid the present will was proved and administration was committed to the same named executors.*

**John Wyldman 1592**

**Borthwick vol 25 fol 997**

In the name of God amen the xvii th daye of Julie in the yeare of our lord god one thousand Fyve hundreth nyntie two (I) John Wyldmann of Caplesidehouse in Rathmell in the countie of york sicke in bodie but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make his last will and testamt in manner and forme following first he did bequeth his soule to Jesus Christe his onelie savyour and redemer and his bodie to be buried in the church yard of gigleswicke And for his mortuarie and other dewes he did appointe and allowe all that wch of right should growe dewe Also he did geve and bequith all his goodes chattels and debts moveable and unmoveable unto Jane his daughter and did appointe that Willm Carr of Lancliffe and Willm Foster of loneheade in Rawthmell should have the government of his said daughter and her goodes and to use yt to her best commodytie and yf she his said daughter did die before lawfull age then he did geve his goods wholie unto his owne two sisters and he did appointe and ordeyne the said Willm Carr and Willm Foster his joint executors These wytnes Henrie Robinsonn Stephen Armitstead and Willm Foster ....

Latin text

**Borthwick vol. 13 fol. 426**

**Lawrence IVESON 1548**

In the name of God amen the yere of oure lorde god a Thnd v (hundred) xlvij the xvij daie of Aprile I Lawrence yveson of Lanklif seke in bodie and hooll of mynde maikes my laste will as after followithe First I bequeathe my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried within the churche yarde of Gigleswike Also I bequeath unto katerine my wif duringe her widweheade the title and tennte righte of my farmolde and after my wif I will that my farmolde shall remayne unto John my eldest sone and he to agre withe his children Willm and John for the title and tennte righte of the saide farmolde at sighte of fower frendes that is to saie James Iveson Richard Iveson John Sergant (?) and Symon Iveson the which men I have in truste to order my wif and my children Also I will that my debtes be paid of my hooll goodes Also I bequeath the office of the kepinge of lankliffe mylne to one of my fower whiche of them as can please the farmers the best Also The residue of all my goodes my debts and funerall expenses paide I bequeathe unto katerine my wif and my children that is James Willm and John my sones an Elizabeth and Alice my daughters and if ..... be that my wif at anye tyme marrie Then my will is ..... have her parte of goodes devided owte at sighte of the saide foure frendes and my children for to have their porcions devyded likewise at sighte of the forenaymed frendes Also I maike katerine my wif my hooll executerixe of this my laste will witnes herof James Iveson Richarde Iveson withe others

Latin text

.....Johannes Lambert presbiteri .....

WILL OF William YVESON 1544

**Borthwick Vol.11 Folio 770**

IN THE NAME OF GODAMEN the year of our lord god 1544 I William Iveson sick in body & of good memory & mind thanks being to God Almighty make my will as after followeth first I give & I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to our lady saint mary & to all the saints in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the church yard of saint alkide (*sic*) virgin of Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath to the high altar for tithes by me negligently forgotten 6d. Also I bequeath to Thomas Iveson 20s. to pray for my soul & other that god would have prayed for Also I bequeath to two of my sons children that I am godfather unto to either of them one ewe & two lambs & to every one of his other children one lamb Item to every one of hugh ivesons children of Stockdale one lamb Item to William Iveson son of Lawrence one ewe & a lamb Item to Ann Brown one ewe & a lamb Item to Ann Bank daughter of John one ewe & a lamb to Richard Catterill one wether Item to John (*sic*) Wilson daughter of Robert Wilson four ewes & four lambs Item to Richard Leming & to his wife four wethers Item mistress Caterall one wether Item to William Preston younger one wether Item to Thomas (procter?) of Cleatop #one wether Item to John Iveson my brother one wether & a jacket cloth Item to William Foster of Settle one wether Item to John Webster one jacket & a dublet Item to hugh watkinson one gray jacket & a dublet Item Richard melling 4 yards & one half of gray cloth Item to Robert Brayshay son of roger one ewe & a lamb Item Sir John my son one horse & to Sir James my son one fillie with my (kist?) & all that is therein Also I make my wife Johanna Sir John & Sir James my sons executors of this my will & they to dispose such of my goods for the health of my soul as they shall think most expedient Item I will that if either Sir john or Sir James remain in the country that then they shall have the governance of their mother with all my goods & if they do not then I desire Sir Thomas Iveson & Sir Thomas Iveson to do their best & to see her goods be not wasted as my trust is in them witnesses James Iveson Thomas Kidd Richard Iveson & Thomas Armitstead.

*3 lines in Latin*

*# A Thomas procter of cleatop mentioned in will of Robt.Stackhouse 1567.*

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Giggleswick Wills Analysis to 24 March 1603

				Sts	Char	Mon	Wom	Ten	Farm	House	Clothes	Land	Trade	Chil	
Staynford	Robert	1390	1 57	Y					Y						Wax, timber, bridge, church building, Stainforth
Stalmyn	William	1412	18 352	Y	Y	Y				Y					Vicar, altar, silver, monastery, ordinal, tithes
Wodhous	John	1438	3 559	Y	Y	Y									Best animal, servant, vicar
Kydd	John	1440	2 675												
Altham	Christopher	1461	2 451	Y					Y	Y					Chaplain, silver, dagger, servant, wool
Chewe	Christopher	1473	4 11	Y		Y							Y		Best animal, university, priest, draper, Rathmell
Tenant	Christopher	1496	5 482												Vicar
Caterall	Alan	1513	8 116	Y	Y	Y									High altar, best animal, 4d
Foster	Oliver	1516	9 44	Y	Y	Y							Y		Altar vestment, 6d, monasteries, Ac(kelda)
Armetstead	Roger	1521	9 189		Y	Y	Y								
Catarall	Kateryn	1525	9 336	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y					Lights
Lawkeland	Hugh	1527	9 385	Y	Y	Y	Y								Monastery, St. Sunday, lady guild, Winskill
Car	James	1528	9 404	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							Alkild, lady guild, 4d, monasteries, chantry priest
Frankland	Richard	1532	11 55	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							A(?)kyide, 4d, altar, St. Sunday, monastery
Lund	Richard	1537	11 245	Y	Y	Y	Y								Saint Alkelda, altar, 4d
Armetstede	Agnes	1538	11 298	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						Saint Alkilda, 4d
Malton	John	1538	11 495	Y	Y	Y				Y					Chantry priest, altar, books, servant, Clapham
Mone	John	1538	11 329	Y				Y							Priest, Alkeld, 4d, crucifix
Caterall	John	1539	11 419/470	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Scholar, tithes, Lord Clifford, Hellifield, altar cloths
Foster	William	1539	11 406	Y	Y	Y	Y								St Alkeld, tithes
Clapham	Richard	1540	11 496	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							4d, tithes Alkilda, mark
Newhouse	William	1541	11 617	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							Highway, Alkeld, St. Sunday, lady guild, trental
Kidde	Robert	1543	11 721	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							Alkelda, 4d, crazed
Edlestone	Roger	1544	13 36	Y	Y	Y	Y								4d
Yveson	William	1544	11 770	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Alkir(de), 4d, altar, tithes
Armitstede	Alan	1547	13 358	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y				4d, highway, barley, Rathmell
Armitstede	Hughe	1547	13 358	Y		Y	Y	Y							Highway 2s, Rathmell
Foster	John	1547	13 359			Y	Y	Y							Kings wars
Iveson	Hughe	1547	13 358			Y	Y	Y							4d
Browne	Richard	1548	13 502	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						Poor chest, scholars
Rayne	John	1548	13 501			Y	Y	Y							
Saylbanke	James	1548	13 485	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						Common chest
Wilson	James	1548	13 411	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							Common chest
Yveson	Lawrence	1548	13 426			Y	Y	Y				Y			Langcliffe mill
Currer	Peter	1550	13 689	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							High altar, 4d, dinners
Gregson	John	1550	13 713	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Malt
Haul	Margarete	1550	13 662	Y					Y	Y	Y				Tithe
Howson	John	1550	13 660	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Browne	Isabell	1551	13 910	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						Meal, malt, beef
Foster	Henrie	1551	13 771	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						Y	
Saylbanke	Margarete	1551	13 825	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y					James Foster, Winskill, maid
Salebanke	James	1551	13 782	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Frances Howson my servant, Stainforth
Saylbanke	Henry	1551	13 858	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Wilson	Thomas	1551	13 858			Y	Y	Y	Y					Y	
Armystede	Rowlande	1552	13 945	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y	Mvth (Mewith)
Watkynson	Jo(h)an	1552	13 945	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Cheese, bread, meal, combs, fork
Foster	Thomas	1553	13b 987	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y	Mewith, Claihouse lane, Sir James Foster
Wildman	Miles	1553	13 1002	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Winskill, walker mill, clothmaker, Settle
Browne	John	1553	14 159	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y	Rathmell
Somerscalles	Robert	1553	14 219	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Substantial details, Settle
Foster	John	1554	14 25	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y				Langcliffe mill, Winskill
Preston (Snr)	Richard	1554	14 153	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							School
Mellyne	Richard	1555	15(1) 36	Y		Y	Y	Y							Sir James Foster
Clerke	Richard	1556	15(2) 203	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Children crazed, sown land
Newhouse	Olyver	1556	15(1) 284	Y		Y	Y	Y							
Palay	Isabell	1556	15(1) 253	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Great bell, tithes, altar
Gregson	Robert	1557	15(2) 201	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Great bell, altar, tithes, wool
Heyton	Richard	1557	15(1) 338	Y		Y	Y	Y							Settle
Knolles	Anthony	1557	15(2) 200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							Sir James Foster, church bell
Somerscall	Richard	1557	15(1) 252	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							Alkild, 4d, bell, Sir James Foster, priest
Watkinson	Thomas	1558	15(3) 214	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Bell
Armetstede	John	1560	16 118			Y	Y	Y							
Iveson	William	1560	17 112	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Sown land
Fawteroppe	Robert	1561	17 190			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Iveson	Thomas	1562	17 110			Y	Y	Y							Tithe, Settle
Palay	Huw	1564	17 435			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Stainforth
Priston	William	1564	17 433			Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Clothier
Iveson	Symond	1565	17 573			Y	Y	Y			Y		Y		Milner of Langcliffe
Stachowse	Jennet	1566	19 438												Langcliffe
Foster	James	1567	17 785	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Silver, tenters, Stainforth
Preston	Thomas	1567	17 809	Y		Y	Y	Y							
Priston	Richard	1567	17 679			Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	Y	Walk mill, smithy, school
Stackhouse	Robert	1567	17 674	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						Tithes, Sir James Foster
Banke	Alice	1567	19 578	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						Funeral...5s
Howson	Henry	1568	18 56	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Smithy, Settle
Twisleron	William	1568	18 59			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Sherwood house
Carre	Alan	1569	18 191	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						Tithe, Rathmell
Palay	Mathewe	1569	18 129	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						Oats, bygge
Palay	Richard	1569	18 130	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						Stainforth
Somerscalles	Adam	1569	18 219	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Spice, London
Twyslilton	Emmott	1569	18 172	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			James Foster, Sherwood house
Cookhed	Thomas	1570	18 219	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Tenters, shears
Palay	William	1570	19 24	Y			Y	Y							Timber
Saylbanke	Richard	1570	19 436				Y	Y							Toysed, bur, Giggleswick
Wilson	Raynold	1570	19 340			Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Carts, James Foster
Armistead	Thomas	1571	19 166	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y				Timber, bowes, grain
Bullocke	Thomas	1571	19 340			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y			Limes stones, Winskill?
Foster Snr	Thomas	1571	19 437	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Walker shears, tenters, school, Edward Darcy, Stainforth
Iveson	Steven	1571	19 433			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					New bow
Palay	Richard	1571	19 434			Y	Y								
Swainson	William	1571	19 337			Y	Y	Y	Y						
Altham	Richard	1572	19 336	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y				Malt, fatherless children, bag and belt
Foster	Richard	1572	19b 576			Y	Y	Y	Y						Bedroom, Sir James Foster
Hedilston	Robert	1572	19 576	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y				Barley, Settle
Lawson	Henry	1572	19 531			Y	Y	Y	Y						
Lawson yng	Thomas	1573	19 534			Y	Y	Y	Y						
Somerscale	Thomas	1573	20 72	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Darcy, tithes, apprentices, tollbooth, saddle, servant
Claphamson	Thomas	1574	19 704	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						
Franklande	John	1574	19 653			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Sun side, hemp, Ribble, smith, bedroom, Rathmell
Knowles	Alis	1574	19 842			Y	Y								
Lawson	Thomas	1574	19 707	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Husbandman
Wharffe	Allan	1574	16 681	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y		Wheels
Armystede	Thomas	1575	22 77	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Heirloom
Heddyllstone	Thomas	1575	20 78			Y	Y	Y	Y		Y				Lodge
Iveson	Robert	1575	19 842	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						Christopher Shute, schoolmaster at Giggleswick, Stainforth
Preston	Edward	1575	20 45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Cart gear
Watkinson	William	1575	22 220			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Servant, James Foster, Settle
Wildeman	Richard	1575	19 843			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Silver, Queen's majesty, ryal, Settle
Brown	James	1576	21 6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						Tithe, Alkid Brown
Browne	Bernarde	1576	21 4			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Sufferwasse
Browne	William	1576	21 5			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Silver, lime pit, Lord of Cumberland, Settle
Jackeson	Hugh	1576	21 4			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Paly	George	1576	21 6			Y	Y	Y	Y						Stainforth
Paylaye	Robert	1576	20 87			Y	Y	Y	Y						Settle
Wilson	Thomas	1576	20 141	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y						
Banks	William	1577	21 31			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y		Looms, tithe corn, husbandman, Rathmell
Browne	Austen	1577	21 31			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Lord, Rathmell
Fawthropp	Christopher	1577	21 213			Y	Y	Y	Y						





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<u>YAS vol date range</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Borthwick vol. folio</u>	<u>Saints</u>	<u>Charity, public works</u>	<u>Money</u>	<u>Women, wives</u>	<u>Farmhold, tenement</u>	<u>Farm goods, animals</u>	<u>Household goods, furniture</u>	<u>Clothes</u>	<u>Named land</u>	<u>Trade, status</u>
93 Consist Ct 2	Stalmyn	William	1412	18 352	Y		Y				Y			
6 1389-1514	Altham	Christopher	1461	2 451	Y		Y			Y	Y			
	Caterall	Alan	1513	8 116	Y		Y	Y				Y		
	Chewe	Christopher	1473	4 11	Y			Y						Y
	Kydd	John	1440	2 675				Y						
	Staynford	Robert	1390	1 57	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y				
	Tenant	Christopher	1496	5 482										
	Wodhous	John	1438	3 559	Y		Y	Y						
11 1514-1553	Armetstead	Roger	1521	9 189	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Armetstede	Agnes	1538	11 298	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y			
	Armitstede	Alan	1547	13 358		Y		Y	Y				Y	
	Armitstede	Hughe	1547	13 358		Y		Y	Y					
	Armystede	Rowlande	1552	13 945	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Browne	Isabell	1551	13 910	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y			
	Browne	Richard	1548	13 502		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Car	James	1528	9 404	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
	Catarall	Kateryn	1525	9 336			Y	Y	Y			Y		
	Caterall	John	1539	11 419 and 470	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
	Clapham	Richard	1540	11 496			Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Currer	Peter	1550	13 689	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
	Edlestone	Roger	1544	13 36			Y	Y	Y					
	Foster	Henrie	1551	13 771	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Foster	John	1547	13 359			Y	Y	Y					
	Foster	Oliver	1516	9 44	Y	Y	Y	Y						
	Foster	Thomas	1553	13b 987		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Foster	William	1539	11 406	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Frankland	Richard	1532	11 55	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Gregson	John	1550	13 713	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	
	Haul	Margarete	1550	13 662	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	
	Howson	John	1550	13 660		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Iveson	Hughe	1547	13 358			Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Kidde	Robert	1543	11 721	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Lawkeland	Hugh	1527	9 385	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Lund	Richard	1537	11 245	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Malton	John	1538	11 495	Y		Y	Y						
	Mone	John	1538	11 329	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y		
	Newhouse	William	1541	11 617	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					Y
	Rayne	John	1548	13 501			Y	Y	Y					
	Sailbanke	Margarete	1551	13 825	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	
	Salebanke	James	1551	13 782			Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	
	Saylbanke	Henry	1551	13 858			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	
	Saylbanke	James	1548	13 485		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	
	Watkynsone	Jo(h)an	1552	13 945	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Wildman	Miles	1553	13 1002	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
	Wilson	James	1548	13 411	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Wilson	Thomas	1551	13 858			Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Yveson	Lawrence	1548	13 426			Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
	Yveson	William	1544	11 770	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
14 1554-1568	Armetstede	John	1560	16 118			Y	Y	Y					
	Browne	John	1553	14 159	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	
	Clerke	Richard	1556	15(2) 203	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Fawterroppe	Robert	1561	17 190			Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
	Foster	James	1567	17 785	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
	Foster	John	1554	14 25	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Gregson	Robert	1557	15(2) 201	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
	Heyton	Richard	1557	15(1) 338	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Iveson	Symond	1565	17 573			Y	Y	Y			Y		Y
	Iveson	Thomas	1562	17 110			Y	Y	Y					
	Iveson	William	1560	17 112	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Knolles	Anthony	1557	15(2) 200		Y	Y	Y	Y					
	Mellyne	Richard	1555	15(1) 36	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Newhouse	Olyver	1556	15(1) 284	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Palay	Huw	1564	17 435			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Palay	Isabell	1556	15(1) 253	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Preston (Snr)	Richard	1554	14 153	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Preston	Thomas	1567	17 809	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Priston	Richard	1567	17 679			Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
	Priston	William	1564	17 433			Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
	Somerscall	Richard	1557	15(1) 252	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Somerscalles	Robert	1553	14 219	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
	Stackhous	Robert	1567	17 674	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Watkinson	Thomas	1558	15(3) 214	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
19 1568-1585	Altham	Richard	1572	19 336	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y		
	Altham	Robert	1583	22 472		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Armetsteade	Cicellie	1578	22 245			Y	Y	Y					
	Armistead	Thomas	1571	19 166	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
	Armystead	John	1584	22 612		Y	Y	Y	Y				Y	
	Armysteade	Thomas	1575	22 77	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Banke	Alice	1567	19 578	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Banks	William	1577	21 31			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
	Bawderston	John	1578	21 213		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Borenand	William	1578	21 342			Y	Y	Y					
	Brayshay	Robert	1582	22 257			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
	Brown	James	1576	21 6		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Browne	Austen	1577	21 31			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Browne	Bernarde	1576	21 4			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
	Browne	William	1576	21 5			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Bullocke	Thomas	1571	19 340			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
	Cam	James	1580	21 518		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Carr	Elline	1582	22 613			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	
	Carre	Alan	1569	18 191	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Carre	Roger	1579	21 154v		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
	Claphamson	Thomas	1574	19 704	Y		Y	Y	Y					
	Cookhed	Thomas	1570	18 219	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Dawson	John	1580	21 474			Y	Y	Y			Y		
	Fawthropp	Christopher	1577	21 213			Y	Y	Y					
	Foster	Richard	1572	19b 576			Y	Y	Y					
	Foster Snr	Thomas	1571	19 437	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
	Foster	William	1577	21 84			Y	Y	Y					
	Franklande	John	1574	19 653			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Hall	John	1582	22 419			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
	Heddlystone	Thomas	1575	20 78			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	
	Hedilston	Robert	1572	19 576		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
	Houghton	John	1577	21 5			Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
	Howson	Henry	1568	18 56	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
	Husband	William	1582	22 369			Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Iveson	Robert	1575	19 842	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
	Iveson	Steven	1571	19 433			Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		
	Jackeson	Hugh	1576	21 4			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Knowles	Alis	1574	19 842			Y	Y	Y	Y				

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