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Grace Cottam; widow; Ribchester; 1670; WRW/A/R18C/28

In the name of God amen the eight day of August ... [1668] I Grace Cottam of Ribchester ... widow....

Bequests to:

Margaret Sclater, daughter, wife of John Sclater – her best petticoat

Laurence Cottam, son, 12 pence

Robert Cottam, son of Laurence, 4/-

Jane Cottam, daughter – rest and residue

Witnessed: William ...

Grace Cottam

Richard Cottam

her mark

Laurence Cottam

Richard Cottam; yeoman, Dutton; 1701; Admon; WCW/Supra/C274A/69

... Elizabetham Cottam de Dutton parochiae de Ribchester in Com Lanc^s vudua, Timotheam Etock de Preston in eod^m Com. Blacksmith et Johem ?Stiles.... vicesimo tercio Septembris 1701

The condition of this obligation is such that the above-bounden Elizabeth Cottam administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Credits of Richard Cottam late of Dutton above Yeoman her husband.... deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect Inventory... And do exhibit it... at or before the second day of December next ensuing...

Thomas Cottam; Miller; Dutton; 1670; WRW/A/R18C/32

In the name of God amen I Thomas Cottam of Dutton ... Miller...

Bequests to:

Brother John Cottam and sisters Alice Pinder and Isabell Seed - £12 apiece.

Wife Anne Cottam, rest and residue, executrix

10th August 1670

Witnesses:

Abraham Townley

Thomas Cottam

Thomas Thornley

his mark

Richard Coulthurst; yeoman; Dutton Hall; 1814: W/RW/A/R/130/B/24

This is the last Will and Testament of me Richard Coulthurst of Dutton Hall in the county of Lancaster Yeoman made and published the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. First I order and direct that all my just debts funeral expenses and the charges of my probate hereof be paid and discharged out of my real and Personal Estate and so subject I give and devise unto my son Thurston Coulthurst his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns All those my two Messuages or Dwelling Houses situate in Dutton aforesaid with their rights privileges and appurtenances as now occupied by one Thomas Lakeland and Henry Wilkinson Together with my right in certain lately inclosed lands part of Ribchester Common, my Term and Interest in the Estate called Dutton Hall and all and every my Household Goods and furniture, Stock of Cattle Crops of Hay and Corn and all other my Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever To hold the same real and Personal

Estate unto him my said son Thurston Coulthurst his heirs Executors and Assigns for ever or according to the nature of the Property
Subject and I do hereby charge my same real and Personal Estate with the payment of my said just Debts and the Sum of Thirty pounds each of Lawful British Money unto my Son and Daughters and Stepdaughter hereinafter named viz. Robert Coulthurst, Mary Kay, Alice Baines, Jane Bradley and Merriam Park and my Stepdaughter Mary Brookes and which sums I direct shall be paid at the expirations of three years from my decease. I also charge the same Estates with the sum of Ten pounds of like money to my son John Coulthurst which shall be Paid twelve Months from my decease. And it is my Will and Mind that in the case of the death of any of the said Legatees unto this my Will before he she or they shall receive their Legacy or Legacies the same shall be paid to their Issue share and share alike. And in case of no Issue to the Survivors or Survivor And it is my Will and Mind that the receipt and receipts of my said Daughters and Stepdaughter notwithstanding their present or any future Marriage shall be sufficient discharges under this my Will. And I nominate Robert Greenhalgh of Dutton aforesaid Hatter my son Thurston Coulthurst and Thomas Ainsworth of Blackburn in the said County Attorney at Law Executors of this my Will hereby revoking and making void all former and other Will and Wills by me at any time heretofore made. And it is my Will and mind that my said Executors their respective Executors and Administrators may by and out of any monies which by virtue of this my Will shall come to their or any of their hands deduct retain and reimburse themselves all such reasonable Costs Charges and expenses as they respectively shall or may sustain experience pr be put unto in or about the execution of this my Will. And lastly it is my Will and Mind that my said executors their respective heirs Executors and Administrators shall be charged and chargeable only for such Sum and Sums of Money as they shall severally actually receive by virtue hereof nor with or for any loss or damage which may happen in or about the execution of this my Will unless the same shall be occasioned by or through his or their wilful default. In witness whereof I the said Richard Coulthurst the Testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first within written.

Richard Coulthurst [seal]

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Richard Coulthurst the Testator and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other

Richard Cutler
Henry Wilkinson
Thomas Lakeland

On the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Fourteen. This Will was proved in Common Form and Robert Greenhalgh of Dutton in the Parish of Ribchester in the County of Lancaster Hatter and Thurston Coulthurst of Dutton aforesaid Yeoman two of the executors therein named were sworn well and faithfully to execute and perform the same and so forth (Power being reserved for Thomas Ainsworth the other Executor) and that to the best of their Knowledge and Belief the whole of the Personal Estate and Effects of which the Testator above named died possessed of within the Archdeaconry of Richmond and the Diocese of Chester did not in real Value amount to the Sum of Four hundred and fifty Pounds. Before me

Rob^t Parkinson Surrogate

The Testator died
12th Jan^y 1814

Reverse: Mr Richard Coulthurst Will

Wrapper: 12th Feb^y 1814

D Amounderness

Coulthurst Rich^d late of Dutton Hall in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, dec^d his will.

Inv resp und. £450

Clayton Dewhurst; Yeoman; Ribchester; 1712; WRW/A/R29B/2

11th June 1712

In the name of God amen I Clayton Dewhurst of Ribchester... yeoman...

Bequests:

Eldest son William Dewhurst (aged under 16), a parcel of land called Carter Green in Ribchester, a messuage called Davies in Dutton and rights to other property in Ribchester.

Son William to pay an annuity to Clayton's wife Alice as recorded in an act of settlement.

Should William die as a minor, these bequests to be shared between his siblings.

To children Roger, Dorothy and Tempest at 21, three parcels of land, namely: Moorkey and Cottams in Ribchester and Intack in Dutton.

To daughter Dorothy, 8 gold pieces and £13 3/-

To wife Alice 50/- in cash and 50/- in goods.

Henry Townley of Dutton esq., Robert Wadsworth of Preston gent, and wife Alice executors.

Townley and Wadsworth to receive £5 each.

Witnesses:

Thomas Johnson

Clayton Dewhurst

Richard Hayhurst

Adam Greenwood

Mary Dewhurst; widow; Dutton; 1677; WRW/A/R27A/38

Mary Dewhurst late of Dutton deceased

Memorandum that upon the fourteenth day of May last past Mary Dewhurst late of Dutton within the Archdeaconry of Richmond and Diocese of Chester deceased being of perfect minde and sound disposing memory and having a minde to settle her estate made her last will ... nuncupatively declaring her last will and minde in these or the like words in effect following viz she did give and bequeath unto John Dewhurst her sonne all her goods and chattels whatsoever excepting her cloathes which she did give and bequeath unto her children to be divided equally amongst them and did declare her said sonne John to be her executor which said words or to the same effect were spoken in the presence and hearing of Bartholomew Feareclough Alice Towneley and Alice Walker.

[Proved by John Dewhurst 28th June 1677. Estate valued at £18 7/8

Richard Dewhurst; Yeoman; Dutton; 1677; WRW/A/R27A/39

Apud Ribchester 18^o May 1677 Dewhurst Ricardi nuper de Dutton ...

In the name of God amen the seven and twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord 1673 I Richard Dewhurst of Dutton in the County of Lancaster Yeoman being sick

and infirm in body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same And calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life And that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, And being desirous to set things in order, do make this my last will and Testament which is contained my last will and Testament in manner and form following, ... and absolutely annulling by these presents all and every Testament ... will and wills heretofore made either by word or writing notwithstanding any promise to the contrary, or clause derogatory in the same, And this is to be taken only for my last will and Testament and none other First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer and to the Holy Ghost my sanctifier And my body to the Earth from whence it came, to be buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my executors shall be thought meet and convenient there to rest until my soul and body shall meet again and be joined together at the joyful resurrection are being made partaker of immortal joys And touching my temporal estate of goods and chattels lands and tenements that the Lord hath been pleased to bestow upon me I do order give dispose and bequeath the same in manner and form following.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Mary my now wife one half of all my said goods and chattels of what kind or nature whatever (excepting one cupboard in the dwelling house and one great cheese in the barn) which I dispose of as followeth viz to Henry my eldest son

Item I give and bequeath unto Jane my daughter the sum of ten pounds of lawful English money

Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Dewhurst my son the sum of three pounds of like lawful English money

Item I give and bequeath unto Grace my daughter the sum of two pounds of like lawful English money

Item I give and bequeath unto Sarah my daughter the sum of three shillings and fourpence of English money

Item After my debts and funeral expenses discharged out of the remainder I dispose of my said goods excepting that sole third part before bequeathed I give unto Mary my wife and John my son equally to be divided betwixt them

And lastly I do make and appoint Mary my wife and Henry Dewhurst my son joint executors of this my last will and Testament hoping they will see the same performed I do put my trust in then In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed and signed in the presence of
John Entwistle jnr
Seth J Haddocke
his mark
Jonathan Stephenson

Richard III Dewhurst
the testator
his mark

Thomas Dewhurst; Blacksmith; Dutton; 1719; WRW/A/R29B/10

In the name of God amen, I Thomas Dewhurst of Dutton...Blacksmith...

Bequests:

Sons Richard, Lawrence, Henry and Thomas, 5/- apiece

Daughter Elizabeth, 5/-

Laurence son of Mary Dewhurst widow, 5/-

Loving wife [not named, but Jennet from the admon bond], rest and residue

Wife and son Lawrence executors

2nd November 1719

Witnesses:

Henry Goodday

Richard Hartley

Richard Pickering

Thomas Dewhurst

his mark

James Hooll; yeoman; Kidsnape, Goosnargh; 1770: WRW/A/103b/76

In the name of God amen, I James Hooll of Kidsnape in Goosnargh in the co. of Lancaster yeoman being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first it is my will and mind that all my just debts, funeral expenses probate of this my will and all other incident costs charges and trouble touching or concerning the execution or management thereof be first paid or charged out of my personal estate and effects. And also I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Hannah the sum of five shillings and no more, she having a provision made for her by her former husband. And also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Alice the wife of John Cross the sum of £30, and as to the rest residue and remainder of my goods, cattle and chattels personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever the same be together with such term or interest as I have of or in the messuage farm and premises with the appurtenances where I now live and now in my possession. I give devise and bequeath the same unto my son Lawrence Hooll and my son-in-law John Cross joint executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will or wills by me at any time heretofore made leaving my interment to the discretion of my said executors. In witness whereof I the said James Hooll the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1770.

Sealed signed published and declared by the said testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto severally subscribed our names as witnesses to attest the due execution thereof in the sight of each other and in the sight and at the request of the said testator.

John Somer

Christopher Salisbury

J Haighton

James Hooll

D Amounderness: Hool James, late of Goosnargh, dec'd, his will, inv. Respited above £40.

Lawrence Hool; Kidsnape; 1793: WRW/A/117a/46

I Lawrence Hool of Kidsnape within Goosnargh in the parish of Kirkham and county of Lancaster being of sound mind and memory but poorly in bodily health do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following. That is to say, first I order that my after named executors shall pay my just debts and my funeral expenses out of my personal estate which is all that I am possessed of having no lands or tenements. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Joan one half of the personal property left after payment of my debts and the other half I give to my executors in trust for my two daughters to be equally divided betwixt them share and share alike when they arrive at the age of 21 years, but if either of my said daughters Jennet or Betty happen to die before they arrive at the age of 21 years then I order my said executors to pay the share of the deceased daughter to the surviving daughter as soon as she arrive at the age of 21

years. The interest of my said daughters' shares to go towards their support at the discretion of my executors. But if either of my daughters Jennet or Betty happen to marry and have an heir before they arrive at the age of 21 years then in case of her decease I order her share to be given to such heir for its support and bringing up at the discretion of my executors.

And lastly I name constitute and appoint James Wilkinson of Whittingham and John Sumner of Kidsnape the true and lawful executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed sealed published and declared as my last will and testament in the presence of the undermentioned witnesses who also attested the same in the presence of each other the 11th day of June 1792.

Witness James Hill

William Sumner

Lawrence Hool

Wrapper: 10th June 1793, D Amounderness, Hool Lawrence late of Kidsnape within Goosnargh in the parish of Kirkham and co. of Lancs dec. His will and inventory, respited under £300.

Hugh Kighley; yeoman; Billsborough; 1603; WRW/A/R1B/45

In the name of god amen the first day of December in the yeare of our lorde god one thousande six hundredth and three I Hugh Kighley of Billesborowe in the County of Lancaster yeoman being in good and perfect health and remembrance praise be given to almightie god doe ordeyne and make this my laste will and testament in manner and forme following firstlie I commend my soule into the hands of almighty god and my desire is is that after my decease my body may be buried within the paryshe church of Garstange as nere to the place where my welbeloved wife Margaret was buried as convenient may bee. Item I give and bequeathe unto Henry my sonne all the tenement which is now in my occupation and the messuage wherein I now dwell and also my water corne mylne called Perewle [?] my land(?) and all my inclosed common within Billesborowe in suche manner forme as by an assignment in writing thereof by me made more playnly appeareth provided nevrathes my will and mynde is that it shall and may be lawfull to and for my said sone Henry to assure by his laste will and testament or otherwyse to any suche his wife as shall be living at the tyme of his decease so much of the premisses as he shall think meete , so that it exceede not(?) the full moitie and halfe ~~of the premisses~~ parte thereof for his mayntenance and lyvinge during her widowheade keeping her selfe honeste and of good behaviour And also my will and mynde is that yf my sonne Henry shall fortune to decease without issue male of his bodye lawfully begotten and having daughter or daughters lawfully begotten lyving at the tyme of decease that then my sonne John whoe is to have the revercon of all the saide premisses by vertue of the said deed of assignment shall within one yere nexte after the decease of the said Henry being in quiet possession thereof, or of the moitye thereof, well and trewly paye or cause to be paid unto the said daughter then lyvinge tenn pounds of lawful money of England or yf there happen more daughters than one lawfully begotten of the bodye of the said Henry and lyvinge at the tyme of his decease then then my will and mynde is is that my sonne John, beinge in quiet possession as aforesaid, shall within the tyme aforesaid pay unto the said daughters twenty marks of lawfull money of England equally to be devidid amongst them Item I doe also give and bequeath unto the said Henry my sonne my lease for yeres of my close ~~for~~ called the Brencrofte during his natural life, and after his decease, then my will and mynde is that it shall descende to suche person and persons and in manner and forme as the premisses are lymited and appointed

by my said deed and by this my last will and testament Item I doe also give and bequeath my parte of the tythe of Billesborowe during the continuance of the lease nowe in possession unto my said sonne Henry and my great ... pan standing in the fyre howsewith the longe table there, and the cupborde or awmbry standing in the buttry. Item I give unto Ellyn my daughter my parte of the great arke standing in the in the barne Item I doe give and bequeath to every childe that I am grandfather unto Richard Cottam beinge onely excepted six shillings eight pence. And I doe give and bequeath unto the said Richard Cottam twentie nobles to be paide unto him within one yere nexte after my decease. Item I doe give and bequeath to the poore inhabitants within the towneship of Billsborowe foure mets of ote meale to bee devyded amongst them by the discrecon of my executors. Item all the residewe of my parte of goods my dets legacies and funeral expences being discharged I doe give and bequeath to John my sonne and Ellyn my daughter equally to be devyded between theme provided always and my will and mynde is that yf all my sonne John his porcon of goods which he is to enioy by any meanes presently after my decease shall not or will not extende to the full value and some of six pounds of lawfull money of England that then my sonne Henry shall well and trewly content and pay or cause to be paide unto my said sonne John every yere six pounds of lawfull money of Englande until suche tyme as his said porcon of goods which shall dewe unto him at the tyme of my decease shall amounte unto the full some of six score pounds and my will is that the said payments shall begyn at the feast of Pentecoste next after my decease and if my sonne Henry shall refuse and do not paye the said some of six pounds yerely and in manner and forme as is above limited then my will and mynde is that my sonne John shall stande and be seized to his own purpose of and in all that meadowe called the little meadowe nowe in my possession and of all the closes and grounds that was formerly in the possession of Jenet Kighley wydowe laite my mother now deceased And also if all that incrochment of comon which adioneth upon my close called the wheat crofte, and the furthest feilde, and the same grounde and closes to be rated in value at six pounds yerely until suche tyme as his paid porcon of goods shall amounte unto the full value six score pounds as aforesaid And I ordeyne and make the said Henry Kighley and John Kighley my sonnes executors of this my laste will and testament, and I doe charge theme (according to there dewties) to be carefull in the execucon therof, and if it fortune which god forbidd that they or either of theme shall refuse to to be my executor and doe not execute the same to the uttermost of there powers then my will and mynde is that he or they so refusing, or not performing this my said will accordinge to the true meaninge thereof, shall receive no comoditie thereby and that every legacy to him or theme given by this my will shalbe mearly voide and the same I doe freely give to him or theme that shall undertake the execucon thereof. And I doe also make my lovinge brother Roberte Kighley and my cosine Thomas Blackburne supervysors of this my last will and testament desyryng theme to [aide – crossed out] ayde and assiste my said executors in the dewe execucon thereof And this renouncinge all other wills before by me made I ratify and confirme this in the presence of these whose names are underwritten

[No signature, no witnesses' signature, no probate shown]

Robert Kighley; yeoman; White Lee, Goosnargh; 1612; WCW/Supra/C54A/4e

In the name of God amen I Robt Kighley of the White Lee in Goosnargh in the county of Lancaster yeoman being whole in body and of good and perfect remembrance praise be given to almighty God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord God 1612 and in the 10th year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of God King of England France and

Scotland, defender of the faith etc and of his reign of Scotland the five and fortieth First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator and redeemer and saviour in whose ... and not in myne own merits I only hope and trust to be saved and that at the day of judgment my soul and body ... shall be rewardedcelestial kingdom And my will and desire is that after my decease my body may be buried in Christian burial within the parish church at Goosnnerre as near unto the place where my wellbeloved wife Anne was buried as conveniently may be It I do give towards the repairing at Brockbridge 5 shillings to be bestowed hereby within three years next after my decease at the discretion of my cousin John Kighley Item I do give Elizabeth Barton my sister's daughter twenty marks to be delivered to her by my executors or assigns ... months after the day of her marriage [or] death of her father Richard Barton which of them shall first happen be it that she now and other in or by her right do not require or claim five marks which was a legacy given unto her by the last will and testament of my late brother James Kighley deceased Item I do give to my cousin Robt Barton my nephew ten pounds if he do come and demand the same of my executors or my cousin John Kighley Item I do give unto my cousin Robt Smith and Katherin his sister now wife of Raphe Mayor to either of them ten pounds Item I do give to the children of Thomas Sowerbutts equally to be divided amongst them forty shillings And I do give to my cousin Robt Faireclough's children equally to be divided amongst them forty shillings Item I do give to Alice Hudson whose great uncle I am twenty shillings Item I do give to Margaret wife of Richard Clarke ten shillings Item I do give to my cousin Robt Blackburne whose godfather I am ten shillings Item I do give unto every one of my servants that I do pay wages unto twenty shillings Item I do give unto Henry Kighley's children equally to be divided five pounds Item I do give to Henry Smith my sister's son who now dwelleth with me all my tenement now or at any time heretofore in the occupation of William Beisley to have and to hold unto the said Henry Smith according to a lease thereof by me made unto him Item my will and mind is that my cousin John Kighley shall pay and discharge all the legacies mentioned in this my will and likewise all the debts which I do owe a note whereof I have hereafter set down in writing in this my present will and testament which amounts to two hundred three score pounds six shillings eight pence or thereabouts And upon that condition and not otherwise I do freely give unto the said John Kighley and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten all my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever ... within the parish of Goosnargh as in the parish of Garstang the lease made to Henry Smith above named always And in want of issue of the body of the said John Kighley lawfully begotten Then my will and mind is and I do freely give and bequeath all my lands tenements and hereditaments to the said Henry Smith and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of my nephew Robt Faireclough and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of my cousin Robt Smith and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of Thomas Sowerbutts of Redesnape and Alice now his wife and the heirs of their two bodies lawfully begotten And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of my cousin Elizabeth Barton and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten And for default of such issue then to the use of my cousin Thomas Blackburne of Sandholme and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten And in default of such issue then to the use of the right heirs of me the said Robt Kighley according (in ...) to several deeds of entail thereof by me made in custody of the said Robt Kighley at the time of my decease and if any of my heirs mentioned in the said deed of entail or in this my last will and testament

or his or their heirs shall at any time hereafter alienate convey or sell or go about to alienate convey or sell the land or tenement or hereditaments mentioned in the said deeds or any part thereof contrary to my true intent and meaning mentioned in the said ... deeds and in this my last will and testament then my voice will and mind is that he or they be alienating conveying or selling or hereafter going about to alienate convey or sell the said lands tenements or hereditaments or any part thereof contrary to my intent and meaning as aforesaid shall clearly absolutely and presently lose and forfeit all his and their estate in the said lands tenements and hereditaments and that the next heir in reversion by virtue of the said deeds shall presently be styled the heir of and therein according to the true intent and meaning of the said deeds and of this my last will and testament I ... always and my
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Ann Park; widow; Bleasdale; 1800; W/RW/A/R/118b/1

One fourth of her estate to children of brother Richard Parkinson

One fourth of her estate to children of brother Robert Parkinson

One fourth of her estate to children of sister Mary wife of George Parker

One fourth of her estate to children of late sister Alice, wife of Roger Kenyon

£10 each to kinsman John Parkinson of Woodgates in Chipping and to John Carlisle of Chipping, clerk.

Executors: Roger Kenyon and John Parkinson.

Signed: Ann Park

Dated 2.3.1800

Witnessed: George Parkinson, Thomas Seed.

Proved 6.10.1800

Value not above £1,000.

Henry Park; Bleasdale; 1812: W/RW/A/R136/4

In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Park of Fairsnape in the Forest of Bleasdale in the Parish of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster, Yeoman, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, but duly mindful of my mortality, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, (hereby revoking all former Wills by me made) in manner and form following, that is to say. First, I will that my just Debts, funeral Expenses and the Probate of this Will be punctually and duly discharged by my executors herein after named. Item. Whereas I am possessed of a certain cottage House and Butcher's Shop situated and being in the village of Chipping and County of Lancaster aforesaid, I hereby give and devise the same to James, my son, to Anne, wife of William Walmsley, to William, to John, to Elizabeth wife of William Bamber, to Robert, to Mary wife of John Walmsley, to Alice wife of Richard Marton, and to Ellen, my children and appoint them co-heirs thereof for ever. Item. As to my interest in my Farm at Fairsnape in Bleasdale aforesaid, I give and devise to my son Robert during the reversion of my present Lease, he paying for the use thereof two hundred pounds, lawful money of Great Britain, to my executors and by them divided among my Sons and Daughters before named equally, share and share alike. Item. As to my crop of Hay and Corn, my stock of cattle consisting in Cows, Horses and Sheep; my implements of Husbandry, and also all my household Furniture, I will that they all be sold by my Executors, to the best advantage, and the amount of money arising from such sale or sales, to be equally divided among my children as aforesaid, share and share alike. Item. My ready money and securities of what kind or nature soever; I will that it be

divided as before devised. But as some of my children have received pecuniary assistance from me, to a greater amount than others (as will appear from my Accounts) I will that what they have respectively received be reckoned in part of what each may hereafter receive so that their shares may all be equal. Item. I also give and bequeath unto Marjery, my present wife, the sum of ten pounds; and if any property, either in land or money, should devolve to me or my children, after her decease, it shall also be divided as aforesaid. Lastly, I hereby nominate Robert Park of Chipping, my son, and John Cutler of Bleasdale, Executors to this my Will, and in them do this my trust repose. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my Name and affixed my Seal, this twenty-fourth Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Henry (seal) Park

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Henry Park to be his last Will and Testament, (the words my children and each thereof being first interlined) in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator, and of each other.

Witness

Joseph Stuart Clerk
Lawrence Hewitt
Thomas Marton

On the 11th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve this will was proved in Common Form and Robert Park of Chipping Farmer one of the executors therein named was sworn well and faithfully to execute and perform the same and so forth (Power being reserved for John Cutler Farmer the other executor in the said will named and that to the best of his Knowledge and Belief the whole of the Personal Estate and Effects of which the Testator within named died possessed within the Archdeaconry of Richmond in the Diocese of Chester did not in real Value amount to the Sum of eight hundred pounds. Before me

Rob. Parkinson Surrogate

The testator died)
24th July 1811)

On reverse: Henry Park's Will. Date 24th April 1811

Wrapper: 11 Jan^y 1812 D. Amoundness Park Henry late of Fairsnape in the parish of Lanc^t Yeoman dec^d his Will ... und £800

John Park; butcher and cattle dealer; Broughton; 1851: W/RW/A/R/190/7

In the name of God, the father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen. I John Park of Broughton, in the County to Lancaster and Hundred of Amounderness, Butcher and Cattle Dealer, being of sound and disposing mind, declare this to be my last Will and Testament. That is to say: I hereby will and bequeath all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever to my beloved wife, Rosa Park, for her sole and entire Use and Benefit after the payment of all my just debts, testamentary and funeral expenses. And I hereby appoint her my sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament – in testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my Hand this eighteenth of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and Forty three.

John Park

The above Will and Testament was
signed by the above named John Park

in the presence of us and by each of
 us, who have hereunto signed our
 names, this eighteenth day of February
 in the year of our Lord One Thousand
 Eight Hundred and Forty three

Rich^d Barton
 Rich^d Parkinson

On reverse: 14 June 1851.... The Will of M^r John Park
 Wrapper: 14 June 1851... Park Jno late of Broughton. Butcher and Cattle Dealer

With will:

		Waste Book	
Lancaster 1 st January 1851			
Cash in hand		1000	“ “
Bills receivable			
N ^o 50	George Brown dec.)	200.0.0	}
	6 th Feb ^y)	}	387.10.0
N ^o 51	George Smith dec.)	187.10.0	}
	9 th Feb ^y)	}	
Wine			
Port	57 pipes at 60 ^s p pipe	3420	
Sherry	37 Hhds at £40 p Hhd	1480	
Paper	77 Reams at 17 ^s a Ream	65.9.	
Debts	Joseph Strong	87.1.1	
	2 nd		
Sold for cash	2 pipes of Port Wine)	150	
	At £75 per pipe)		
Exchanged	3 Hhds of Sherry at £40	120	
For	100 Yds of cloth at 24 ^s /	120	
	2 nd		
Sold for cash	7 yds of cloth)	8.18.6	
	at 25/6 per yard)		
Bought for cash	58 Reams of paper)	15. 5.0	
	at 22/6 per ream)		
	6 th		
Received Cash for Bill on	George)	200	
	Brown N ^o 50 due this day)		
Received Cash for Bill on	James)	187.10.0	
	Smith N ^o 51 due this day)		

Margery Park; widow; Broughton; 1813: WRW/A/R/136/7

All the moiety of messuage and tenement known as my Uncle's in Fearnihough in Broughton with appurtenances in the occupation of Richard Park as tenant, and all my rights therein to George Singleton, son of my first husband James Singleton deceased. 'But subject and charged with one moiety of an annuity of nine pounds issuing and payable thereof for ever And also subject to and charged with the sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds to be raised and paid thereout by my executors by sale or mortgage thereof a year after my decease. 'And as to for and concerning the said sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds together with the sum of one hundred pounds principal money

owing for mortgage from Mr Edward Brown of Preston and eighty pounds principal money owing by my late husband Mr Henry Park deceased and received by his bond to John Pilkington of Preston aforesaid Gentleman and James Heald of the same place Linen Draper?. All the rest to go to John Pilkington and James Heald as execs on trust to issue the following bequests:

Rev Blacow of Fearnihough £10 for the chapel fund

Rev Joseph Dunn and Richard Morgan of Preston £10 for chapel there

Mrs Jefferson of Society of Benedictine nuns at Caverswale Castle in Staffordshire £30

New House Chapel Hollowforth [Barton] £10

Two sons of John Dewhurst of Dutton (slater and flagger) £50 each

Two granddaughters of John Dewhurst (daughters of deceased daughter) £20 each

Unmarried daughter of John Dewhurst £40

Nanny, sister of John Dewhurst and dau of William Dewhurst of Dutton £60

James Dewhurst, brother of Nanny £100

Betty Hollet, dau of Wm Dewhurst £60

Jenny dau of Robert Hardacre £40

Nanny Wilcox, dau of Robert Hardacre £20

Betty dau of Henry Charnock and wife of Henry Jameson £50

Richard Rigby, natural s of Betty Rigby dau of Richard Rigby £30

Children of sister Peggy 20/- each

Trustees of chapel at Chipping Lawn £10 for chapel fund

God-daughter Matty dau of John Walmsley £10

God-son Henry s of Richard Martin £10

Brother James Hamer of Manchester £50, or if he dies first, to Margery dau of James Dewhurst

Betty ?Briyning dau of Nanny dau of Robert Hardacre (child by 1st husband) £20

Children of James Dewhurst £10 each

Betty dau of George Singleton £80

Nancy Walker milliner, dau of Mr John Walker £20

'And unto John Park son of John Park Innkeeper twenty pounds'

All to be paid within a year.

Nanny dau of Wm Dewhurst – feather bed, china and silver spoons

Peggy wife of George Singleton – best gown and two of best shawls

Wife of Henry Jameson 2 gowns and a quilted petticoat

Betty wife of Robert Noblet 1 gown 1 quilted petticoat

Dau of James Dewhurst and Nanny dau of Wm Dewhurst the remainder of my clothes.

Residue to Mrs Jefferson for the Benedictine nuns' fund.

The mark + of Margery Park

Witness: W C Pilkington

John Swarbrick

Thomas Green

Codicil gives £20 apiece more to Betty dau of Hy Charnock, Nanny sister of John Dewhurst and revokes residue to Mrs Jeffries – now goes to Jenny dau of Robert Hardacre. Revokes all the religious donations.

Dated 6.4.1812

Probate values estate at under £1,500

Richard Park junior; farmer; Broughton; 1813: WRW/A/R136/91

This is the last will and testament of me Richard Park junior in the township of Broughton the county of Lancaster, farmer. First it is my will and mind and I order and

direct all my just debts, funeral expenses and the charges of the probate of this my will together with all my just and reasonable charges and expenses of my trustees hereinafter named in the execution of the trusts hereof to be paid and discharged. Then I give, devise and bequeath all my property unto my children, viz Nancy, Elizabeth, Joanna, Richard, John, Lawrence, Hannah and James, the sons to have double the sum of the daughters. Likewise my beloved wife while she continues my widow to have and receive £20 yearly and every year for her own private use to be paid her by my executors and to act as executrix with the advice of my executors for the benefit of my children and to take care that they be educated with sufficient school learning according to the best of her and their judgment. The legacies to be divided when my youngest child reaches the age of 21 years and if any one or more should die before the Trust Fund be divided leaving lawful issue then I order and direct such issue to take in the place or stead of his or their respective father or fathers, mother or mothers and if any of my sons or daughters die without lawful issue then and in that case I order and direct that his or her or their share or shares be divided amongst my surviving sons or daughter share and share alike. Likewise I order and direct that my beloved wife Elizabeth so long as she continues my widow shall have a sufficient maintenance with the rest of my children and if she marry again then and in that case I will and direct that my executors pay to her £10 yearly and every year during the term of her natural life and after her decease the money be divided amongst my surviving sons and daughters or his or her or their lawful issue share and share alike and that they my said trustees their heirs executors administrators or assigns or any of them shall not be charged or chargeable with or accountable for any money but what they shall respectively and actually receive nor for any loss or losses which may happen unless occasioned by his or her willful neglect or default nor for the acts receipts neglects or defaults of the other or others of them. And lastly I hereby revoke and make void all former or other will or wills by me at any time heretofore made and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament and I appoint and nominate my said beloved wife Elizabeth executrix, Ralph Melling of Haighton and Richard Bibby of Broughton yeomen executors, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord 1813.

Richard Park

Richard Park; yeoman; Broughton; 1829: WRW/R151/6

This is the last will and testament of me Richard Park of Broughton in the county of Lancaster yeoman. I hereby revoke and make void all wills and codicils by me at any time or times heretofore made and declare this only to be my last will and testament. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret her executors administrators and assigns All my personal estate and effects whatever of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease. I give and devise all my real estate in Broughton aforesaid where I now reside or elsewhere whereof I am seized in fee or otherwise unto James Tuson of Broughton aforesaid schoolmaster and William Charnley of the same place yeoman In trust that they the said James Tuson and William Charnley or the survivor of them or the heirs of such survivors do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease make sale and absolutely dispose of the same hereditaments and premises by public auction private contract or otherwise for the best price and most money that can be reasonably got for the same. And in order to facilitate such sale or sales I declare that the receipt or receipts of my said trustees or the survivor of them or the heirs of such survivor shall be a sufficient discharge to any purchaser or purchasers of all or any part of my said real estate for such money of his her or their purchase money as in such receipt or receipts shall be acknowledged or expressed to have been received. And that

he purchase or purchasers thereof shall not be answerable for the misapplication or non-application of the same moneys or any part thereof. And it is my will and mind and I do hereby declare that after the whole of my real estate shall have been sold and the moneys received by my said trustees as aforesaid, then upon trust that they my said trustees or the survivor of them or the heirs executors or administrators of such survivor do or shall in the first place pay and discharge thereout the principal sum of £100 with interest now charged on my said real estate together with all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the expense incident and attending the sale and sales and the making a good and proper title to the purchaser or purchasers. And it is my will and mind that my said trustees do and shall out of the monies to arise from such sale or sales after payment and satisfaction as aforesaid retain or place out at interest the sum of £20 upon good security and do and shall yearly apply the interest arising unto my granddaughter Ann daughter of my daughter Lucy towards her maintenance and also do and shall pay unto my granddaughter Ann daughter of my daughter Lucy when she shall attain the age of 21 years or upon her marriage which shall first happen the said principal sum of £20. But if my said granddaughter Lucy shall happen to die before she attains the age of 21 years or without having married then the said principal sum of £20 with all interest due thereon at the time of her decease shall be paid and equally divided between and amongst my children hereinafter named or their respective representatives. And that my said trustees do and shall divide the residue of the monies to arise from such sale or sales after payment and satisfaction as aforesaid into six equal parts or shares and pay one sixth part thereof unto each of my children hereinafter named to whom I give and bequeath the same, that is to say Margaret, John, James, Hannah, Betty and the children of my late son Richard. And I do declare and direct that in case any of my said children shall happen to die before their or any of their legacies shall become payable though such death or deaths may happen in my lifetime, the same legacy or legacies shall go and be paid unto and amongst the issue of such child or children so dying as aforesaid if more than one share and share alike but if only one then to such child solely. And it is my will and mind and I do hereby declare that the said James Tuson and William Charnley their or either of their executors administrators or assigns shall not be charged or chargeable but only each or them for his and their own respective receipts payments acts and willful defaults and not otherwise nor with any sum or sums of money other than such as shall actually come to his or their hands respectively by virtue of this my will or for any loss or damage which may happen by reason of the said executorship or the execution or performance of any of the trusts hereby in them reposed without his or their willful neglect or default. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said James Tuson and William Charnley or the survivor of them or the execs etc of such survivor by and out of the trust monies and premises in themselves as aforesaid to deduct and reimburse themselves all such loss costs and charges damages and expenses as they or either of them respectively shall or may bear suffer expend or be put unto. And also all such sum or sums of money as they or either of them shall reasonably deserve for their ... care pains and trouble And lastly I nominate and appoint the said James Tuson and William Charnley executors of this my will. In witness whereof I the said testator Richard Park have to this my will set my hand and seal this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord 1828.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Richard Park

Jas: Dixon
?F Sipping?

John Blackhurst

On the fifth day of March in the year of our Lord 1829 this will of Richard Park late of Broughton in the parish of Preston in the co. of Lancs and the archdeaconry of Richmond in the diocese of Chester yeoman who departed this life on or about the 8th day of January 1829 was proved in common form and James Tuson and William Charnley of Broughton in the parish of Preston in the co. of Lancs executors therein named were sworn well and faithfully to execute and perform the same and so forth and that according to the best of the knowledge and information and belief of the said James Tuson and William Charnley the whole of the goods chattels and credits of which the said Richard Park died possessed within the archdeaconry of Richmond and the diocese of Chester (exclusive of what the testator might have been possessed of or entitled to as a trustee for any other person or persons and not beneficially and without deducting anything on account of the debts due and owing by and from the said testator) were under the value of £100. Before me, Henry Porter surrogate.

On reverse: Dated 10th May 1828 The last will and testament of Richard Park of Broughton in the co. of Lancaster.

Wrapper: 5th March 1829 D Amounderness Park Richard late of Broughton yeoman.

James Parke; yeoman; Hambleton; 1728: WRW/A/68A/1

In the name of God amen, I James Parke of Hambleton in the co. of Lancs yeoman do make this my last will and testament as followeth. And first I order and direct my debts and funeral expenses to be first paid and then I give to my son John Parke his heirs and assigns all my messuages and tenements called Shard and Towbrick and to my son William his heirs and assigns all that my estate called Hungrymoor about 24 acres and 10 acres in Rawcliffe in my own possession and 5 acres more in possession of William Taylor or his under-tenants. And I give to my son James his heirs and assigns all that estate now in the possession of John Ashton of Rawcliffe aforesaid and I do likewise give and devise unto my daughter Mary her execs, admins, and assigns all that my estate called Crooklands Such ... and interest as I have therein and to my daughter Issabell her heirs and assigns all that my estate called Skittam House and to my daughter Elizabeth I give and bequeath the sum of £300 to be raised out of my personal estate if the same will amount to that sum, if not to be raised out of the yearly profits of my said estate during the minority of my said sons and to be paid to her at the age of 21 years or marriage whether shall first happen and I do hereby charge the estate called Hungrymoor before given to my son William with the payment of £100 to my said daughter Issabell above what before given to her and I do hereby order that my son James shall have paid twice a year by his brothers William and John £5 a piece towards his maintenance until the said John lease determine and to begin at his age of 21 years. And I do likewise direct that all my children be maintained out of the profits of my said estate until their respective ages of 21 years or marriages and then to be severally seized and possessed thereof as before given. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear friends James Poole, Henry Hall and George Thompson execs of this my will hoping they will see the same justly performed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this 13th day of November AD 1728.

James Parke

Sealed signed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the testator in our presence and by us attested in our sight.

William Hornby Juret

Thomas Blackburn

Richard Tennant

Decimo quarto die Mensis April ...1729
Jacobus Pool Henricus Hall et Georgius Thompson executores in hoc
testamento nominati jurati? fuere? de bene di? coram me.

Roberto Loxham

James Parke of Hambleton Kirkham yeoman 14th April 1729
D Amounderness Park Jacobi nuper de Hambleton parochial de Kirkham yeoman
defunct.

John Parke; husbandman; Out Rawcliffe; 16563: WRW/A/R64A/4

In the name of God amen the day and year above said, I John Parke of Out Rawcliffe in the co. of Lancs husbandman, find myself oftentimes weak, silly and full of infirmity incident to old age, and calling to mind man's mortality, brevity and shortness of life, and the uncertainty of death and how many are suddenly cut off, not having time nor space to make their will nor to leave any ?readiness touching the disposing of their goods by reason thereof then arises dissention and falling out among friends. To prevent this, knowing by experience it to be true and now mindful (being in perfect memory thanks be to God) and do now make my last will and testament touching the disposing of my temporal goods as God hath blessed me withall (that there may be no dissention nor falling out among my children and friends at after my death) in manner and form following. First and principally I give and surrender up again unto God my sweet saviour and redeemer my soul who gave the same to me, steadfastly trusting that through his merits and bloodshedding it to be received up into heaven into that place of unspeakable bliss and glory, there to reign with Christ in perpetual joy for ever; Secondly, for my body, that I commit unto the earth from whence it came, to be buried in Christian burial at the church of St. Michael as near unto my departed friends as conveniently may be, there to rest until it be awaked with thousands more at the sound of the last trumpet calling to judgment which resurrection I hope will be joyful unto me when my soul and body shall meet together and shall receive their perfect fullness of joy and blessedness; Thirdly for my goods, what debts I am owing must first be paid and taken out of the whole, then the rest are to be divided into three parts, videlicet, that is to say, one part to my wife, another to my children and I assume and take to myself and I do dispose of the same as followeth. First, I give unto any poor person that shall come to my burial on my funeral day as well at the church as at my own house and also by the way, to each of them a penny. Item, I give unto the house of God, namely the church of St. Michael (in hope that I have leave of the parish to be buried within the church,) 3 shillings and 4 pence. Item, I give unto my daughter Jane, her children whom I am grandfather unto, 20 shillings to be equally divided amongst them, and it is my will and mind that the said 20 shillings shall immediately after my death be set out by my executors to use for their best profit during the time of their nonages and then to be paid to every of them their proportionable part as they shall severally attain and come to their full age. Item, I give and bequeath to John Parke, son of my brother Hugh Parke, whom I am godfather unto 12 pence. Item, I give and bequeath unto Jane Parke, (daughter of my late brother Richard Parke) 12 pence. Item, I give unto every servant that shall be dwelling with me at my departure to each of them 12 pence. Item, it is my will and mind that my son Richard Parke shall have (if he desire the same) the standing bed in my chamber, the ?ambeme? in the house, the dishbord in the kitchen, the ?shillner in the buttery and milkhouse, and the great meale ?arle in the kitchen according as they are valued by praisement and do take them in his child's portion. Item, I give and bequeath unto my brother Hugh Parke five shillings; And for the remainder of my part of goods whatsoever after my debts paid forth of the whole these my legacies, funeral expenses,

and all other dues rightly taken up and paid, I do hereby give and bequeath unto Jane Parke my now wife hoping she will continue (as she hath ever been) a most dear and loving mother unto my children, Item, I constitute ordain appoint and make Jane Parke my wife and Richard Parke my son lawful executors of this my will, hoping they will perform the same according as my reposed trust is in them. And I do hereby desire my brother Hugh Parke to be as overseer of this my will, to aid and assist my said executors for the performing of the same, which desire hope my said brother Hugh Parke will not deny me.

In record hereof
 Thomas T Parke
 John X Bushell
 Hugh Parke

John Parke
 John Park
 his own hand

Debts owing me as followeth	£	s	d
Imp. My son Richard Parke	3	5	6
It. Owed by my brother Hugh	4	15	3
By bill			
Debts which I owe			
Imp. to my son John Parke		8	0 0
It. To my brother Hugh for wheat			7 0

October 1663

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above-bounden Jane Parke and Richard Parke do well and ruly administer belonging unto John Parke late of Out Rawcliffe..... and exhibit a true and perfect inventory.....

Jane X Parke Her mark
 Richard Parke

Richard Parke; yeoman; Hambleton; 1668: WRW/A/151/6

In the name of God amen the 11th day of February AD 1668 I Richard Parke of Hambleton in the co of Lancs yeoman, though sick in body of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same do constitute ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and primarily I give my soul into the hands of almighty God my maker hoping by the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer to be made one of his elect children. And my body to Christian burial especially in the chapel or chapel yard of Hambleton aforesaid at the discretion of my execs hereafter named. And concerning my personal estate my will and mind is as followeth. First that all my debts owing to any person or persons shall be paid and discharged out of my whole goods together with my forthbringing and funeral expenses. And whereas I possess the moiety or one equal half part of a boat or barke called the Samaritain of Wyre with the appurtenances with William Thompson of Preesall of the afs co. carpenter the owner of the other half of the said barke. My will and mind is that the moiety of the said barke with the appurtenances belonging to me shall be employed or sold (if need be required) by my execs hereafter named toward the paying and discharging of my debt. And after my forthbringing funeral expenses and all my debt shall be paid and discharged as aforesaid out of my whole goods the remainder being to be divided into three equal parts, one part thereof belonging to Isabell my wife another third to go to my young children equally amongst them and the last part of the said three belonging to me the testator. My will and mind is and I hereby give and bequeath all the said third part to me the said testator to Robert Parke, Richard Parke, Elizabeth now wife of Richard Carter, Ellin Parke and Margaret

Parke sons and daughters of me Richard Parke the said testator equally to be divided amongst them. And concerning my real estate whereas I have houle possession and to me and my heirs certain lands tenements, hereditaments with the ?fences? My will and mind is and I hereby charge and appoint that the sum of four score pounds of lawful money of England shall be levied and raised received and taken up out of the fruits issues and profits which shall Immediately after the decease of me the testator next arise grow From my said land hereditaments and premises for the use and behoof of the said Elizabeth now wife of the said Richard Carter, Ellin Parke, Margaret Parke and Richard Parke to be employed and bestowed equally amongst them (that is to say) to every of them £20 in or their portion to be had out of the said land here situate and premises, and that my execs hereafter named shall stand and be seized and possessed of and in the said land and premises until the said Robert Parke son and heir of me the testator shall have accomplished the full age of 21 years and that they shall during the time of the minority of the said Robert Parke levy and raise.... Out of the issue and profit ... arising out of or from the said land hereditament or premises so much or such sum or sums of the said sum of fourscore pounds as conveniently they may or can over and (besides the maintaining of the said Robert, Richard and Margaret Parke as aforesaid) shall be paid equally betwixt the said Elizabeth wife of Richard Carter and the said Ellin Parke until the said Margaret Parke shall attain her full age of 21 years and immediately after she the said Margaret shall have accomplished her said age she shall have and receive yearly the third part of the said And from and after the said Robert Parke shall attain his full age of 21 years then my will and mind is and I hereby charge and appoint the said Robert Parke to pay all the residue and remainder of the said sum of fourscore pounds which shall appear on ... account made by the execs hereafter named to be in arrears behind and unpaid and to be paid in manner and form following (that is to say) that he the said Robert Parke shall pay or cause to be paid the yearly sum of £10 of lawful money of England as one year shall next and immediately succeed another to the said Elizabeth wife of the said Richard Carter the said Ellin Parke and Margaret Parke his sisters equally amongst them until they had and received each of them ... whole their said sums or portions of £20. My will and mind that the said Richard Parke my younger son shall be maintained upon the said land and premises with meat drink and clothing until he shall have accomplished the full age of 21 years. And immediately after he shall attain his full age that then the said Robert Parke shall pay or cause to be paid to him the said Richard Parke his said portion of £20 of lawful money of England being the last and final payment of the said sum of fourscore pounds. And if any of my said young children shall happen to die before they have received their said portion my will and mind is that the said portion or portions of him them or any of them so dying or so much thereof that at his her or any of their death or deaths shall be behind and unpaid shall be and remain payable to the survivor or survivors. (The portion given to the said Elizabeth wife of Richard Carter only excepted). Lastly I nominate ordain and appoint Robert Parke of Hambleton afs my kinsman and the said Richard Carter my son-in-law my true and lawful execs of this my last will and testament hoping they will perform the same as my trust in them reposes.

Sealed signed and delivered in the presence of

Hugh Parke jurat

John Stephen

..... Baine

The mark of

the RP testator

Anthony Parkinson; shopkeeper; Clitheroe; 1824: WCW/Supra/ C798A/22

Proved 15.2.1824

Wife Betty Parkinson and John Lofthouse tailor of Clitheroe named trustees and executors. House by name of Lower House and associated lands in Whittingham to above in trust to pay off debts and funeral expenses from rents. Property to go to son John, but rents to trustees until youngest daughter Alice is 21. Legacies of £200 each to daughters Mary Ann and Alice from profits. Dwelling house in Bawdlands in Clitheroe to wife Betty. All other goods and chattels to wife, except watch to son John. Profits from Whittingham estate to be used for education and support of children.
Dated 5.7.1823.

Witnesses: Robert Parker, William Bennett, Richard Smith

Henry Rishton; Halewood; 1722: DDK/150/26

In the name of God amen, 25th April 1722, I Henry Rishton of Halewood being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed to all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive by mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to bless me I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Rishton all my real and personal estate during her life. Then I give and bequeath unto my eldest son James Rishton all my real estate in lands and tenements after the decease of my wife Elizabeth Rishton to be sufficiently maintained till they come to 16 yrs of age. (sic) Item, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Daniel Rishton the sum of £20 to be paid .. so soon as he shall attain the age of 21 years of age which said sum is to be raised out of my real estate aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Rishton the sum of £20 to be paid .. so soon as she shall attain the age of 21 years of age which said sum is to be raised out of my personal estate. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Rishton the sum of £20 to be paid .. so soon as she shall attain the age of 21 years of age which said sum is to be raised out of my personal estate. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ellen Rishton the sum of £20 to be paid .. so soon as she shall attain the age of 21 years of age which said sum is to be raised out of my personal estate. Item it is further my will and mind that if any of my children happen to die before they reach the age of 21 yrs that the money be equally divided amongst the rest of my children. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Lawresson? The sum of 5/- to be paid to her out of my personal estate.

And lastly I do constitute make and ordain my loving wife Eliz Rishton my sole exec of this my last will and testament hoping she will ratify and confirm the same as my trust is in her reposed. (Revokes former wills) In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day above written.

Henry Rishton his mark (loco sig) signed, sealed, published, pronounced and delivered, as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers: Joseph Moores, Robert Rishton, John Morris

Proved 15.11.1722

Henry Rishton; gentleman; Kirkham; 1776: WRW/A

Bequeaths all messuages, lands, tenements etc in Preston, Blackburn, Alston with Hothersall and Goosnargh to his mother Alice Buck, widow of Rev Charles Buck.

Thomas Sowerbutts; yeoman; Dutton; 1693; WRW/A/R77C/5

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Sowerbutts of Dutton in the County of Lancaster Yeoman this fifth day of February Ann^o 1693 not being well in body but of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same is willing to make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I commend my soule into the hands of Jesus Christ my Saviour and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named after my debts paid and funeral expenses performed I give and bequeath as follows all my goods and chattels in my possession now I divided into ten equall pairts to be equally divided between Serow my wife and Serow Cottom my Grandchild I give and bequeath unto Richard Cottom my son-in-law within Twelve months after my decease Three score pound And for one hundred pounds more I give to the use of my wife while she liveth and after the death of my wife I give and bequeath to Serow Cottom my grandchild if she be living at my wife decease fifty pound and if she die before my wife I give the rest and residue of the fifty pounds to be equally divided amongst the children of Richard Cottam of Dutton I give and bequeath to James Bradley of Bailey one bed stid in the new chamber one cobard in the fire house and one cobard in the botery forther if James Bradley pay six shillings and six pence within one year after my decease he shall have the table in the firehouse and one bedstid in the lower loft after the deceas of my brother John Sowerbutts I nominate and appoint Sarah ^{jurat} my wife and Richard Cottom ^{jurat} my son in law executors I devise and appoint my Loving Brother Henry Dewhurst of Clayton and my cosin Ellise Cottom of Ribchester both yeomans feffes and overseers of this my last will and testament hoping the will for it performed In witness whereof I have hereto put my hand and seal the day and year above written

Thomas Sowerbutts

Sealed signed delivered
in the presence of us
John Cuttler
Elizabeth + Cottom her mark
Thomas Jackson ^{jurat}

Ann Swarbrick; widow; Cockhill, Hothersall; 1782: WRW/A/R114a/88

In the name of God amen. I, Ann Swarbrick late of Ribchester but now of Cockhill in Hothersall in the county palatine of Lancaster widow, do publish and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first it is my desire that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, and I direct that all and every my just debts my funeral expenses and the expenses attending the probate of this my will shall be paid and discharged out of my personal estate as soon after my decease as conveniently may be. I give and bequeath unto my son Richard for his own use and benefit such of my household goods and other goods chattels and utensils as he shall have in his custody at the time of my decease in any wise belonging to me and unto my daughter Mary such other household goods and other goods chattels and utensils as she shall have in her custody at the time of my decease in any wise belonging to me. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Ann, the daughter of my late son Robert deceased the sum of £3 for her own use and benefit. I give and bequeath unto my grandson John son of my late son Robert deceased the sum of £7 and to my granddaughters Elizabeth and Mary the daughters of my late son Robert deceased the sum of £10 apiece for their own use and benefit, all which and several legacies are to

be paid by my executors hereinafter named to the said legatees respectively within twelve months next after my decease and the same are intended and expressly declared to be in full of all claims and demands which the said several legatees or any of them have or hath under the will of my late husband John Swarbrick deceased . And I give unto my grandson George son of my late daughter Elizabeth deceased the late wife of William Crutchley the sum of £40 to be paid to my same grandson when he shall attain the age of 21 years. But if he shall happen to die under that age then I direct that the said sum of £40 shall sink into the residuum of my personal estate and shall be divided and applied as herein mentioned. And I direct the executors of this my will to pay the sum of £40 to my said son Richard Swarbrick who I hereby entrust to put out the same upon security at interest and my desire is that the yearly interest of the said last mentioned sum of £40 shall from time to time be paid by my said son Richard unto my daughter Margaret for the term of her natural life for her whole and separate use, and I hereby will and expressly declare that no part of such yearly interest shall be subject to the control debts or engagements of Richard Hodgkinson the husband of my said daughter Margaret whose receipt alone notwithstanding her Shall be a sufficient discharge to my said son Richard as well as to my said executors and I will and declare that the said principal sum of £40 shall after the decease of my said daughter Margaret be returned by my said son Richard unto the hands of my executors who are to pay and apply the same in such manner as is hereby directed touching the residue of my personal estate. And I give and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my goods, chattels personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what shape and nature soever after payment of my said debts funeral expenses the charges attending the probate hereof and the said legacies and sums of money heretofore specified unto and equally amongst my sons and daughters Thomas, Richard, John, James and Mary share and share alike absolutely forever in sole discharge nevertheless of all demands which they or any of them have or hath or can or may claim under the last will and testament of my said late husband deceased. And I do hereby make constitute and appoint my friends William Fisher of Sholley Hall? in the said county of Lancaster minister and George Hull of Thistleton in the parish of Kirkham in the said county yeoman joint executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1781.

An Swarbrick x her mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Ann Swarbrick the testator as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witness hereto.

Robert Kay

N Carr

April 3rd 1782

George Hull executor in this will named was sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same and so forth. Power being reserved for Richard Fisher the other executor in the said will named.

Before me Robt Parkinson, Surrogate.

Wrapper says D Amounderness 1782 Swarsbrick Ann late of Ribchester last of Hutherslack? Dec'd her will. Inventory ... above £300.

James Swarbrick; yeoman; Weeton: 1734: WRWA

In the name of God amen, I James Swarbrick of Weeton in the co of Lancs yeoman being sick infirm of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God

for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking and making void all other will or wills by me heretofore made or declared. First I bequeath my soul to almighty God hoping through the merits of my saviour Jesus Christ to inherit eternal life and my body to Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named. And touching my temporal estate I dispose of as follows. First it is my will and mind and I do hereby order and direct that my just debts funeral expenses and the probate of this my will be paid and discharged. Then I bequeath to my son Edward Swarbrick all my messuage and tenement in Great Plumpton with all my interest therein except the dwelling house I now live in with one garden and orchard opposite to the same and it is my will and mind that my tenement in Weeton shall be new leased for and the charges of the same shall be accounted my own proper debt. All which debts and legacies hereafter named shall be equally charged upon the two aforesaid estates in Plumpton and Weeton. First I give and bequeath to my daughter Margret the sum of £40 to be paid as follows to wit the sum of £20 at the end of 4 years after my decease and the sum of £20 at the end of 2 years following that payment. Also to my daughter Izabel I give and bequeath £30 15 of which to be paid at the end of 7 years after my decease the other 15 the year next following. Also to my two daughters Elizabeth and Mary £30 each half of which to be paid equal betwixt them at the end of 9 years after my decease and the other half the year following. It is my will and mind that if any of my three daughters Izabell, Elizabeth or Mary shall happen to die before the time their legacies become due then such legacy when due shall be equally divided betwixt all my children then living both sons and daughters. It is my further will and mind that if any of my three daughters be out of health (namely Izabell, Elizabeth and Mary) or otherways not capable to maintain themselves they shall be care taken of until able by my two sons aforesaid equally. Also at the end of five years I give and bequeath unto my four daughters Margret, Izabel, Elizabeth and Mary the house garden and orchard above excepted during their single estate but if they marry then I give the said house garden and orchard to my son John. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate real and personal I give unto my sons Edward and John with power to sell after the lease be procured those seven closes called the High Cars Bambers Cars and the town...dale. Lastly I constitute and appoint my two sons Edward and John with my beloved kinsman Edward Bickerstaffe of Singleton executors of this my last will and testament hoping they will see the same performed as my last trust is in them reposed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord God 1734.

Sealed signed published and declared by the within named James Swarbrick to be his last will and testament in our presence and attested in his sight by us:

James Smith

Lydia + Smith her mark

Richard Robinson

James Swarbrick

This 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord 1735 Edward Swarbrick John Swarbrick and Edward Bickerstaffe execs named in this will took the oath to be taken by executors before me William Dixon Surrogate.

James Swarbrick; yeoman; Great Singleton; 1748: WRW/A/R/81B/65

Know all men.... James Parker, husband of Dorothy Swarbrick of Singleton, Robert Hornby of Warton in Kirkham, yeoman.

Will refers to:

Wife Margaret, all land in Great Singleton

Brother Thomas

Daughter Dorothy
Late brother William
Late son Miles
Sister-in-law Jennet Swarbrick
Brother-in-law Robert Hornby
Friend Edward Swarbrick of Singleton – one of executors.
Inventory includes 2 cows, 1 heifer, calf, swine, gear and goods in house, £50 ready money on security. Total £85 6/6

John Swarbrick; husbandman; Singleton Grange; 1749: WRW/A/R996/102

Date: 10.8.1749

In the name of God amen, I John Swarbrick of Singleton Grange of the co. of Lancaster husbandman, being infirm of body but of sound mind and memory praised be to God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following hereby revoking and making void all former will and wills by me heretofore made or declared. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God and my body to Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named. As touching my temporal effects I dispose of as follows. And first it is my will and mind and I do hereby order and direct that my just debts, funeral expenses and the probate of this my will be paid and discharged. Then I give to my beloved wife Ann the sum of £40 to be paid to her when my daughter Elling shall attain to the age of 14 years and not before then. I give unto my son Robart the sum of £10 to be paid immediately after my death, the residue I give to all the rest of my children, Margret, Thomas, Mary, Ann, Richard, John, James, Elizabeth and Elling to be equally divided amongst them when my daughter Elling attains the age of 14 years of age which will be in the tear of our Lord 1761 during which time it is my will that the above said £40 to my wife and the said residue to my nine younger children shall be put to use or otherways employed at the discretion of my executors the interest or other advantages arising from the said money to be employed to the maintenance of my said children, (Robart excepted) according to their necessity at the discretion of my executors, but if any of them dies before the expiration of the said 14 years then their part or parts of legacies shall be equally divided amongst the surviving children so as Robart be equally with the rest proportioning the benefit of this legacy with payment of the rest. It is further my will that if my executors find that the interest or other advantages will allow anything above maintenance of my said children then I give to my children £10 each as they come to age yet so as the same with time of receiving it be proportional that my children be all equal when my daughter Elling comes to 14 years of age. It is also my will that if my wife die before the aforesaid time then her legacy to be divided amongst all my children in the like proportion as aforesaid. Lastly I constitute and appoint my dear wife executrix and Richard Robinson and John Robinson both of Singleton executors of this my last will hoping they will see the same performed as my trust is in them reposed. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord God 1747-8.

Sealed signed published and declared by the within-named John Swarbrick to be his last will and testament in our presence and attested by us in his sight –

Richard Gregson

John Swarbrick

John Heslam

August 10th in the year of our Lord 1749

Ann Swarbrick, Richard Robinson and John Robinson executors of this will, were sworn well and truly to execute the same before me

Robert Loxham

Surrogate

Wrapper: D Amounderness 1749 Swarbrick John late of Singleton Grange in the co of Lancs Husbandman dec'd his will Invy £349 12.0. Also inventory and obligation.

Obligation

Binds Ann Swarbrick, Richard and John Robinson to perform the last will and testament of John Swarbrick yeoman late of Great Singleton in the parish of Kirkham.

Richard Swarbrick; yeoman; Hothersall; 1797: WRW/A /R120/60

This is the last will and testament of me Richard Swarbrick of Hothersall in the co. of Lancs yeoman which I do hereby make publish and declare in manner and form following, that is to say; first I do order and direct that all my debts funeral and testamentary expenses the cost and charges of the probate of this my will and of my trustees and executors in and about the executing of the trusts thereof shall be paid and satisfied forth out of my personal estate with the payment whereof I do charge the same. And from and after payment and satisfaction, then I do give and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate and effects (except such part thereof as is hereafter by me given and bequeathed to my wife and children) unto my executors hereinafter named. In trust nevertheless that they and the survivors and survivor of them shall and do immediately on my youngest child attaining the age of 16 years (living to attain that age) make the same into money and pay and divide the same unto all and every my children who shall then be living equally amongst them share and share alike, And in the meantime to pay and apply the same or the interest produce thereof or such part thereof to augment the money or for the benefit and advantage or for or towards their maintenance education and bringing up in such way or manner as they or the survivors or survivor of them shall in their, his or her discretion think proper and most for the advantage of my said children. As for and concerning my real estate, I dispose thereof as followeth, All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester in the said county marked No. 1 I do give and devise unto my eldest daughter Ann Swarbrick her heirs and assigns for ever. All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester marked No.2 I do give and devise unto and to the use of my son John Swarbrick his heirs and assigns for ever. All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester marked No.3 I do give and devise unto and to the use of my daughter Betty Swarbrick her heirs and assigns for ever. All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester marked No.4 I do give and devise unto and to the use of my son Richard Swarbrick his heirs and assigns for ever. All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester marked No.5 I do give and devise unto and to the use of my daughter Ellen Swarbrick her heirs and assigns for ever. All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester marked No.6 I do give and devise unto and to the use of my daughter Margaret Swarbrick her heirs and assigns for ever. All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester marked No.7 I do give and devise unto and to the use of my daughter Alice Swarbrick her heirs and assigns for ever. All that my messuage or dwelling house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Ribchester marked No.8 I do give and devise unto and to the use of my daughter Mary Swarbrick her heirs and assigns for ever. But the said 8 messuages or dwelling houses to be subject and charged nevertheless as hereinafter mentioned as to the said dwelling house marked number 8

devised to my said daughter Mary as aforesaid I do reserve and devise the use of so much ad such part thereof as will be sufficient for a dwelling house for my wife (in the discretion of my other executors) to her my said wife to her own use only during her life if she shall so long continue my widow but not longer. And as to the whole of the said eight houses subject and charged with the payment of an annuity of six pounds a year to my said wife for her life as hereinafter mentioned. And I do also give and devise to my wife one annuity or yearly rent charge of six pounds for her life if she shall so long continue my widow but not longer, with all and every the usual powers of entry and distress for recovery thereof in case of non-payment thereof to be paid and payable out of the interest and produce of my personal estate if it shall be sufficient for that purpose and the deficiency if any out of the said eight dwelling houses in equal proportions. I do give and bequeath unto my said wife during the term of her natural life if she shall so long continue my widow one bed and bedding and all things thereunto belonging and furniture sufficient for one room at the discretion of my executors, and after her decease or marriage which shall first happen the same to fall into and be considered part of my personal estate bequeathed as aforesaid. All that my close piece or parcel of land situate in Ribchester aforesaid called Isabel Hole and all my barn and buildings situate in Ribchester aforesaid called Randall Barn with their appurtenances I do give and devise unto the use of my sons John Swarbrick and Richard Swarbrick their heirs and assigns for ever equally as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. And I do give and bequeath unto my said daughters, Betty, Margaret, Alice and Mary and my son Richard each one bed, bedding and all things thereunto for their own use forever. And lastly, I do hereby revoke all former and other will ad wills by me at any time heretofore made and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament and thereof do nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Elle and my brothers John Swarbreck and James Swarbreck executrix and executors of this my will hoping they will see the trusts thereof duly performed as my trust in them is reposed. In witness whereof I the said Richard Swarbrick the testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Richard Swarbrick the testator as and for his last will and testament in the sight and presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names, as witnesses to attest his execution thereof, in his the said testator's sight and presence and in the sight and presence of each other.
Witness hear to James Rishton, Henry Ireland, Rob^t Barton
Richard Swarbrick – a very shaky signature, his mark

July 1st 1797

Ellen Swarbreck and James Swarbreck executrix and executor in this will named were sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same, and so forth, and that they believed all the personal effects the testator within-named died possessed of will not in their real value amount to the sum of £1000. Power being reserved for John Swarbreck the other executor in the said will named before me.

Rob^t Parkinson Surrogate

Wrapper reads: 1 July, 1797 D (Deanery) Amounderness, Swarbreck Richard, late of Hothersall within the co. of Lancaster yeoman dec'd his will, inv: ... under £1000. On will: Mr Richard Swarbreck's will.

Richard Swarbrick; chapman; Preston; 1803: WRW/A/R126/87

Leaves to wife and then to brother James. No children mentioned.

Richard Swarbrick; butcher; Longridge, Alston; 1859: Lancs District Reg WLa 1/2

This is the last will and testament of me Richard Swarbrick of Longridge in the township of Alston in the parish of Ribchester and the county of Lancs butcher which I make and declare in manner and form following. And first I give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret or Peggy Swarbrick all that my freehold cottage or dwelling house being number 4 in the old club row in Longridge and now in the occupation of William Alston to have and to hold the same during her life. And then immediately after her decease I give and devise the said freehold cottage with all and every its appurtenances unto and to the use of my son Richard Swarbrick his heirs and assigns for ever - likewise I give and devise unto my said son Richard S all those my two freehold cottages situate at or near the stone quarries in the township of Dilworth unto and to the use of him my sd son for and during his life. And then immediately after his decease unto the use of his child or children then unto his lawful heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Thomas Swarbrick the sum of £10. Likewise I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Ann Dugdale a child ~~of my daughter~~ the sum of £10.

Likewise I give and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate and effects whatsoever household goods furniture book and other debts owing unto me. And also all my several freehold cottages gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging and all other my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever lying or being of what kind or nature soever unto my exec and executrix hereinafter named upon trust nevertheless and for the uses intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned of and concerning the same, that is to say that my executor or executrix or the survivor of them or exec or admin of such survivor do or shall as soon after my decease as conveniently may be sell dispose of and sell all and singular my real and personal estate and convert the whole which doth not consist of money into money. And sell all and every my freehold cottages and appurtenances thereto belonging and all my real estate either by public auction or private contract as to them may seem best for the most money that can be reasonably be gotten for the same. And to make and execute all such deeds conveyances and assurances in the law as shall be necessary and proper for perfecting the sale and transfer thereof. And the receipt or receipts of them my trustees or the survivor of them or the heir exec or admin of such survivor shall or may be a good and satisfactory discharge to any purchaser or purchasers of my real or personal estate of for so much is acknowledged to be received notwithstanding any misapplication or non-application thereof.

And then upon trust with the money arising therefrom to pay and discharge all my just debts funeral expenses and the charge of the probate of this my will and all the cost charge trouble and expenses attending the due execution thereof.

And then upon trust I order and direct the residue and remainder thereof to be paid given and divided unto equally amongst my children, namely my seven daughters, Ellen, Alice, Betty, Mary, Margaret, Nancy and Agnes share and share alike. And such of them as are now dead and may die in the meantime and left issue, that is any child, children or grandchild, it is my will and mind that such issue may and shall receive their deceased parent's share.

And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint Oliver, the son of John Hothersall of Alston, yeoman, and my daughter Ellen Wilkinson of Alston, widow, joint executor and executrix of this my will, hoping as my trust is in them reposed, that they will faithfully and truly execute the same. In witness whereof I the aforesaid Richard Swarbrick the

testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 21st day of January 1852.

Richard Swarbrick (LS) Signed sealed and declared by the above-named RS the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto, 5 words in this page being struck out – John Parkinson grocer, Thomas Wilcock, surveyor.

Proved 31st Jan 1859 by Helen Wilkinson daughter, widow, one of the executors therein named.

Effects under £100

Resworn £200.

Thomas Swarbrick; yeoman; Ribchester; 1807: WRW/A/R126/90

Mentions wife, children Thomas, Peggy, Nancy, John.

Thomas Swarbrick; Ribchester; 1821: WRW/A/R153b/63

Mentions brother John, son John, son John's late wife Helen, Ann Ertham and Thomas Swarbrick – son John's children, execs from Hothersall

Thomas Turner; husbandman; Catterall, Garstang; 1766: WRW/R 105/109

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Turner of Catterall within the parish of Garstang and the co. of Lancs, husbandman, being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills by me made either by word or writing. First my will and mind is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged. I give unto my son Robert the oak chest that is now at George Booker's in Garstang Churchtown that was my mother's, and a pair of buckskin breeches that are now in my dwelling house. Also I give to my daughter Anne my clothes chest that is now in my said dwelling house. I give unto my son John the sum of one pound and one shilling. Also I give unto my daughter Elizabeth the sum of one pound and ten shillings and likewise I give unto my son Thomas all the remainder of my wearing apparel and the sum of one pound and one shilling. All which separate legacies my will and mind is that my executors hereafter named do pay and discharge the same within twelve months next after my decease. Also all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever I give to my beloved wife Jane in order to bring up my daughter Ellin, which said rest residue and remainder my will and mind is that my executors hereafter named do pay apart thereof yearly and every year as they shall see occasion for the uses above mentioned.. But in case my said wife fortune to marry again, then I give to my daughter Ellin all such rest and residue and remainder as shall happen to be in the executors' hands at such marriage. But in case my daughter fortune to die before my beloved wife marry again, then I give all the rest residue and remainder unto my beloved wife to use at her will and pleasure. Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Robert and Paul Kilshaw of Catteral aforesaid husbandman executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1765.

Signed sealed published and declared

to be the testator's last will and
testament in the presence of us
who have subscribed our names

Thomas Turner
his mark

as witnesses.

Sarah Sudeall

John Richardson

Reverse: Amounderness 1766, Turner Thomas late of Catteral in the parish of Garstang dec, his will. Inv respited under £20.

Jan 1st 1766 Robert Turner and Paul Kilshaw execs in this will named were sworn well and faithfully to execute and perform the same and so forth, and that they believed all the personal effects the testator within named died possessed of will not in their real value amount to the sum of twenty pounds.

Before me: James Pedder, surrogate.

Reynold Walker; husbandman; Leagram; 1675; WRW/A/R89A/14

In the name of God amen the seventh day of October in the 22nd year of the reign of our gracious Sovereign Lord Charles the second king of England and in the year of our Lord God 1675 I Raynold Walker of Leagram in the county of Lancaster and diocese of Chester husbandman being sick and infirm of body but of perfect memory and understanding (praised be almighty God) do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following vide: first and principally I bequeath my soul to God my maker trusting through the meritorious death and passion of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to be one of the happy number to whom that ... sentence shall be pronounced come ye blessed of my father inherit the kingdom of heaven prepared for you from the beginning of the world and my body to Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter nominated; and concerning my temporal estate I give and bequeath as followeth first I give and assign all my part of the title interest or tenant right which Thomas Slater and I have of a certain parcel of Moss or new improved ground in Leagram by a joint lease from Mr Sherburn to Richard Walker my son his heirs executors administrators or assigns during the residue and remainder of my title or tenant right therein by virtue of the said lease in any wise; And concerning my goods it is my will and mind that in the first place my debts be paid forth of the whole; And that afterwards the remainder be divided into three equal parts; one part whereof I give and bequeath unto Margaret my wife; and the second part I give and bequeath unto all my children equally amongst them; and the remainder of the third part or my own part after my funeral expenses be discharged I give and bequeath unto Isabell and Ellin my youngest children equally betwixt them; and I nominate and appoint my two sons Richard and Christopher Walker executors of this my last will and testament hoping they will see the same truly performed as my special trust is in them. Sealed signed and published to be the last will and testament of the testator in the presence of

Thomas Walmsley
John Rodes

Raynold Walker +

The accompanying obligation begins in Latin:

...Richard Walker of Laithgrim in the county of Lancaster yeoman Christopher Walker of the same place yeoman and John Dobson of Chipping... yeoman... 15th March 1675.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Richard Walker and Christopher do well and truly execute perform fulfil and keep the last will and testament of Raynold Walker late of Laithgrim deceased and do pay his debts and legacies as far as his goods and chattels will extend and law doth bind if also do exhibit into the registry of the dais Archdeaconry a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased and make a true and just account of the same when they

shall be thereunto lawfully called and if need requires enter into such further bond with more sufficient surety for performance of the promises....

Richard Walker; Leagram; 1727; W/RW/A/R93A/16

In the name of God amen the fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1727 I Ric^d Walker of Legram in the county of Lanc^r being very perfect in mind and memory thanks be to God for the same: Calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this present life do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following first being penitent for all my sins ... I give and commit my soul to Almighty God hoping to be saved by the merits and mediation of my saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to be buried decently at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, and as for such goods and chattels and debts as it hath pleased God of his goodness to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose the same in manner and form following First I will that all those debts and duties as I owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever be well and truly contented and paid or ordered to be paid within convenient time after my decease by my executors hereafter named and as for what legacies and portions I have to give and dispose on out of the goods abovesaid are as followeth First I give to my son Richard all my wearing apparel and four pounds in money. Item I give to my daughter Anne the sum of four pounds Item I give to my daughter Isabell the sum of four pounds in money and one cow at Widow Marsdens In respect of the filial portions to them belonging to be paid to them out of the goods abovesaid after my decease at the discretion of my executors after named. And it is further my will and mind that all the remainder of my goods and effects whatsoever I do give and bestow upon Ann my wife and three younger children Elin John and Mary equally amongst them to be by them improved and jointly managed amongst them for all their advantages equally and that none of the children may or shall have power to cause a division or call for their parts or portions till they come at the age of twenty one, but it is my will and mind that when they come to the age aforesaid that then it may be lawful for them to cause division to be made equally at the discretion of my executors or whom they shall choose for their assistance, and receive their portionable parts respectively as they come at age if it so shall please them to do. It is further my will and mind that my wife after my decease shall keep to and assist the children till they come to their respective ages and if she either marry or have issue unlawful before the time that the youngest child comes to the age of twenty one that then all her proportionable part shall return and be taken from her and given to her children equally amongst them empowering my executors to retain lawful charges and not to be accountable for bad debts which are or may be And lastly I nominate and appoint Ann Walker my present wife and Thomas Slater executors of this my last will and testament hoping they will see the same carefully performed as my especial trusts is in them reposed. In witness whereof I the said Richard Walker have to this last will and testament put my hand and seal the day and year above written

Sealed signed and read in the sight

his name or mark

and presence of

Richard **Y** Walker

Christo: Slater

Margaret Goodday

Isabel Slater

8th day of November 1727 appeared Thomas Slater one of the executors named in this testament – Ann Walker the other executor previously personally renouncing, and he was sworn well etc: At the court of Thomas Johnson, surrogate.

15th February 1727 appeared personally Ann Walker widow relict of Richard Walker formerly deceased, and was sworn to well etc. At our court Giles Strafford

Wrapper has: Amounderness 1727

Walker Richardi nuper de Bowland infra Leagram in com par de Lancraie yeom defti Testamentum cum invenio 96 “19”11

An obligation dated 8th November shows Thomas Slater yeoman of Leagram and James Dolworth of Chipping swearing to administer the will of Richard Walker late of Bowland. A second obligation, dated 15th February 1727, shows Ann Walker widow, supported by John Cromleholme of Bolland swearing to administer the will of Richard Walker ‘of Leagram aforesaid husbandman’.

Richard Walker; Yeoman; Leagram, Whalley; 1777; W/RW/A/R110b/9

In the name of God amen I Richard Walker of Leagram in the County of Lancaster Yeoman being weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) it is my will and mind that all my just debts funeral expenses probate of this my will and all other incident costs, charges and trouble touching or concerning the execution or management thereof be first paid and discharged out of my personal estate and effects. And also I give and bequeath the following legacies (that is to say) to every one of my children begotten of my body the sum of five shillings each and if any one of them should happen to die before such legacies become due I will and direct that his or her legacies shall go to his or her children equally amongst them share and share alike and I further will and direct, give and bequeath unto Jennet my wife after the above legacies are paid and discharged all the rest residue and remainder of all of my effects of what kind or nature soever during her natural life Namely the rents and profits of my two farms (viz) Townend and Moss Side during the remainder of the leases and also all the rents and profits or income of the tenement I have at Saddleside in Chipping which I hold under the Right Honourable Edward Stanley Earl of Derby for my life and the life of William Walker my son Provided she remain my widow , but if she should marry again it is my will and mind that she shall be entirely acquit and deprived of all the abovesaid benefits and in such case I then give and bequeath all her said legacies amongst all my said children or their children as before said share and share alike during the reversion of all the said leases. And lastly I appoint Samuel Leeming of Leagram yeoman and John Leeming of Goosnargh Farmer and John Dickinson of (Over or Higher) Wiresdale farmer all in the county of Lancaster to be executors of this my will. In witness whereof I the said Richard Walker the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Sealed signed published and declared by the said Testator Richard Walker as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto severally subscribed our names as witnesses to attest the due execution thereof in sight of each other and in the presence and at the request of the said testator the words (said, yeoman) being first interlined

Richard [seal] Walker

John Wilkinson

James Walmesley

Before the sealing and signing the within will, I further will and direct that after the decease of my wife all debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged that all the rest residue and remainder of my effects of what kind or nature so ever shall be equally divided amongst all my said children share and share alike and if any of them should happen to die before such legacies become due his or her legacy shall go equally amongst his or her children as witness my hand

X Richard Walker

Witness

John Wilkinson

James Walmesley

Feb^y 5th 1777

Samuel Leeming and John Dickinson executors of this will named were sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same, and that they believe all the personal effects the testator within named died possessed of will not in their real value exceed the sum of twenty pounds. (John Leeming another executor renouncing personally) and so forth before me

Tho^s Smith Sur^{g^{te}}

William Walker; Bleasdale; 1808; W/RW/A/R127/13

5th November 1808

D: Amounderness

Walker William late of Bleasdale in the County of Lancashire Yeoman dec'd his will.

Inv resp und £20

In the name of God amen I William Walker of Bleasdale in the County of Lancaster Yeoman being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised be Almighty God for the same, but duly mindful of my mortality do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I give and devise all that my dwelling house in Chipping in the said county now in the occupation of Anne Salisbury as tenant to me together with the Butcher's Shop under the same to my son-in-law Henry Park his heirs and assigns for ever. I give and devise all my other lands messuages and tenements both freehold and leasehold situate and being in Chipping aforesaid to my said son-in-law Henry Park for and during the term of his natural life, subject to the payment of my just debts, my funeral expenses and the costs charges and expenses of the probate of this my will. And from and immediately after the death of the said Henry Park I give and devise the said last-mentioned lands messuages and tenements unto and equally amongst my nine grandchildren namely James, Ann wife of William Walmsley, William, John, Elizabeth wife of John Walmsley, Alice wife of Richard Martin and Ellen, sons and daughters of the said Henry Park and their respective heirs and assigns for ever to hold as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. I also give and bequeath my personal estate and effects unto my said grandchildren to be divided equally amongst them share and share alike. And lastly hereby revoking all former and other wills by me made. I declare this only to be my last will and testament and thereof do nominate constitute and appoint my said son-in-la sole executor. In witness whereof I the said William Walker the testator have hereunto set and subscribed my hand and seal this twenty first day April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eight.

Willi^m Walkers H mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the abovenamed William Walker the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses to attest his due execution hereof.

William Sawyer
Hannah Park + her mark
Margery Park + her mark

On the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord 1808, this will was proved in common form, and Henry Park, the sole executor therein named, was sworn well and faithfully to execute and perform the same and so forth, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief all the personal estate and effects of which the testator within named died possessed, within the Archdeaconry of Richmond in the Diocese of Chester, did not in real value amount to the sum of twenty pounds.

Before me

Rob^t Parkinson Surrogate

YORKSHIRE

All held at the Borthwick Institute

Henry Brigg; Sawley; 1713; vol 69 f 54

in the name of God amen the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord 1713 I Henry Brigg of... within the Monastery of Sawley and County of York being aged and infirm in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory I praise God for the same I do ordain devise and make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following but first and principally I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator... Through the merits and mediation of my blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ I believe in good hope to be saved and... Everlasting life and my body to Christian and decent burial at the disposition of my executrix hereinafter named and touching that estate to which I leave in the world which the Lord in his mercy hath been pleased to lend unto me I do hereby give and dispose of the same as following. Imprimis it is my will and mind that my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and discharged out of my whole goods item I give and bequeath unto my... Holgate my grandson the sum of 20 shillings item I give and bequeath unto Henry Holgate my grandson the sum of 20 shillings item I give and bequeath to Alice Holgate my granddaughter the sum of 20 shillings item I give and bequeath to Margaret Holgate my granddaughter the sum of 20 shillings item I give and bequeath unto John Ainsworth my grandson the sum of 20 shillings item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Ainsworth my daughter the sum of £15 item all the rest and residue of my personal estate ... Goods and chattels whatsoever I do give and bequeath unto Henry break my loving son and I do nominate and appoint him as full and sole executor of this my last will and testament...

Rest largely illegible

John Briggs; Mitton; admon; 1729

John Briggs late of Mitton... admon granted to Richard Briggs, son.

John Colthirst; blacksmith; Clitheroe; 1697; mf 1754

In the name of God amen I John Colthurst of Clitheroe in the County of Lancashire blacksmith being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be to God therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first and primarily I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my alone saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life And my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof my debts and funeral expenses being first paid and deducted out of the same as followeth. First my will and mind is I do hereby give and bequeath and dispose of one house with the buildings and two crofts commonly called Swine Crofts lying and being in Worston and in lease to me for 99 years from the date thereof and all the residue and remainder of the said term of years on and by the lease... unexpired from and immediately after my decease unto my son Gyles and his heirs lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for want of his heirs then I give and bequeath the same unto John Cliff second son of William Cliff of Clitheroe aforesaid and to his heirs and all the rest and residue and remainder of my personal estate goods and chattels whatsoever I do hereby give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter now wife of William Cliff aforesaid and her children and I hereby name nominate and appoint the said Elizabeth my daughter sole executrix of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke this now and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this 19th day of April in the ninth year of the reign of King William III of England A.D. 1697.

Sealed signed published and declared being writ upon stamped paper in the presence of Richard ?Ormbacke Thomas Whittaker Thomas Chippendell Andrew Walmsley
John Colthurst his mark

John Cottam; Mitton; admon; 1757

John Cottam late of Waterside in the parish of Mitton. Admon granted to widow Dorothy.

Thomas and Richard Cottam; Mitton; admon; 1733: mf 1172

Cottam

24th day of the aforesaid month administration of the goods of Thomas Cottam lately of Hodder Bridge in the parish of Mitton in the diocese of York having died intestate as is asserted was granted to his son Richard Cottam before the worthy Charles Braithwait doctor of law [and he] was sworn... (saving the rights of whoever) No inventory was exhibited and ... is ...

Cottam

The same day ... under ... this court ... Richard Cottam lately of Hodder Bridge in the parish of Mitton diocese of York ... deceased (.....proved 4th day of the month of September AD 1683) as is asserted administration of the goods and (... by Mercy Cottam widow ... and sole executrix) Richard Cottam descendant (grandson or nephew) of closest proximity to the deceased

Richard Cottam; Crooke; Par Mitton in Craven; 1683: vol 60 f 72

In the name of God amen June 2 anno domini 1603 I Richard Cottam of Crooke in the County of York in parish of Mitton in Craven being infirm in body but of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same do here make my last will and testament in manner and form following viz Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God firmly trusting that through the meritorious death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ I shall receive full and absolute remission of all my sins and my body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian manner according to the disposition of my executor hereinafter named, And for that small portion of goods or estate which Almighty God have graciously been pleased to bestow upon me I dispose of the same in manner and form following viz Imprimis it is my mind and will that all my debts which I owe and in conscience ought to be paid and also my funeral expenses be discharged and paid and after the payment of such debts and expenses it is my mind and will that Mercy my now wife shall have possess and enjoy the residue or remainder of all my goods and household utensils as also the house and tenements which I hold by lease and at present possess with all and every the premises mentioned in the same lease for and during her natural life, And if it shall happen that any of my said debts be not discharged and paid at the decease of Mercy my now wife, then it is my mind and will that the house tenements and premises shall be let for the time of three years discharging the said debts or so long of the said lease or three years as necessity shall require; item it is my mind and will that after the decease of Mercy my now wife or after discharge of my debts as aforesaid all the possession claim title interest of the said house and tenements with all and every the premises shall belong unto my natural son Thomas Cottam and his assigns during the remainder of the lease that shall then be unexpired; and I appoint Mercy my now wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking every will or Wills heretofore made by me. As witness my hand and seal the day and year above written Richard Cottam his mark seals signed and published in presence of Jo: Cottam, William Cottam Latin probate follows.

Robert Cottam; Mitton; 1754; V 98, f 246

January 24, 1752 I Robert Cotham of Aighton Bayley and Chaidgley in the County Palatine of Lancaster parish of being of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I principally commend my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate wherewith I am possessed I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following... First I give and bequeath to Dorothy Dean my servant five pounds to be paid in a 12 months time after my decease out of my personal estate and likewise to Richard Turner my son-in-law five shillings and to my daughter Jane Scott five shillings and the remainder of my personal estate goods chattels and defects I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Slater and to my daughter Sarah Sutton Grace Isherwood Ellen Lighton and my grandson John Scott the son of Abraham Scott and Alice his wife the daughter of Richard Turner to be equally divided amongst those six in 12 months after his decease and I likewise nominate and appoint Robert Isherwood my son-in-law and got my grandson executors to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby disallow revoke and disallow all other former Wills and Testaments legacies and bequests whatsoever confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written, Robert Cottam, signed published and declared in the presence of us, Easter Eastwood her Mark Jo^h Merreck, John Kay. This will part of the seal the 24th day of August 1754.

William Cottam; Mitton; admon; 1698

William Cottam late of Aighton. Admon to daughter Jane.

Giles Coulthurst; yeoman; Paradise in Mitton; 1741: Prob Reg 87, York

In the name of God amen, I Giles Coulthurst of Paradise within Mitton in the county of Lancaster yeoman do make and ordain this my last will and testament to the discretion of my executor hereinafter named. And first it is my will and mind that all my just debts together with my funeral expenses and other incident charges be first paid and discharged out of my effects and after payment thereof I give devise and bequeath all my cattle chattels and personal estate and effects of what kind or nature soever as follows first I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Margaret one bed bedding and furniture thereunto belonging and also one chest situate above stairs at my dwelling house at Paradise and also one baking stone and other necessaries thereunto belonging Item I give and bequeath unto my said loving wife six pounds to be paid to her by my executor hereinafter mentioned out of my said personal estate and effects Item I give and bequeath unto my said loving wife £4 now in the hands of Abraham Fish of Suddos within Clitheroe in the county of Lancaster yeoman (being money left to my son Richard Coulthurst deceased) for ever my said executor paying her yearly the sum of 20 shillings till the said sum of £6 be fully paid and satisfied Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one bed and bedding situate in the parlour the bedstock to remain to the use of my executor Item I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Elizabeth and Isabel the use and benefit of one bond for £30 wherein Arthur Eccles above Waddington yeoman stands justly indebted to me and the interest thereon at my decease to be divided equally betwixt them and to their use for ever Item I give devise and bequeath the remainder of my household good cattle chattels personal estate and effects of what kind or nature whatever situate at Walker Fold and Paradise unto my son Robert Coulthurst for ever, And whereas the house and other appurtenances thereunto belonging situate at Paradise I hold by lease for eleven years from her Grace Duchess Dowager of Norfolk I give and bequeath the use and benefit of the said lease and the remainder of the term I have therein at my decease he performing the covenants therein contained unto my said son Robert Coulthurst I do hereby nominate and appoint my said son Robert Coulthurst sole executor of this my last will and testament hoping he will faithfully perform the same as my trust in him is reposed And lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other will and wills by me at any time heretofore made and this only to stand and be for and as my last will and testament In witness whereof I the said Gyles Coulthurst the testator have hereunto put my hand and seal this 26th day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty one.

Sealed signed published and declared
by the said Giles Coulthurst the testator
and as his last will and testament in
the presence of

the mark of
Giles O Coulthurst

John Isherwood sworn
Blech^m Backe
Joⁿ Whiteside

Coulthurst Giles of Paradise, p of Mitton, 1741/2. ub £40.

Craven: Exon of this will of Giles Coulthurst late of Paradise in the parish of Mitton deceased was granted to Rob^t Coulthurst son and sole executor. By Matthews 27th February 1741.

Know all men by these presents that we Robert Coulthurst of Chaigley in the county of Lancaster husbandman and John Isherwood of Angram in the parish of Mitton and County of York yeoman do stand and are firmly bound... in the sum of £300.... The 12th day...of February...1741.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Robert Coulthurst son and sole executor of Giles Coulthurst late of Paradise in the parish of Mitton and diocese of York deceased do well and truly execute and fulfil the said will... [required to create an inventory and true account]

Signed: Robert Colthurst

John Isherwood

P^t 27th Feb 1741

Henry Ellill; husbandman; Holden; Bolton by Bowland; 1592: v 25 f 1293

Memorandum that upon the 20th day of the month of February anno domini 1592 and in the 35th year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth Queen of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith that one Henry Ellill of Holden in the parish of Bolton and County of York husbandmen being suddenly pained with God's visitation did speak declare and make this his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following first and principally he gave his body and soul to Almighty God and for all his worldly goods did dispose them in manner and form following Item his mind was that Jenet his wife should have all such goods as were due unto her by law or custom for her widows right Item it was his will and mind that Thomas Ellill his son should have and .. enjoy and possess all bargain and lease lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever he the said Henry Ellill hath of right to have except such widows right as by custom ... confirmed and belong to the said wife. Item he did declare and his mind and will was that his part of goods should be equally divided among all of his children. Item he did nominate and appoint Thomas Ellill his eldest son executor of this his last will and testament nuncupative to see it performed and he did appoint one William Ellill of Skyrden supervisor of the said last will and Testament nuncupative to see it performed and accomplished in all points and his trust was in him. These being witnesses William Carr ?Henry Parr with others

Latin statement follows and probate granted to Thomas Ellill.

William Ellill; husbandman; Skwden; Bolton nigh Bolland; 1616: v 34, f 23

In the name of God amen the first day of December in the year of ours Lord God 1615 I William Ellill of Skrwden (Skirden) within the parish of Bolton nigh Bolland in the County of Yorke husbandmen being sick in body and yet of good and perfect memory God be praised therefore intending the discharge of my ... towards all people whatsoever do make and declare this my last will and Testament in writing revoking thereby both indeed and in law all other former Wills and Testaments by me made as well nuncupative as written First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker Redeemer and saviour by the death and merit of whose son Jesus Christ faith in his blood I trust to have full remission of all my sins firmly and constantly believing after this miserable and transitory life to be made partaker of his glorious kingdom in the world to come And my body to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Bolton aforesaid in such place as shall be thought convenient at the sight and... of my friends which shall be then there put Item I give limit bequeath and assign the lease of my tenement at Skrwden and all other my leases and all my interest... And... of years remaining thereon to William Ellill my son and his assigns Item I give

and bequeath to Alice Wilcocke widow my daughter £10 Item I give and bequeath to my son in law William ?Wickham £5. one black ?coat one linen doublet one pair of ?velour britches or... And my best stockings Item I give and bequeath to Henry Ellill my grandchild one ... in the barn and one great sealing table one ... And one great stone trough Item I give and bequeath to William Ellill my grandchild 20 shillings Item to Margaret Ellill my grandchild 20 shillings Item I give and bequeath to Jane ?Wickham my grandchild £3 6 shillings 8 pence and one chest now in her possession Item I give and bequeath to every one of the rest of William ?Wickham's children 10 shillings apiece Item I give and bequeath to my grandchild Margaret Wilcocke fifty-three shillings four pence and this my legacy to be augmented for the better preferment of the said Margaret Wilcock at the discretion of my trusted friends Richard Weston and John Wallbanke Item I give and bequeath everyone equally rest of James Wilcocke's children 10 shillings apiece and to Alice Airton als Wilcocke 10 shillings Item I give and bequeath to my son William Ellill all my husbandry gear and one great ?stopping cupp standing in the barn Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Alice Wilcocke widow one coverlet to blankets and two sheets Item I give and bequeath to my grandchild Jane Pulchaner one coverlet to blankets in two sheets Item I give and bequeath to my said son William Ellill all the rest of my household stuff of what kind nature sort or property soever the same be or maybe Item I give and bequeath to my servant Leonard Carre five shillings Item I give to Arthur Carr my servant 12 p Item I give my servant Isabel Fowler 12 p Item I give and bequeath 20 shillings towards the maintaining of a schoolmaster at Bolton by the yearly increase thereof for ever Item I give to Alice Walker widow of Pocke Close one peck of meal Item the rest and residue of all my goods chattels and debts substances and sums of money whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my said son William Ellill And I do constitute ordain and make my said son William Ellill sole executor of this my last will and testament trusting that he will perform the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof These being witnesses Richard Preston and John Wallbanke. Latin shows probate granted to his son William Ellill.

Arthur Illingworth; Sawley; 1631: vol 41, f 548

In the name of God amen, I Arthur Illingworth of Sawley in the county of York being sick in body but perfect in mind God be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth first I bequeath my soul to God my maker and redeemer through whose blood I trust to be saved and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends. And for my worldly goods I bequeath them in manner and form following first my mind is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods and my funeral expenses discharged then my goods to be divided into three parts as in manner and form following that is one part to my wife, one other part to my children and the other part called the ?deades part I give and bequeath to Henry Illingworth my son Marie Illingworth and Jane Illingworth my daughters to be equally divided amongst them. And for my lease of my houses and tenements I assign one third part to my wife during her natural life and if it fortune she do die before the expiration of 16 years then my will is that [sic] Illingworth Marie Illingworth and Jane Illingworth shall have her third part and that the other 2 parts to Henry Illingworth my son Marie Illingworth and Jane Illingworth my daughters during the time of 16 years if the lives in my lease so long do live. And after the expiration of 16 years I assign to John Illingworth my son all my estate excepting one parcel of ground called the ?Perovoke? which I assign to Henry Illingworth my son Marie Illingworth and Jane Illingworth my daughters during all my lease they paying the annual rent of 4d every year during the said lease being lawfully demanded. And I do make Elizabeth my wife and Henry Illingworth my son my

executors trusting they will see my will performed I having set my hand 9 day of August 1630 In witness whereof William Thompson Henry ?Squire Christopher Brigg.

In Latin – Will proved by Elizabeth widow and Henry Illingworth son

John Illingworth; husbandman; Grindleton; 1602: V28 f630

In the name of God Amen the 16th day of January in the four and fortieth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith I John Illingworth of Grindleton in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect memory praised be God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I give my soul unto Almighty God my creator trusting and faithfully believing to be saved by the death ... and suffering of Jesus Christ my only redeemer mediator and intercessor and my body to be buried at the church or chapel of Waddington in the said county if God permit and in which place there ... my executrix shall appoint and whereof I have by my deed of gift lawfully executed being dated the 15th day of January in the year aforesaid given and confirmed unto Robert Swinglehurst and Francis Baine my very trusty and faithful friends all my goods and chattels whatsoever moveable and unmoveable, and all bills, bonds and specialties for debt, and all my plate and jewels, substance and utensils whatsoever, and all interest thereof coming remaining or arising To have and to hold all the said goods chattels and premises to them the said Robert Swinglehurst and Francis Bayne their executors and assigns for ever to such uses as should set ... in and by my last will and testament in writing and to no other ... intent nor purpose in any wise and diverse other matters and things therein contained As by the said deed more fully at large it doth and may appear ... I the said John Illingworth for the better explaining of my meaning touching the ?premises as also for the better direction of my said friends in trust touching the particular distribution of my said goods I do give will and devise as followeth Item it is my mind and will that my said friends in trust shall pay and discharge all my debts and funeral expenses ... my whole goods. Item it is my will that my said friends in trust shall pay and discharge to my youngest son Henry Illingworth alias Mitton one red ... one branded quie two years old 9 winter wether sheep one feather bed with one bolster, 2 blankets, 2 linen sheets and 2 coverlets, one on the bedstead that came last home from Gigglesworth and the other to be ... which lyeth one ... on my bed at the making hereof. Item it is my will that my said friends in trust shall pay and deliver unto my son Thomas Illingworth als Mitton one cow called Chrofte also it is my will that my son Richard shall have the chest which I have already given and delivered to him. Item it is my will and mind that my said friends in trust shall pay and deliver to Jennet my wife alias Jennet Mitton the third part in three parts to be divided of all my goods my debts and funeral expenses being paid and discharged anything before ... to the contrary therefore in any wise notwithstanding. Item, it is my will and mind that my said friends in trust shall pay and deliver to Robert my son alias Robert Mitton one stone trough standing in my house, one sideboard and one forme. Item it is my will and mind that my said friends in trust shall pay distribute and deliver all the rest and remnant of my goods moveable and unmoveable unto my six children viz William Illingworth Arthur Illingworth alias Mitton, Robert Illingworth alias Mitton, Richard Illingworth alias Mitton Thomas Illingworth alias Mitton and Henry Illingworth alias Mitton equally to be divided amongst them And of this my last will and testament I make Jennet my wife alias Jennet Mitton my sole executrix to see the same executed and performed according to the purpose of the same that being witnessed Edward Waddingbie Leonard Horner Probate granted at York 22 Apr 1602

Richard Illingworth; Grindleton; 1616: v 34, f 26

In the name of God amen the second day of March in the year of the reign of King James now of England France and Ireland the 30th year and Scotland the eighth and fortieth 1614 I Richard Illingworth of Grindleton within the parish of Mitton and County of York being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God therefore do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following first and principally I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator and only Redeemer and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Waddington at the discretion of my loving wife and others my well beloved and Christian friends and as remembering my goods and lands which I now have my will is that I give and bequeath all my goods movable and immovable unto my said wife my debts and funeral expenses being first discharged of the whole And also it is my will and mind that my said wife shall have and hold and occupy and enjoy such lands or parcels of ground as are belonging unto me situate lying and being in Grindleton aforesaid and during her life natural and after her decease my will and mind is that the said parcels of land remain to Richard Illingworth younger son of Robert Illingworth my brother and the said parcel of ground to have hold and enjoy to himself and his heirs and assigns for ever witness hereof Robert Illingworth and James Ellis.

Latin probate follows

Robert Illingworth; Grindleton; 1677: V57 f243

In the name of God Amen the third day of October Anno Dom 1676: I Robert Illingworth of Grindleton in the County of York being sick in body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call do make and constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following revoking and annulling by these presents all and every testament and testaments will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or by writing and this to be taken for my last will and testament and none other in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God my creator and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my executors hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient and as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy has sent me my will and meaning is as followeth Imprimis I give that my debts and funeral expenses to be paid and discharged out of my whole goods and to my wife a third part of all my goods according to the diocese of York and the two parts of my goods to be equally divided amongst my three sons that is to say to my son William my son Thomas and my son Robert And I do nominate and appoint Ann my wife and Thomas Gelderd my brother whole executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written Robert Illingworth

In witness hereof Henry Wallis Richard Slater John Shiers

Robert Illingworth; Grindleton; admon; 1721: York

Administration of the goods and chattels of Robert Illingworth of Grindleton was granted to Jane Illingworth his wife and relict before Roger Mitton, Clerk, surrogate. Estate valued at above £40.

William Illingworth; yeoman; Grindleton; 1724/5: Vol 78 f288

Will of William Illingworth of Grindleton, yeoman, 1724/5; proved York.

In the name of God amen I William Illingworth of Grindleton in the parish of Mitton and County of York yeoman being in good health of body and sound and perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named and as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as followeth First I will that my debts and funeral charges shall be paid and discharged out of my real estate and whereas I have by surrender bearing date with these presents surrendered and given up into the hands of the Lord of the Manor of Slaidburn (by Robert Illingworth my brother customary tenant there) four parcels of oxgang or Rodd land called or known by the name of Long Hickclifs North Hickcliffe the Hill meadow and the croft at the Barn end containing by estimation four acres and one Rood and 10 falls be the same more or less to the only use and behoof of Robert Horner and John Horner both of Grindleton aforesaid their heirs and survivors of them to stand and be fined and seized thereof as feoffees in trust to perform and fulfil such uses conditions and purposes as are hereafter mentioned and expressed and not otherwise as by the said surrender may more fully appear now my will and mind is that the feoffees above-mentioned shall have power and lawful authority to or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the lands and premises above-mentioned and shall pay or cause to be paid to my grandson Richard Illingworth worth £3.10 shillings yearly and every year until he shall accomplish 21 years of age and my will and mind is that my grandson William Illingworth shall pay to his brother Richard Illingworth when he shall have attained 21 years of age the sum of three score pounds of current British money and also my bed and a chest Also I give and bequeath to my three grandchildren Arthur Thomas and Mary Ellen worth to each of them 20 shillings to be paid to them as they shall accomplish 21 years of age And lastly my will and mind is that if my grandson William Illingworth do happen to die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten then all my said lands and premises to belong to his brother Richard Illingworth and for want of issue of the said Richard Illingworth lawfully begotten to descend to the next heirs apparent. Item I give to my brother Robert Illingworth the sum of 10 shillings whom I nominate and appoint executor of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby revoke this own and utterly make void all Wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of December 1720 and four. William Illingworth his Mark. Sealed signed published and declared in the presence of Richard Smith Margaret Gill John Waterworth. Ent^d 1 Dec 1725

Robert Read; yeoman; Chaigley; Mitton; 1725: v 78, f 301

In the name of God amen I Robert Read of Aighton Bailey and Chaigley in the County of Lancashire Yeoman being infirm as to my corporal health but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same do make this my last will and Testament on the fourth day of January A.D. 1723/4 and in the words following I commend my soul to God my body to the ground to be decently interred and it is my will and mind that all the just debts that I owe the world and funeral expenses be paid... Out of my goods and personal estate and the remainder thereof if any be I give and devise unto my son-in-law Thomas Cotham to be managed by him for the use and benefit and behoof of

his children begotten or to be begotten on the body of Elizabeth his now wife my only surviving daughter and whereas I am lawfully seized of several freehold estate situate lying and being in Bailey consisting of a new erected house with several other new erected outhouses a croft and a garden I give and devise the same and the rents... and profits thereof unto the said Elizabeth wife of the said Thomas Cotham during all the term of her natural life ... My annual rent out of Dutton being £16 per annum or the three... that the new erected dwelling house with the stable the lower turfhouse the said Croft and garden and the rents... Profits thereof shall go and descend to Richard Cotham my grandson and his lawful issue for ever and the... little building the upper turf house and the hogsty unto Robert Cotham my grandson his lawful issue for ever and for default of such issue then to other child or children begotten or to be begotten upon the body of the said Elizabeth my daughter the issue... being always... the elder before the younger according to their priority of birth... [and in default of such issue] then to the child or children of Richard Cooper of ? Clayton le Dale and for default of such issue then to Mr John Merrick and Anne the daughter of Ellis ? And their issue and for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of... for ever item it is my will and mind that no lease estate mortgage or grant be made of the premises or any part thereof for any longer term than from one year... for the protection whereof if any legatee after [long protective clause largely illegible] and I hereby nominate and appoint Henry Sowrley of Dutton Esq and Richard Pickering of Bailey Yeoman joint executors of this my last will and testament allowing them all full and reasonable charges in the execution thereof and hoping they will perform the same and I hereby revoke and make null and void all former... wills gifts grants bequests whatsoever as witness my hand and seal the day and year above written. Rob^t Read sealed signed published in it in sight and presence of Timothy Metcalfe Edward... John Cottam 4 Dec 1725

Matthew Reade; woolen webster; Aighton; 1691: mf 1668

In the name of God amen I Matthew Reade of Aighton in the County of Lancaster woolen webster being sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory praised be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my present last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life: and my body I commit to the Earth and to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named and as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows: first I will that my debts and funeral charges shall be paid and discharged: Item I give unto Richard Read my son five pounds: I give unto Robert Read my son five pounds to be first paid out of my goods and chattels. Item I give unto Isabelle my daughter one cow which she does tithe as her own All the rest and residue of my personal estate goods and chattels whatsoever I do give and bequeath to my loving children Richard and Robert Reade Mary Margrat Ann Isabell Reade my sons and daughters equally to be divided: I do nominate and appoint Richard Reade and Robert Reade full and sole executors of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the seventh day of June in the year of our Lord 1690.
Field signed and delivered in the presence of... with these words equally to be divided
interlined Thomas Watson Robt Reade

Mathew Reade

Richard Reade; Aighton; 1587; v 13, f 588

In the name of god Amen The thirt[i]eth day of October in the nyne and twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our most dreed sovaigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland Quene defender of the faith et^c. I Richard Reade of Aighton in the Parish of mytton beinge sicke in bodie and whole in mynd and of good and perfect Remembrance knowing my bodie to be mortall and considering howe deathe is to everye person at godes will and pleasure most common and uncertain And howe many be taken and departed furth of this worlde, no will by them being declared therefore I the said Richard Read do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. That is to say first I bequeathe my soule to almighty god my maker and Redeemer, Trusting in his grace and marcy to be in the number of them that shalbe saved. And my bodie to be buried in the p[ar]ish church of mytton. It[e]m my will and mynd is that my dettes being first discharged, my goodes then to be equally devided into two p[ar]tes whereof thone p[ar]te to my selfe, and thother p[ar]te to be equally devided emongst my children That is to saye James Read, John Read, and Edmond Read my sonnes and Isabell and Grace Read my doughters. It[e]m my will and mynd is that Edmond Read my sonne and Isabell and Grace my Doughters shall have the issues and profittes of all and everie such p[ar]cells of lande woodes and groundes as I the said Richard Read have granted in Lease to thuse of this my will unto Edmond Sherburne of Bayley and Edmond Ashe of Dutton (that is to say) the Long Field the ?Subinge and the great Wood and the further plaine until such time as the profite of the same Land ... will make Isabell and grace Read my said doughters their whole childe p[ar]tes and porcions of good to the value of either of them the said Isabell and grace fortie pounds of lawfull money of England, and also shall make Edmond Read my said son his whole childe p[ar]te and porcon of goodes to the value of Twentie poundes of like lawfull money of England And then the somes of money of the said lands and groundes being or other ways paid unto them the said Edmond Read, Isabell Read and Grace Read and unto everie of them then the Reversion of the said Lease. I give and bequeath unto Robte Read my sonne and to theirs mailes of his bodie And for default of such yssue then to the use of such p[er]son or p[er]sons as shalbe then next heirs to the said lande And to ?none other [next word struck through] use if In any wyse. It[e]m my will and mynd is that James Read my sonne shall have the space of two years ... and after the feast of the purification of our blessed Ladie the virgine now next coming one dwelling house and the garthing thereunto belonging and which now is in the occupation of Richard Lukas called the Hurst House. And also my mynd is that the said James Read shall have one cove gait in and upon the land and grounde ... belonging to the said Hurst House during the space of two years aforesaid without any Rent or any other dutie paying or dunge for the same house and grounde. It[e]m my will and mynd is that my burial and fun[er]al expenses being of my owne p[ar]te of goods discharged. Then I give and bequeath unto Thomas Read my base begotten sonne fortie shillings, And all the rest of my p[ar]te except one long settle and two Arks. I give and bequeath unto James Read and Edmond Read my sonnes and unto Jane my daughter the wife of Rbte Craven, And unto Alice my daughter the wife of Edward Payne equally to be devided amongst them in compensation of their whole childe parte and portion of goods. It[e]m I give unto myne heire one longe settle and two Arks before excepted to be heirelo[o]ms at the house. It[e]m I constitute and ordeyne and make my true and lawfull executors Robte Read and James Read my sonnes, And also I make the supervisors of this my will and testament Edmond Shearburne of Bayley and John Dewhurste of Ribchester gentlemen to se same accomplished according to the true meaninge thereof. Thes being witnesses

Bartholmewe Shearburne Edward Ashe William Bradley and Henrie Hayhurste. Et duo decimo die mensis Decembris Anno dm millimo qui..mo octoges.. septimo [12th December 1587]

Probate in Latin. Roughly, Dean or Deanery of Craven on the testament of James Read executor Robte Read executor....

Richard Reade; yeoman; Lammercloughes, Mitton; v 81 f 142?

In the name of God Amen the xivth day of December Anno Dm 1638 ... gracious sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France... Defender of the Faith yr the fourteenth, I Richard Reade of Lamerclowes^s in the Tow[nship] ... in the countie of Lancs yeoman sicke in bodie, but of good and pfect memory praised be God do ordaine and make my last will and testament in writing, in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God trusting and assuredly believing... through the blessed passion and blood of Jesus Christ to be one of the number of those to [whom] that blessed sentence shalbe pronounced Come ye blessed of my father possess the kingdom prepared [for] you from the beginning of the world, and my bodie to be buried in the pish church of Mitton as near the place where my father was buried as may convenient be, Item concerning that talent of worldly goods which God hath conferred upon me my will and mind is that the same shall be divided into three equal parts (after my debte shalbe truly paid and discharged and the first part I give and devise to Mary my [wife] as of right to her belongeth, the second part to my children, James Reade, Mathew Reade, John Reade, Nich[olas] Reade, Isabell Reade and Jane Reade in lieu of their childs part the third and last part I give and bequeath to the said Isabell Reade and Jane Reade my two daughters to be equallie divided between them. Item whereas it is mentioned and expressed in or by certain indenture bearing date the twelfth day of this instant December made between me the said Richard Reade on the one part and Francis Tomlinsone ?second sonne of Thurston Tomlinsone of Bayley in the said countie of Lancaster gentleman of the other part that Adam Bolton servant Thomas Walmsley of Dunkenhalgh in the said countie of Lancaster esquire and John Ward the younger of Bayley aforesaid yeoman should stand and be possessed and seized (amongst other things) of into three parts onely to be divided Item all that my message and tenement and the appurtenances commonly called by the name of Lamerclowes, and of and in a third part of all the lands and other premises thereunto belonging (except the message lands and premises with the appurtenances called the Hursthouse) for the use and behoof of James Reade, Mathew Reade, John Reade, Nicholas Reade, Isabell Reade and Jane Reade. And immediately after the marriage of Mary now my said wife for and always and until the youngest of them should have attained the age of fifteen years to be accounted from the birthday of the said youngest of them Now my will and mind is and I do hereby devise nominate and appoint the said Adam Bolton and John Ward and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns and be possessed and seized by virtue of this my last will and testament of the said third part of the message tenement lands and premises called Lamerclowes with the appurtenances (except before excepted) by and immediately after the death and decease of the said Mary now my wife to the use and behoof of the said James Reade, Mathew Reade, John Reade, Nicholas Reade, Isabell Reade and Jane Reade for and during the term and until they and every one of them shall have attained unto the age of fifteen years, to be accounted from the daie of every one of their birth. Item I do also hereby devise, nominate and appoint and and my ... and mind that they the said Adam Bolton and John Ward and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns shall stand and be possessed and seized of all my message tenement and lands and premises with their and

all their appurtenances by what name or names they or any of them forever be called or known by situate lying and being within Aughton aforesaid or elsewhere within the said countie of Lancaster to and for the several use and behoofs limitations intents and purposes in the said indenture aforementioned according as they and every one [of] them are therein mentioned expressed and declared and not otherwise (the third part of my said message tenement lands and premises with Before in and by this my said will and testament appointed to and for the [use] and behoof of my said children and their assigns during the term herein mentioned always excepted and ...
Item I doe nominate appoint ordaine and make the said John Ward and Mary my said loving wife ... executors of this my last will and testament, trusting that they will well and faithfully ... and perform according to the confidence in them reposed.
Published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said Richard Reade and after sealed and delivered by the said Richard Reade in the presence of

Henrie Waltsmay?
Francis Parkinson
Richard Bradley

Richard Reade

Robert Reade; yeoman; Aughton; 1551; v 13 f 769

In the name of God amen. I Robert Reade of Aughton in Blackburnshire within the countie of Lancaster yeoman, being whole in mynde good and perfect Remembrance yet seke in bodie knowing my bodie to be mortall and considering that death is to ev[er]ie person at Godds will and pleasure most common and uncertaine and how sodaynlie manie be taken and depart out of this transitory worlde no will nor disposic[i]on of their lande nor goods bie them maid and declared bie person whereof, oftentimes there children bene ... and not set forth, there detts not paid and often tymes great strif and variance For the same goods no will being thereof declared perfecte to do such things, but it is nowe necessarie to look for the spiritual dispositions of the soul. And therof I the said Robert Reade the x day of December in the third yere of the reigne of our sovereign lorde King Edwarde the sixt by the grace of god King of Englande France and Irelande, defender of the faithe, and of the church of England and all Irelande in Earth immediatelie under Christe the supreme heade, my last will and testament do make and declare as hereafter dothe followe. First I commit and bequeath my soul unto almighty god my maker and Redeemer trusting in his grace and mercie and by the merits of Christes passion and Resurrecion in whose faithe I do perfectly believe and so bie his grace die to be one of the nu[m]bre that shalbe saved. My bodie I bequeath to be buried within the p[ar]ish church yarde of all hallows of Mitton. Also I orddene constitute and make bie this my last will and testament my right executors for the true execuc[i]on of this my last will and testament as herafter shalbe set forth and declared, first for That all and ev[er]ie p[er]son may lawfullie at this time have full and free libertie ... and autoritie to give dispose will and devyse byie there last will and testament there maners [manors] mess [messuages] lands ten[amen]ts and hereditaments with there appurtenances which be holden ... And of such maners, mess, lands, tents, and hereditaments which be holden bie the tenure of knyghts service divided into thre partes bie ... division that they may be.... And of such manners, mess, lands, tents, and hereditaments which be holden by the tenure of socage of the ... and I the said Roberte at the making of this present will am sased of estate of inheritance in fe simple holding by socage tenure of lands tents and terditaments of the cleare yerelie value of a berne and all that lands, tents, woods, medowes pastures and hereditaments with there appurtenances in Aughton aforesaid called Lane/Lame Houses which is nowe in the tenure of me the said Roberte, except that house that I nowe dwell in and ii close thereto

adioninge the one called the over felde the other the nether felde and the which afore tyme I have maide to my said wife at the writing indented therof maide more playnelie it doth appeare the which said Berne and all other the premises except that, that is maide to my said wife, I give and bequeath to my said executors with all the issues Rents and profettes of the same yerlie cominge and growing upon the premises immediatelie after my decease for the terme of foure yeres then next following fullie that is to witt Edmunde Reade Nicholas Reade my sonnes Isabell Reade Alice Reade Beatrix Reade Anne Reade and Margaret my daughters every one of them to have like profit of the same during the said terme of my yeres and after that the said ... [my? Iiiij?] be determined I will that my said executors shall take the issues and profitts of the premises unto such tyme as they have The some of xx^{li} to and for the only use of Edmunde and Nicholas my sonnes And if Richard Reade my said sonne and heire wilbe bounden to pay the said Edmunde and Nicholas either x^{li} then, and that done I will that the said Richard shall enter into all and everie the premisss at the ende of the said my yeres next after my decease to have and to holde the same from thensforth to him and the heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten for ev[er]. Also I give and bequeath unto my said sonne and heire all my charters deides and writings concerning any parte or parcel of myne inheritance also one ... to set forward w[i]t[h] him at the tyme of my decease and two great Arkes. Also I give and bequeath to Robert Hudderfall laite Balay of Blakburne vi^s viiiij^d of lawfull English Money. Also I give and bequeath to Richarde Sherburne thelder of Charge [Chaigley?] and [Father?] Thomaas Cominge curate of Mitton either of them v^s. Also to Nicholas my sone ix Angells and one old [?Kiall] of golde ?as that whereas I the said Roberte hathe geven and bequeathed to Edmunde my sone x^{li} it is my will that vi^{li} of the said x^{li} shall go towards the preferment of which of my daughters that shall fortune to come to And marriage first. Albeit it is my mynde that Jennett my wif shall have wooded and tymber sufficient to bigge with and burne while she is my ?wif. The residue of all and singler my goods cattalls and detts both moveable and unmoveable my detts and legacies paid my burieng and funeral expenses done I give and bequeath to my said wif and children above named to be evenlie divided amonge them. Also I ordeyne constitute name and make ... Roger Winkeley gentilman who hath married my daughter and Edmunde Sherburne supervisors of this my said last will and testament ther being witness .., Robert Taylor, ... Thomas Lemyng priests Richard Sherburne thelder, Hughe Alen, Roger Winkeley the younger, John Parler thelder Edward Ashe with other mo? Edmunde Sherburne.

Et ultimo die Septembris Anno dmⁱ millmio quingey^o quiquagesimo primo decams de Craven

Richarde Reade filio et hered apparenti executoribus

Robert Reade; yeoman; Lamycloughes, Mitton; 1608; v 30 f 698

In the name of God Amen the fiftenth daye of June in the Yeare of our Lord god 1608. And in the yeare of the raigne of our sovagne Lord James by the grace of god of England France and Ireland kinge defendour of the faith ^ the First and of Scotand the Sixte I Robrt Reade of the Lamycloughes w(i)thin the parishe of Mytton in the diocese of Yorke beeing of good and perfect remembrance prayed be god And Albeyt that I feele not my bodie anywaye infeeble or weakened throughe sicknesse yet havinge by gods providence manye little children not Able for them selves, and altogether unprovided for and unpreferred And knowinge certenlye that my bodie is subject to death the time and place thereof onelie knowne to god for thavoiding of inconvenience and for the

better helpe and succor of my said children by the helpe of Almightye God I do ordeyne make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge And first I commend my soule into thands of almightye god my maker trusting by the merits of the passion of his onely sonne Jesus Christ my redeemer to have forgiveness of all my synnes and a place of joye in his heavenlie kingdome and my bodie to be buried w(i)thin the parishe church of Mitton aforesaied w(i)th my parentes and frendes in our usuall ^ kneeling place Item yt is my will that all my debts shallbe paied discharged of my whole goods and that done that all the residue of my goods and cattalls moveable and unmoveable shallbe devided into three equall partes that is to saye the first parte to my selfe for the discharge of my funeral expencs and legacies the second parte to Katerin now my wife for her widow right And the third parte to James Reade [minor] George Reade [minor] Thomas Reade [minor] my younger sonnes and Jane Reade [minor] daughter equally to be devided amongst them **Item** yt is my will that out of the first parte reserved to my selfe my funeral expencs shallbee discharged and I honestlie brought home w(i)th penny doale to the poore and otherwise accordinge to the usuall manner of such like and according to my degree, And out of the same parte I give and bequeath unto Lawrence Hayhurst of the houghe unto whom I am godfather tenne shillings And to Myles Craven one Counter, **Item** I geeve and bequeath unto Edmund my brother a parte of my flaxen apparel (namely) jerkin hose dublett and stockings at the discretion of my executor And all the residue of my parte of the saied goodes cattalls and creditts my funeral expencs and legacies aforesaied discharged in forme aforesaied I give and bequeath to the saied Thomas Reade and Jane Reade equallie to be devided Betweene them And my desire is that yf Richard Reade my sonne and heire bee myndfull to anye waynes wheelles sleddes or other husbandrie geere or any Arkes chests bedstockes or suche like that shall light in in his brethren or sisters or anye of them that they maye spare and go w(i)thout , that hee maye have the same payinge for anye such thinge w(hi)ch hee shall desier to have the full worth and price thereof or more at the sight of the praysons of my goods And whereas I have two messuages and certen landes and woodds called Lamycloughes and Atkin fieldes lyinge and beeinge in Aighton in the countie of Lancaster of the cleare yearelie and Anncient value of three pounds over and above all charges and reprises holden of the Lord of the mannor of Aghton in free and common Socage

I will devise grannte confirme and Assigne unto Katerin now my saied wife the one of the saied messuages called the hurst howse and all the landes and woodes w(hi)ch late were in the possession of Jenett Reade widdow deceased late wife of Rob(e)rt Reade my Grandfather deceased, and for much moore as will make the same A full third parte of all the saied

landes and premiss(e)s yf the same be not alreadie a third parte **To have** and to hould to the saied Katern and her Assignes from the daye of my decease for and duringe her liefie naturall for and in the name of her dower of and in the same Landes Else the saied Katern and her Assignes payinge and doinge the third parte of the free rents and service And the third part of all galdes and Impositions to bee imposed thereupon, And also not making or suffering anye manner of wast or escrepement in and upon the same or anye parte or parcel thereof, And the residue of the same Messuages lands and premisses beeinge other two partes and all Issues and profetts thereof I will devise grante And assygne unto Thurstane Tomlinson of Baley and James Reade of Dutton my brother as feoffees in trust to and for the use of the saied Richard Reade my saied sonne and heire and of Thomas Reade my sonne and Jane Reade my daughter Rateabllie and equallie amongst them until the saied Richard Reade shall accompli(s)he and bee of the age of Twentie three years for the better education norishment and bringing uppe of my saied children during that tyme **And** because the mother by nature is bound to bee most deare

and tender to her children my mynde and will is that the saied Thurstane and James shall permit and suffer the saied Katerin my saied wife to Cohabit and dwell w(i)th her five children and to occupie the said landes and premiss(e)s to the uses aforesaied during the tearme aforesaied yf shee lyve solonge sole and unmarried and bee of good and honest conversation, and will doe her best to keepe the saied children well and honestlie w(i)th the profit thereof and of there other goods to learning or trades or both as god shall enable them w(i)th wysdom and knowledge , And yf shee marrie agayn or bee of lewde and unhonest behaviour, And do not keepe and bringe uppe my saied five children as she ought at sight of there neighboures uncles and nearest frends That then my will and desire is that the saied Thurstan and James or the survivour of them shall enter into the same two partes of the saied messuages lands and premisses and occupie and enioye them to the of use Richard Thomas and Jane Reade my saied children and to doe to them in all things as there mother should and ought to have done during the terme before Lymitted **and** yf the saied Katerin happen to die before the saied Richard Reade shall bee of the Age of Twenty three years as aforesaied, then my will and mynd is that the saied Thurstan and James shall occupye and enioye that third parte assigned for the dower of the saied Katerin from the daye of her death till the age of the saied Richard of Sixteen Yeares to the use profett and behoofe of Richard Reade and George Reade my saied sonnes for the Augmentatacon of there preferment the revercon or Remander of w(hi)ch saied messuages lands woods and premisses from and after the expiracon of the tymes and tearmes of before Lymitted I give grannte and bequeath unto the saied Richard Reade my sonne and heire and his heires males for ever And for defaulte of suche Issue to James Reade my saied second sonne and his heires males And soe from one of my sonnes to an other and there heires male successivelie in order and Age and Lastlie I make and Appointe the saied Katerin [curat] my saied wife sole executrix of this my saied will whom I hartelie praye to see the same executed and performed for the good of her selfe and her children as my trust is in her And I make John Tomlinson my father inlawe John Hayhurst of Hayhurst supervisors therto to see that my saied executrix shall performe execute this my will in all points to the best of her power and knowledge. The originall of this was written w(i)th the decedents hand and after his decease was found in his chest of evidences under his seale and readie to bee shewed when need required And also Thomas Kenion and George Reade were with the saied Robert Reade in his sicknes in the houre of his death and he saied unto them that hee had A will and he bade his wife fetch yf furth of his chest for I feare that my daughter Jane is lefte furth of yt

Henry Scotte; Bolton nighe Bowland; 1585: v 23, f 66

In the name of God amen 1585 I Henry Scotte of the parish of Bolton nighe Bolland sick in body, but of whole and perfect memory, praised be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, first I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my will only... and Redeemer through whose merit I trust to be one of the... and my body to be buried in the church of Bolton aforesaied, item I give and bequeath unto Jennett Marson uxor Thomas Marson one... heifer of three years old, item I give and bequeath unto Agnes Gott servant to James Fortt one calf of one year old, item whereas James Fortt has in his proper occupation at this time two closes of mine called Pot lands lying by Fox Gill spring to the quantity of five acres and somewhat more my mind and will is that the said James Fortt and Margaret now his wife shall... the said two closes during their natural lives, and that afterwards to remain unto

any lawful heirs. Item my will is that all my timber trees and... woods either lying about my state or elsewhere at Well Cutt ... as growing shall [line illegible] any..., Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret my wife the third part of all my lands, leases, tenements and farming, during her natural life, and the same third after her decease to remain unto my lawful heirs, and she to have the parlour and chamber over it, in the west end of the house during her said natural life, Item I give and bequeath unto the said Margaret my wife four silver spoons and my will is that ... in the parlour, one mattock, gavelock, yokes, teams, ploughs, wanes with other... thereto belonging... according to her portion. [Next line illegible] Item... I owe £10 of William Percell of Wincester, the said £10 was disbursed and laid forth as follows, that is to say repaid to him 20^s [other sums follow but are more or less illegible. Seems to be reference to various dealings. Goes on to suggest James Fortt shall satisfy the debt as he owes Henry Scotte...]

The rest of all my goods, lands, tenements, farming, my debts, legacies, and funerals paid, I give and bequeath unto James Fortt and Margaret my daughter to the use of the said Margaret...

James and Margaret made executors. William Percell, Ralph Walker and John Walbank named - supervisors? Witnesses: William Baxter, Thomas Rippon and Thomas Baxter

Henry Wilcokk; yeoman; Newinge; 1582: v 22, f 245

In the name of God amen the 22nd day of April 1582 I Henrie Wilcokk of Newynge in the Forest of Gysbourne in the county of York yeoman sick in body nevertheless in good and perfect remembrance praised be God do ordain ... and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say first and principally give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my only saviour maker and redeemer and my body to be buried within the church or churchyard of Gisbourne at the discretion of my well-beloved wife and other my friends and trustees that shall happen to be present at my burial. Item whereas I am lawfully possessed of in and upon one messuage and tenement with the appurtenances situate lying and being within the Forest of Gisbourne aforesaid called and known by the name of Newinge now in my occupation of the only demise and grant to me through amongst other things made by Mr Francis Duncye esquire as by his indenture ready to be showed at large shall and may further appear for the which tenement I have been at great cost charges and labour for the same Intending by Gods suffering to dispose the same for the better satisfaction preferment and release of my said wife and children .. I ... in confirming to such use and uses intents Limitations and purposes and upon such conditions and provisos as hereafter in this my present will shall be expressed and declared.... That is to say I will that Agnes my wife shall have the third part of my said messuage and after grounds contained in my said lease during all the time that she shall keep herself sole and unmarried if the term of years contained in the said lease shall continue so long to The payment therefore the third part of the rent and the third part of all ... demands due....

Item I will give and bequeath unto James Wilcoke my eldest son one half of all my said messuage lands tenements with grounds contained in my said lease the ... being divided into two equal parts and the state title and tenement right in and to the same and in to all any part and parcel thereof to him and to him only the said half messuage and the state and title of the said tenement the said James Wilcock my son his executors and assigns from the feast of St Martin the bishop in Winter which shall happen to be next ensuing the year after my decease he the said James ... and paying and doing the one half of all rent all other... and demands due and which ought from thenceforth to be ... and borne for the same. Item I will that the surplus and remnant of my said messuage and tenement as yet not given disposed or bequeathed shall be only to the use and ... of

Richard Wilcoke and Leonard Wilcoke my sons or the survivor or survivors of them during all this term of lease which is yet to come and not expressed contained and mentioned in the same lease payment so ... and other duties as for the same appertained and lawfully belongeth. Provided always and my meaning and will is that the said Richard and Leonard my said sons shall be no longer possessed of the same portion to them Unto such time as the said James my son shall well and truly pay or lawfully tender and offer to be paid for the same ... unto ... so much money as shall be appointed ... and approved unto them to pay by my own loving cousins and friends William Ellill of Skrden Christopher Dynser of the Morehouse and Richard Wilcoke son of James Wilcoke of Thornton or two of them And in default of two of them to the survivor of any of them. Provided also and my meaning and will is that if it fortune that my said son shall die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten then the said ... unto him shall remain unto my son Leonard and his assigns ... and the wife of the said James if it fortune that he be married according to the use of the county ought to have the same only executed. Item I will that the And ... of two parts of my said messuage and tenement before mentioned shall wholly remain unto my sons James, Richard and Leonard equally amongst them during the term of the first three years after my decease. Item I will that Agnes my wife shall have all rights and duties without grudge which she ought to have of in and to any of my goods moveable and unmoveable after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Wilcoke my bastard daughter als Margaret Alanson daughter of Margaret Alanson ten ewes and ten lambs one filly and two ... stirks in the keeping of the said stirks until such time as they have calves..... ... the goods which are her due being in the custody and possession of those persons hereafter named that is to say in the custody of ... one cow one heifer and one stirk in the custody and possession of these persons hereinafter named [repeats in original] that is to say in the custodie of me the said one cow one heifer and one stirk of John Thompson of Gargrave 13^s in the custody of Thomas Gelderd of Aigden one cow and all her bread six years .. in the custody of Thomas Parokk one cow and one stirk. Item I will that the said Margaret shall have over and beside the legacies and gifts before said a bride wayne against her marriage worth five marks and better at the discretion of my wife and children and the same to be taken out of my part. Item I give unto Leonard Wilcoke my son four wastegates in the pastures of Gargrave according to a demise to me granted by one Christopher ?Lowde of Gargrave deceased. Item I give unto three of my youngest children the use and occupation of certain rent ground called ?Enntones/ Buntones for the term of two years yet enduring. Item I give and bequeath unto Rosamund Robinson daughter of Peter Robinson one ... of three years old. Item I give unto Peter my brother one ... of two years old. Item I give unto Christopher Wilcoke my brother all the money he oweth me. Item I give unto William Wilcok son of Christopher Wilcok my said brother one white stirk and the keeping of the same until such time as it be with calf. Item I give unto every of the daughters of Christopher Wilcok my said brother 16^d. Item I will that any child whom I am godfather unto have 12^d. Item I give unto James Wilcoke my eldest son £24 of which Mr Francis Duncye my singular good M^r doth owe me. Item I give and bequeath all the surplus and remnant of my part of goods not given nor bequeathed unto Richard Wilcoke and Leonard Wilcoke my said sons. Item whereas I have money owing of divers ... persons and ... not knowing how the sums will be paid and discharged unto my executors with ... it is my will and last testament that my wife and my children shall be contributors and bear portion and portion alike according to their several portions of all such charges as shall happen to be spent reasonable by my executors for the .. of the same and also shall ... of their several portions so... of my debt owing me as shall happen to be left by order of law or cannot be levied ... Item I do constitute ordain and devise and make Agnes my wife and

Leonard my son my true and lawful executors of this my present will and testament and I request Christopher ?Dunster of Moreton and William Ellill of Skrwden and Richard Wilcoke of Thornton to be supervisors of this my last will and testament and see the same performed and kept. These being witnesses Henry Foster Edmund Becrosh? Christopher Dunster and William Ellill with others.
Probate in Latin.

James Wilcocke; husbandman; New Inge; Gisburne; 1604: vol 29, f 273

In the name of God amen the 29th day of January in the year of our Lord God 1603 I James Wilcocke of the New Inge in the parish of Gisburne and county of York husbandman being sick in body yet of good and perfect remembrance God be praised do devise declare and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commit my soul to Almighty God my maker redeemer and saviour And my body to the earth from whence it came Item my will and mind is that my message or tenement with the ?houses ground and appurtenances thereunto belonging called New Inge as aforesaid shall be divided into three equal parts and portions one third part thereof I give and assigned unto Alice my wife during her widowhood One other third part thereof I give and assign unto Henry Wilcock my eldest son and the last third part thereof I give and assign to the residue of my children during the continuance of my lease and my will and mind is that if my said children be minded to sell or let the said third part of my said tenement so to them limited that then the said Henry Wilcock my said son shall have the same before any other so as he be contented to pay for it at the discretion... of my brother Leonard Wilcocke and my brother-in-law William Ellill of Skirden. Item my further will and mind is that all my said tenement with the appurtenances thereunto belonging shall ... after the end and expiration of my several above-mentioned remain descend and come to Henry Wilcocke my said eldest son together with the tenements rights thereof for ever Item I give and bequeath unto Henry Wilcock my said eldest son all my husbandry gear Yet my will and mind is that the same shall serve for the use of the occupiers of my said tenement So that the same be left to Henry my said son as good as they found it in every respect Item I give and bequeath unto Alice my said wife the third part of my goods in full lieu and satisfaction of her widow right therein Item I give and bequeath one third part of all my goods to all my children equally being their own by law Item I give and bequeath two parts of the last third part called the dead part to three of my youngest children equally And the other third part of the said dead part I give and bequeath unto three of my elder children equally to be divided amongst them And lastly I nominate and appoint my father-in-law William Ellill and my brother Leonard Wilcocke executors of this my last will and testament earnestly requesting them that they will see the same truly performed as my trust is in them And my will is that they shall have all such costs and charges ?supported and borne of my whole goods and they shall be put unto the executors of this my last will or any other thing or belonging thereunto in any wise Witnesses hereof Thomas Preston Anthony Atkinson Raphe... John Walbanke
Probate in Latin

Leonard Wilcoke; bachelor; The Newinge; 1617: v 34, f 855

In the name of God amen the 24th day of October AD 1617 I Leonard Wilcoke of the Newinge in the county of York bachelor being sick in body but in whole and perfect memory praised be God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker

and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Bolton near Bolland
Item I give and bequeath unto William Wilcoke of the ?new inge £100 Item I give and
bequeath unto Thomas Wilcoke brother to the said William £20 Item I give and
bequeath unto the Christopher Wilcoke brother to the said William £3 Item I give and
bequeath unto Hugh Wilcoke brother to the said William £7 Item I give and bequeath
unto Richard £3 6/4 Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Wilcoke sister to the said
William £17 beside her childs portion due from her father which is £23 I give and
bequeath to the said Margaret Wilcock the better... in the fire house floor and I give
unto Agnes Parkinson widow £6 6 shillings and four pence Item I give and bequeath
unto the abovesaid William Wilcock my great ... which standeth in the new barn Item
all the rest and residue of my goods I give to the said William Wilcock Item I nominate
and appoint the said William Wilcock sole executor of this my last will and testament In
witness whereof Alice Wilcock ... Wigleforth?
Probate follows in Latin