

**14 Aug 1693 Richard Mowbray**

[Note: BIA Prerogative Court York 98/Nov 1693. Mowbray was agent to the successive Sir William Blacketts at the Allenheads lead mines from 1668, and almost certainly brother of John Mowbray, the Dukesfield lead agent, who predeceased him. See the Background and Support/ Business Structure section of this website. The wrapper and probate bond filed with Richard Mowbray's will have not been transcribed. The location of Luffay in Knarsdale is uncertain. Possibly it is the modern Luzley. Natrice on Alston Moor is the modern Nattrass. <Dukerfd> is almost certainly Dukesfield. Emly will be the modern Embley. Nathaniel Burnand was ejected as vicar of Brampton in 1662 for nonconformity and became a Presbyterian.]

In the name of God amen The fourteenth day of August in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William & Mary by the grace of god King and Queen of England Scotland France & Ireland defenders of the faith and in the year of our Lord god 1693 I Richard Mowbray of Allanheads in the parish of Allandale and County of Northumberland Gent being sick and weak of body but of good and perfect memory (praise be given to god for the same) And knowing the uncertainty of this Life on earth and being desirous to settle things in order do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner & form following That is to say First & principally I commend my soul to Almighty god my Creator Assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of All my sins And be saved by the precious death and meritts of my blessed Saviour and redeemer Christ Jesus, And my body to the earth from whence itt was taken to be buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my Executrix hereafter named shall be thought meet and Convenient And as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord hath in mercy Lent me my Will and meaning is that the same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is Expressed and first I do revoke and make void all wills by me formerly made and declare and Appoint this my Last will and Testament Item I Give and bequeath unto Joseph Mowbray son of me the sd Richard Mowbray all my Tennemt. of Corby gates lying within the parish of Aldstone and County of Cumberland to have and to hold the sd Tennemt together with the Appurtenances <&> the sd Joseph Mowbray his heirs & Assigns Item I Give and bequeath unto my youngest son Jonathan <all> my Lands att Luffay in the parish of Knaresdale and County of Northumberland together with the Appurtenances to him his heirs and Assigns for ever Item I give and bequeath unto My Daughter Hanah Lowden the wife of Christopher Lowden, and to my Daughter Sarah Mowbray all my tennemt of Sunderlands in the p[ar]ish of Stanhope & County palatine of Durham to be divided in manner as followeth That is to say One <Eighth [or 'Third']> part thereof to my sd daughter Hanah Lowden and all the rest thereof to my sd daughter Sarah Mowbray to have and to hold the sd tennemt in manner as aforesd to them their heirs and Assigns forever Item I give and bequeath unto my sd daughters Hanah & Sarah all my part and title of one Leadmine Lying near Natrice in the p[ar]ish of Aldstone & County of Cumberland together with a sixth part of a North

Vein Likewise Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Mary, Elisabeth, and Jane all my Tennemt called Natrice in the sd p[ar]ish of Aldstone & County of Cumberland to have and to hold the sd Tennemt together with the Appurtenances <to> them their heirs & Assignes <Item> I do order and appoint the Sum of One hundred pounds for which the Moiety of the Tennemt called Upper <Swinnhoupshield> does stand Engaged to be payed out of my psonall Estate by my Executrix hereafter named, and that all my other leadmines shall be mannaged and the Charge thereof payed out of my psonall Estate by my Executrix & the pfitts from thence Arising be equally devised to my Executrix & the rest of my Children Except my Daughters Hanah & Sarah, Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest son William One Guinny, & to my son Robert Another guinny, <Item> I give and bequeath unto my nephew John Mowbray of Durham a Guinny, & to my nephew Thomas of Durham another Guinny, <Item> I Give and bequeath unto my nephew Richard Mowbray of the Steal a guinny, & to my nephew Richard of <Dukerfd> another guinny, Item I give and bequeath unto Mr Nathaneall Burnand Minister att East Allen Chapell a guinny, to my nephew Thomas Mowbray of Emly a guinny <Item> I give and bequeath unto my nephew George Mowbray <the> sum of five pounds, <Item> I give and bequeath unto my son in Law Christopher Lowden the Sum of five pounds, <Item> I give and bequeath unto my grand<children> William Lowden and Samuell Lowden to both of them a Guinny, and to my Mother in Law Elizabeth Dridon a Guinny, Item I give and bequeath unto My niece Jane Mowbray of Durham a Guinny and to my niece Hanah Mowbray of the Steal another Guinny, And Likewise to my niece Ann Mowbray of Emly a Guinny, Item All the rest of my goods & chattells whatsoever I give and bequeath unto Margarett my wife and I do make her sole Executrix of this my last Will & testament upon Condition that she shall pay all my debts, Legacies and funerall Expenses And I do Order And Appoint the aforementioned George Mowbray & Christopher Lowden as Trustees or Guardians to mannage for my Children during their minority & to see that this my will and testament be Lawfully performed & executed. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seal The day & year first above written

Richd Mowbray [signed]

[on verso:] Sealed signed and Delivered in the p.sence of us  
Thomas Noble / William Dixon jurat / Elizabeth Nobel / John Collinson <Snr> jurat [all sign]

[Bond signed by:] Margret Mowbray / Christo Lowdon / George Mowbray

**18 Dec 1727 John Featherstone**

[Note: BIA Prerogative Court York 79/651 1727/8. Featherstone apparently succeeded his father Thomas as the mills agent at Dukesfield in 1699. His own property, Blackhall, a mile or so from Dukesfield, is dated 1714, and a sundial there carries the initials JF. The will of Ann Featherston of Blackhall was proved in September 1733 at York.]

In the name of God Amen. I John Featherston of Duxfield Hall in the County of Northumberland Gent being sick and weak in Body of sound and p.fect mind and memory praised be God for the same do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I commit my Soul into the hands of almighty God my Creator hoping assuredly through the merits death passion of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to be Saved and Rec.d into Eternall rest, my wretched Body in hopes of a Joyfull resurrection I comit to the Earth to be decently buried by my Exec.rs hereinafter named and as to my worldly estate I give and dispose thereof as followeth. And first I do give and devise unto my Real and wellbeloved wife Ann Featherston all that my Capitall messuage tenemt or freehold with its rights members and appurtenances commonly called and known by the name of Black Hall together with all the Lands and Grounds to the same belonging to have and to hold the said Capitall messuage tenemt or farmhold & p[re]misses with their appurtenances unto the said Ann Featherston and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease then the said pmisses to be and remain unto my son Jonathan Featherston hie Heirs and assigns for Ever and my will and meaning further is and I do hereby order and appoint that my Exec.rs hereinafter named shall as soon after my decease as Conveniently She can pay all such debts and sumes of money as I do owe unto any p.sons whomsoever and I do hereby give legate and Bequeath unto my daughter Margaret wife of John Hodgson of the City of Durham <.....> the <line> Sume of Ten pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid her yearly and every year during the term of her natural life at Two feasts or <Termes> in the year , that is to say the feast of Pentecost commonly called Whitsuntide and the feast of St Martin the Bishopp in <Winter> commonly called Martinmas they in Equall porcons the first payment thereof to begin and to be made on which of the two said feasts shall first happen next after my decease and the sume to her in full of any part or share that she or her said husband shall [obscured 1-2 words] or claime out of my p.sonall Estate after my decease. And I do Give legate and bequeath unto my said son Jonathan Featherston the sume of Ten pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid by my Exec.rs hereinafter named within six months next after my decease and all the rest and residue of my goods and Chattles and psonall Estate whatsoever I do hereby Give legate and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Ann Featherston whom I do hereby make and appoint sole Exec.tx of this my last will and testament and I do hereby void disavow and make void all former and other wills and Testaments by me hereinbefore made Either by word or in writeing. In witness whereof I have here set my hand and seale this Eighteenth day of <decbr> Anno Dom 1727 Jo Featherston

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last will and testament in the p'sence of us within his p'sence and at his request have hereto <declared> our names as Witnesses- John <Rainlames> Thos Carr George White

Ent 7 Mar 1727

**17 Apr 1793 John Hunter**

[Note: BIA Prerogative Court York 1793. John Hunter was the brother of the late Isaac Hunter II, Dukesfield Mill agent]

Prerogative Ent  
Ad[m]on[ition] (limited) of Isaac Hunter late of Dukesfield P. Hexham co. Northd.

Know all Men by these presents that we John Hunter of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Gentleman Nicholas Ruddock of the same place Gentleman and Charles Dalston Purvis of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Gentleman do stand and are firmly bou[n]den and obliged unto the Right Worshipful Peter Johnson Master of Arts Commissary and Keeper General of the Exchequer and Prerogative Court of the most Reverend Father in God William by divine providence Lord Archbishop of York primate of England and Metropolitan lawfully constituted in the Sum of Forty pounds of Good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to the said Commissary or his True and lawful Attorney Executors Administrators to which payment well and truly to be made we bind us and every of us Jointly and Severally for and in the whole our and every of our Heirs Executors and Administrators and every of them firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals Dated the Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden John Hunter (by decree of Court) Administrator of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of Isaac Hunter late of Dukesfield in the parish of Hexham in the County of Northumberland (having in his life time and at his Death Bona Notabilia in divers Dioceses or Peculiar Jurisdictions within the province of York) Gentleman deceased Intestate so far only as relates to and concerns the Residue of a Term of one Thousand Years originally made and created by a certain Indenture bearing Date on or about the fifth Day of July in the Year [of] our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Forty Nine and made or mentioned to be made between John Hudspeth of Fawcett Hills in the County of Northumberland Gentleman of the one part and Philadelphia Collingwood of Hexham in the same County Spinster of the other part of and in all that Messuage Tenement or Farmhold called Fawcett Hills and all Lands Grounds Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the same belonging or therewith used and enjoyed situate lying and

being in the parish of Saint John Lee in the said County of Northumberland and then in the Possession of the said John Hudspeth his Tenants or Assigns and all other the Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever of the said John Hudspeth situate lying and being within the said parish of Saint John Lee and County aforesaid together with all and singular Houses Buildings Barns Byars Halles Orchards Gardens Garths Lands Meadows pastures Feedings Commons and Commons of pasture Woods Underwoods and Trees Mines Quarries ways waters water Courses Easements Liberties Privileges profits Commodities Advantages Emoluments Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises or any part thereof belonging or appertaining and the Residue of the said Term in the above recited Messuage Tenement Lands and premises by an Indenture Quadrupartite bearing Date on or about the Twenty first Day of September one Thousand seven hundred and Fifty six and made or mentioned to be made between Robert Ellison of the Town and County of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne Merchant of the first part John Chicken of Anick in the parish of Saint John Lee aforesaid Gentleman and Matthew Coulson of Beaufront Hillhead in the said parish Husbandman Devises and Executors of in and by the last Will and Testament of William Hudspeth thentofore of Fawcett Hills in the said County of Northumberland but late of Anick aforesaid Husbandman deceased of the second part Middleton Teasdale of Beaufront in the said County of Northumberland Gentleman of the third part and the said Isaac Hunter a Trustee named by for and on the part and behalf of the said Middleton Teasdale of the fourth part (and by various mesne Assignments) became vested in the said Isaac Hunter his Executors Administrators and Assigns In Trust for the said Middleton Teasdale his heirs and assigns to attend and wait upon the Reversion and Inheritance of the same Premises unto and to the use of the said Middleton Teasdale his heirs and assigns and to protect the same from Incumbrances do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased limited as aforesaid which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said John Hunter or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the Registry of the Prerogative Court of York at or before the last Day of October next ensuing And the same Goods Chattels and Credits and all other the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his Death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said John Hunter or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly Administer according to the Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and Just Account of his said Administration at or before the last Day of April next ensuing and all the rest and Residue of the said Goods Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators Account the same being first Examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to the True Intent and meaning of the Act of parliament in that behalf made shall limit and appoint and if it shall hereafter appear that any last

Will and Testament was made by the said deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do Exhibit the same into the said Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said John Hunter above bounden being thereunto required do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (approbation of such Testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this obligation to be void and of none Effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Joseph Fell Commissary [struck through:] Surrogate

John Hunter Nich Ruddock Chas. Dalston Purvis

John Hunter the Administrator within named was sworn and the within Bond duly executed by him and his Sureties this Seventeenth Day of April in the year of our Lord 1793 by virtue and in pursuance of the Commission annexed before me Joseph Fell Commissary [struck through:] Surrogate

Pass'd 20th April 1793  
int. £20 & under

Peter Johnson Master of Arts Commissary and Keeper General of the Exchequer and Prerogative Court of the most Reverend Father in God William by divine providence Lord Archbishop of York primate of England and Metropolitan To our well beloved in Christ the Reverend Joseph Fell and George Busby – Clerks Greeting We Commit and Grant to you the aforesaid Joseph Fell and George Busby – jointly and severally (on whose fidelity in this Matter we very much depend Our Authority and full power to be present and in Our place Name and stead to give and Administer the Oath in this Case requisite and wrote below to John Hunter Gentleman the Administrator of the Goods Chattels and Credits of Isaac Hunter late of Dukesfield in the parish of Hexham in the County of Northumberland (having in his Lifetime and at his death Bona Notabilia in divers Dioceses or peculiar Jurisdictions within the Province of York) Gentleman deceased Intestate so far only as relates to and concerns the residue of a Term more particularly mentioned in the said Oath, and to take and See the Bond hereto annexed duly executed in the said Oath, and to take and See the Bond hereto annexed duly executed by the said John Hunter and his sufficient Sureties, desiring that you or which of you who shall execute this our Commission will duly certify us or our Surrogate of what you or either of you shall do in the premisses as soon as conveniently may be and transmit the same and the same and the Bond hereto annexed executed as above directed and duly together with these presents Given at York under the Seal of our office this thirteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Ninety three

Brook & Fryer Proctors  
Joseph Buckle Deputy Register

The Oath of the Administrator

You shall Swear that you believe Isaac Hunter late of Dukesfield in the Parish of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Gentleman deceased died intestate without making any Will \_ That you will well and truly Administer the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased so far only as relates to and concerns the residue of a Term of One thousand years Originally made and Created by a certain Indenture bearing date on or about the fifth day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Forty nine and made or mentioned to be made between John Hudspeth of Fawcett Hills in the County of Northumberland Gentleman of the one part and Philadelphia Collingwood of Hexham in the same County Spinster of the other part of and in all that Messuage Tenement or Farmhold called Fawcett Hills and all Lands Grounds Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the same belonging or therewith used and enjoyed situate lying and being in the parish of Saint John Lee in the said County of Northumberland and then in the possession of the said John Hudspeth his Tenants or Assigns and all other the Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever of the said John Hudspeth situate lying and being within the said parish of Saint John Lee and County aforesaid together with all and singular Houses Buildings Barns Byers Stables Orchards Gardens Garths Lands Meadows pastures Feedings Commons and Commons of pasture Woods Underwoods and Trees Mines Quarries ways waters water Courses Easements Liberties Priviledges profits Commodities Advantages Emoluments Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises or any part thereof belonging or Appertaining And the residue of the said Term in the above recited Messuage Tenement Lands and Premises by an Indenture Quadripartite bearing date on or about the twenty first day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six and made or mentioned to be made between Robert Ellison of the Town and County of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne Merchant of the first part John Chicken of Anick in the parish of Saint John Lee aforesaid Gentleman and Matthew Coulson of Beaufront Hill Head in the said parish Husbandman Devises and Executors of in and by the last Will and Testament of William Hudspeth thentofore of Fawcett Hills in the said County of Northumberland but late of Anick aforesaid Husbandman deceased of the Second part Middleton Teasdale of Beaufront in the said County of Northumberland Gentleman of the third part and the said Isaac Hunter a Trustee named by for and on the part and behalf of the said Middleton Teasdale of the fourth part (and by various Mesne Assignments) became vested in the said Isaac Hunter his Executors Administrators and Assigns In trust for the said Middleton Teasdale his Heirs and Assigns to attend and wait upon the Reversion and Inheritance of the same premises unto and to the use of the said Middleton Teasdale his Heirs and Assigns and to protect the same from mesne Incumbrances by paying the Debts of the said Isaac Hunter so far as his Goods Chattels and Credits limited as aforesaid will thereto extend and the Law oblige you That you will Exhibit into the Registry of the Prerogative Court of York a true full and perfect

Inventory of the said Goods Chattels and Credits limited as aforesaid and tender a true and just Account of your Administration thereof when you shall be thereto lawfully called. And that the Interest which the said Isaac Hunter had in the said Term, will not amount in Value to the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

So help you God John Hunter

John Hunter the within named administrator was duly sworn before me  
Commissary [struck through:] Surrogate

**31 Dec 1805 Mary Hunter**

[Note: BIA Prerogative Court York 1825. This copy of the will of Mary Hunter, widow of Isaac Hunter II of Dukesfield, accompanies admin papers granted to her niece Frances Scott in 1820]

I Mary Hunter of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Widow do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in Manner following, that is to say First I will and order that all my just Debts and Funeral Expences shall be paid and discharged by my Executrix hereafter named as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease And I give and bequeath all my goods Chattels and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what Nature Quality or Kind soever to my Niece Frances Scott Daughter of my much respected Brother John Scott, whom I hereby appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby revoke all former and other Wills at any Time heretofore by me made either by Word or Writing In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Thirty first Day of December – in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and five.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Mary Hunter as and for her last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at her Request and in her Presence and in the Presence of each other have hereunto set our Hands as Witnesses in the due Execution thereof

Mary Hunter

Jno. Bell

Jno. Bell Junr.

Prerogative

Entd.

Will of Mary Hunter late of Hexham Co. Northumberland  
Widow deceased 9th July 1820 under £100



EDWARD, by Divine Providence, Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England, and Metropolitan, To our well-beloved in Christ, The Right Reverend Father in God William by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of London his Vicar General his Surrogate, or any other competent Judge, Greeting: Whereas

Mary Hunter late of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Widow having whilst living, and at the Time of her Death, Goods, Chattels, or Credits, in divers Dioceses or Jurisdictions, did make her Will hereunto annexed and did therein name Frances Scott Spinster her Niece the sole Executrix who now resides within your Jurisdiction, and, by reason thereof, cannot without great Expence come to our Prerogative Court of York, for the Purposes herein after-mentioned. We therefore in Aid of Law (Justice so requiring do request you jointly or severally to swear the said Executrix to the truth of the annexed Affidavit as well of the Truth of the said Will as of the faithful Performance thereof, and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said Deceased, and to render a true and just Account thereof, and to exhibit the same into the Registry of our said Prerogative Court and further to do in the Premises as shall be needful; requesting that (such Oath being administered) you duly transmit to the Commissary of our said Court, or his Surrogate, the said Will and the whole Proceedings thereon, subscribed with the proper Hand or Hands of one or more of you, immediately after the Execution thereof, together with these Presents, so that Justice may be administered in the Premises; for which you shall receive the like Favour from us, if at any Time required. Given at York, the first day of July in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty five.

Extracted by  
Mills & Son Proctors  
Joseph Buckle Deputy Register

The Form of the Oath to the Executrix laying her Hand on the Bible or New Testament.

YOUR Oath is, that the Writing hereunto annexed, contains the true last Will and Testament of the above-mentioned Mary Hunter deceased as far as you know or believe, and that you will truly perform the same, by paying first her Debts, and then the Legacies therein contained, as far as her Goods, Chattels, and Credits, will thereto extend and the Law charge you; and that you will make a true and perfect Inventory of all the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits, and exhibit the same into the Registry of the Prerogative Court of York, at the Time assigned you by the said Court, and render a just Account thereof when lawfully required; that the Whole of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits, of the said Deceased, (within the Province of York,) do not amount to the Sum of one hundred Pounds, and that you believe the Contents of the Affidavit hereto annexed, to which you have subscribed your Name, were and are true.

So help you GOD.

To the Most Reverend Father in God Edward by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of York Primate of England and Metropolitan his Vicar General his Surrogate or any other competent Judge in this behalf.

We John Trenchard Pickard Doctor of Laws lawful Surrogate of the Worshipful Sir Christopher Robinson Knight Doctor of Laws Vicar General and Official Principal of the Consistorial and Episcopal Court of London lawfully constituted with all due reverence do make known and certify that on Wednesday the sixth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty five in our Chambers in Doctors Commons situate within the Parish of Saint Benedict near Pauls Wharf London Appeared personally before me and in the presence of Henry Virtue Tebbs Notary Public Frances Scott Spinster the Niece and Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of Mary Hunter late of Hexham in the County of Northumberland Widow deceased and presented unto us your Letters Requisitorial together with the said Will hereunto annexed. And We at the petition of the said Frances Scott Spinster did in aid of the Law accept and take upon us the Execution of the said Letters Requisitorial and did decree to proceed according to the Tenor and Effect of the same and did then by virtue thereof duly administer to her the Oath contained at the foot of your said Letters Requisitorial. And thus we have, as far as in us lies, executed your said Requisition, which, together with the said Will and all the Proceedings had before us in this behalf, We do herewith transmit to you not doubting the like return from you whenever an Occasion shall require. And in Testimony of what is above written We have hereunto set our hand and caused the Official Seal which we use in this behalf to be hereunto affixed this sixth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Decd 22nd March 1825

John Trenchard Pickard Surrogate

And I the said Henry Virtue Tebbs Notary Public appointed by Royal Authority having been present at all and singular the Premises above written to in Testimony of the same likewise herewith set my Name the said sixth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

Pas'd 9th July 1825 undr. £100

H. V. Tebbs Noty. Publ.