

3 Mar 1652 George Fairlamb

[Note: Will & inventory DPRI/1/ 1663/F1/1]

In the name of God Amen, I George Farlambe of eDukesfeild within the Countie of eNorthumberland being sicke of body but of good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be given unto allmighty God, doe make and declare this my Testament my last will beinge herein contained, That is to say :-

First I bequeath my soule unto Allmighty, God And my body to be buried the p[ar]ish Church yeard of Slayley as my freinds shall dispose; and this my minde and Intent being my last will, I declare in p[re]sence of seaverall witnesses this Third day of March one thousand six hundred fiftie one as ffolloweth /

Imp[ri]mis I first give legate and bequeath unto Thomas Farlambe my sonne the two foremost Oxen in my draught, <As> allsoe the third part of the Cropp now sowen and for this yeare to sow in and about Dukesfeild for this yeare; Likewise the Third part of the ground belongeinge to the said Dukesfeild. <As> allsoe Twentie shillings in money, And Ten Hoggs now goeing at Dillston – with one Table, and one Iron Chimney after my wifes decease, And the bedstead now standinge in the fforehouse/

Item I give and bequeath unto George Farlambe and Richard Farlambe my sonnes foure stotes or Steeres, <As> allsoe Twenty sheepe, Likewise one bay Nagg, Equally to be devided betweene them./

Item I give and bequeath unto Joen Bittlestone my sonne in law his two Children two Oxen steeres or stirckes, And unto my daughter Agnes Bittlestone his wife Twentie Shillings.

All the rest of my goods and Chattells moveable and unmoveable my debts legacies and funerall Expenses being payd and discharged I give and bequeath unto Isabell Ffarlambe my wife, whom I make Constitute and Ordaine full Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, And my will and Intent is, That Leonard Farlambe, Gerrard Farlambe, Margrett Farlambe, and Jane Farlambe my sonnes and daughters be left unto the Tuition and guidemy of the said Isabell my wife to bestow upon them as shee shall thinke fitt, And this my last will and testament I ratifie and confirme, and the same subscribe the day and yeare first Above written in p[re]sence of these witnesses:

Richard Farlambe (marked with a cross) John Thirlewall Mathew Farllam Richard Todd (mark) George Farlambe (mark)

Sworne the twenty ninth day of September one thousand six hundred fifty three by Issabell Farilam the Executrix above written before me Tho[mas] Gibson
Com[missioner]

[INVENTORY]

A true and perfect Inventory of all such goods and Chattels moveable and unmoveable as George Farlam of Ducksfeild died Seized of being taken & Apprised by Richard Farlam John Thirlewall Matthew Farlam and Lewes Farlambe this foure and twentieth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord god one Thousand Six Hundred fiftie two as ffolloweth - - - -

	£	s	d
Imp[ri]mis his Apparrell horse and Furniture	10	00	00
Item Nine kine	18	00	00
Item Nine Stirkes	6	00	00
Item 89 Sheepe	26	00	00
Item two Cupbords & bedsteads, brasse & pewter & other houshold stufte lining & woollen	10	00	00
Item Geese hens and Bees	1	00	00
Item Plow & plow Irons longe waine & Short with other Furniture	2	00	00
Item the Seed sowen on the ground	2	13	4
Item five bowles of Rie	3	00	00
Summe is	78	13	4

Debts oweing unto the Testator

	£	s
Oweing by Thomas Armstrong of Spartale	3	10
By Robert robson of Merley coat walls	3	10
By Robert Blenkyshipp of Cold Rowley	12	
Edward Still of Stobylee	9	
Thomas Jobling of Proudho	6	
John Slater of Horsley	6	
John Hopper of Medamley	6	
Summe is	8	19 00

Disbursed for Funerall Expenses 8 00 00

Sworne the twenty nyynth day of September by Issabell Fairlamb the Executrix < > (ink blob obscuring word) written before me Tho[mas] Gibson Com[missioner]

11 Apr 1654 Richard Fairlamb

[Note: Will & inventory DPRI/1/1662/F1/1]

In the name of God Amen, The Eleaventh day of the Moneth of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six Hundred fiftie foure Richard Farlambe of Steele Hall within the Parish of Slealey, in the Countie of Northumberland yeoman being sicke and Weake of body, but of Sound and perfect remembrance, Laud and Praise be given unto God for it, doe hereby make my last Will and Testament, in Manner & forme as Followeth, That is to say, First I bequeath my Soule unto Almighty God & Jesus Christ, my maker Saviour and Redeemer, by whose Precious death and Passion I hope to be saved And my body to be buryed in the Parish Church yard of Slaley as my Freinds shall dispose and thinke Convenient.

Imprimis I Give Legate And bequeath unto Elinor the wife of George Fearon of the Ould Towne two kine and the sheepe which I have goeing with Anne Greene of the Upper Raw greene

Item I give Legate and bequeath unto Lewis Farlambe Richard Farlambe and William Farlambe of Steele hall And sonne to the aforesaid Lewis Farlambe, my draught of Oxen with the Appurtenanc^{es} consisting of Eight beasts, with the Cropp now sowen and to sow in and upon the ground which I now farme in and about the Steele hall, and the two parts of the cropp which I have sowen & to sow at Duxfeild Hall, And my wife to be Joint Sharer with them in the s[ai]d Cropp, with all the right and Interest w[hi]ch I have in and unto the ground in and about Steele Hall & Duxfeild Hall, for the time being

Item I give Legate and bequeath unto Richard Todd one quie

Item I legate and bequeath unto Jane Todd one of the Daughters of Richard Todd of Hexham halfe a Score of Sheepe

Item I give legate and bequeath unto Mary Leadbitter of Hexham widdow one quie.

Item I likewise give and bequeath unto Anne the wife of Thomas Forster of Bywell one quie

Item I give Legate and bequeath unto Dorrathy Farlambe and Isabell Farlambe the two youngest Daughters of Mathew Farlambe of Hexham either of them five hogge sheepe.

Item I give Legate and bequeath unto Agnes Hodeson the Daughter of Thomas Hodeson of Hexham halfe a score of Ewes.

Item I give legate and bequeath unto Elizabeth Farlambe the Daughter of Robert Farlam of Holehouse the one halfe of the sheepe which I have goeing at the Blackhall Mill

Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Trumble halfe a dozen Lambs

Item I give legate and bequeath unto Jane French my servant halfe a dozen of Lambs

Item I legate give and bequeath unto Thomas Trumble halfe a dozen Lambs.

Item I give Legate and bequeath unto Henry the sonne of Alice Farlambe foure Lambs

All the rest of my goods and Chattells Moveable and unmoveable, my debts and Legacies & funerall Expenses being paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid Lewis Farlambe, Richard Farlambe William Farlambe and my wife whom I make, constitute and ordaine to be Joint Executors of this my last Will and testament And I doe hereby utterly Revoke, null, and make void all other former Wills, Testaments, guift, Legacies and bequests whatsoever, by me at any time before Willed, Made, given Legated and bequeathed. In wittnesse whereof I have unto th<..> my last will and Testament Subscribed my hand writeing. In presents of these witnesses

Richard Farlambe His mark

Peeter Dixon his mark John <Dugid> his mark Peeter Thirlewall his mark

Richard Todd [signs]

[INVENTORY]

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods & chattells moveable and unmoveable that Richard Farlambe of Steele Hall within Bywell Lordshipp in the countie of Northumberland, dyed seized of, viewed Taken and Apprized this twentie seaventh day of Aprill Anno Domini 1654: By John Thirlewall of Neather Ardley, Robert Farbridge of Hackford Mathew Farlambe of Hexham and George Carr of the Upper Stapples as Followeth

	£	s	d
Imprimis his Apparrell and the Furniture			
with money in his purse	5	13	00
Item the one halfe of a Mare & a foale	1	10	00
Item the one halfe of another Mare		10	00
Item Eight Oxen and two stotts	24	00	00
Item Fiveteene kine and a Bull	32	00	00
Item 2 quies	3	00	00
Item one quie	1	6	8
Item a browne quie strike		10	00
Item five stirks more	4	10	00
Item 48 Ewes and Lambs	16	00	00
Item 23 geld Ewes	6	13	4

Item 28 Hoggs	6 00 00
Item 35 Weather Sheepe	12 00 00
Item 6 Tupps	1 4 00
Item Corne sowen on the ground at Steele Hall and Ducksfeild Hall	1 8 00
Item 3 Hives of Bees	1 00 00
Item 14 sheepe w[i]th Anne Greene of upper raw greene	3 10 00
Item 13 Ewes at Blackehall Mill	3 00 00
Item the furniture belongeing to the draught	1 00 00
Item Thrashed corne in the house & unthrashed	1 00 00
Item Pewter and Brasse vessell in the house	1 00 00
Item Cupbords and Cawell Table & Bedsteeds with other wooden vessell and Iron geare belongeing to the house	1 00 00
Item Beding linning and woollen	2 00 00
Sub Total	128 15 00

disbursed for the Testators Funerall Expenses	9 18 10
oweing unto the testator by Barbary Makpeece	7 00
Oweing by the Testator for Racke rent	7 00 00
Oweing likewise for Fee farme Rent	5 00

Signed by the Apprizers aforesaid the day and yeare above written
John Thirlewall Robert Farbridge Mathew Farllam Georg Carr

10 Oct 1659 Gervis Gascoyne

[Note: Will & inventory DPRI/1/1660/G2]

In the name of god Amen the 10th day of October Anno domin 1659 I Gervis Gascoyne of Gengles sicke in body yet of good & perfite memory praised bee god doe make this my last will and testyment in fforme as followeth vid first I give and commend my soule into ye hands of allmighty god my maker & of Jesus Christ my Redeemer And my body to be buryed in my parish Church & my goods as followeth Item I give to my brother Nicklos five shilings Item I give to my brother James five shillings Item I give to my brother John five shillings Item I give to my sister Mary five shilings Item I doe ordaine & by thes presents make my wif barbry & my son Gervis full & sole Executors of all my goods mouvable and unmovable & and if that it should please god to take of Ether of them before my sonne Gervis Com of lawfull yeares that ye latter Lever of them shall be full Executors of this my Last will and testyment Of
Gervis Gascoyne mark

Selled in ye presents Of us John Wade mark James houdsmith mark

[INVENTORY]

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods and Chattels movable and Immovable late Garvis gascone of Gingels haugh within the parish of Blanchland and Countie of Northumberland Deceased valued and praised by William Weldone Robert ffarbridge Thomas Armstrong and Richard Waltone the 7th of March Anno Domni 1659

	£. s. d
Imprimis Tenn kine a bule stirk and 4 Calves	25.00.00
Item A meare and a foole	2. 6. 8
Item eight and thirty ould Shepe	8.00.00
Item twelve hogs	1.16.00
Item puter and Brasse with all the rest of the houshoulde	11.10.00
<chefe> linning and woollen his apparel	3.06.08
Item in mony thirty pound and three barrels of read lead ff twelve pound mony three pound	96.19.04

Debts oweing to the deceased as followeth

Imprimis John <Garthron> William Steward Richard <Greneswerd> and Christopher <Garthron> by bill	6.15.00
Item Christopher <Gartherthren> and John <Gartherthren> by bill	3.06.08
Item Robert Cuming the elder and Robert Cuming the younger by bill	2.00.00
Item Marmaduke Claton by bill	2.10.00
Item Mathew humble by bill	2.00.00
Item William Steward by bill	1.05.00
Item Petter Dixsonn by bill	3.00.00
Item John hedley by bill	1.03.04
Item Mithew <Farbanes> and George Jacksonn by bill	1.00.00
	23.00.00

<Incertaine> Debts due to the deceased as followeth

	£. s. d
Imprimis James plats	1.16.00

Item	William Marley	1.04.00
Item	George Symponn	1.00.00
Item	John Errington	1.00.00
Item	ffridrick Errington	9.02
Item	Richard Carnaby	10.00
Item	Squire Redley	4.00
Item	Richard Gibsonn	11.04
Item	Richard Normand	6.08
Item	Williame Milbourne	1.05.00
Item	Briane Clenton	5.00
Item	John Whitfeild	2.06
Item	John Little	6.06
		9.00.02

Debtes oweing by the deceased as followeth

	£. s. d
Imprimis to George hiblinge	16.00.00
Item to John Makepeace	2.00.00
Item to Lancelot Makepeace	2.00.00
Item to Margaret Makepeace	2.00.00
Item to Jane Makepeace	2.00.00
Item to Barbare Makepeace	2.00.00
Item to Isabel Makepeace	2.00.00
Item to Elliner Makepeace	2.00.00
	30.00.00

William Welden Robert ffarbridge Thomas Armestronge his mark Richard Waltone his mark

20 Jun 1668 James Briggs

[Note: Will DPR/I/1/1668/B13/1-2, registered copy DPR/I/2/8 f114v-115v. Grigg Hall in Underbarrow is near Kendal, Cumbria (formerly Westmorland). The Hying Estate is in the same area – Graygrigg (Son Roger Briggs will in 1674). When Henry Bland died 1682 Matthew Matfin was one of the assessors for his inventory. Matfin also spelled Matfyn and Matfen. Tempest Raine, one of the witnesses, is one of the names in Michael Blackett's letters (CUL MS Add.91, Dd 7.26)]

In the name of God Amen, June this 20th 1668, I James Briggs of Newcastle upon Tyne, Merchant Adventurer, being under some bodily distemper, but of good and perfect memory and disposing judgement (blessed be God) make this my last will and

testament in manner and form following, and by this my will I do revoke all or any other former wills by me made, And first I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of allmighty God, my infinitely wise former in the wombe, and gracious preserver unto this day, steadfastly believing, and patiently waiting through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus, for the Redemption, ever the Salvation of my Soule, and I give my Earthly <Crazy> body of Clay to the ground, firmly hoping by the infinite Satisfaction, and the glorious resurrection of my Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, that this mortall and vyle body shall be raised an Imortall and glorious body, to Enjoy god and to praise him for ever, And for my worldly Estate which god hath given me,

Imprimis I give unto my Loving wife all that my messuage or tenement of Grigghall, in under barrow duringe all the tyme She shall continue a widdow to me according to the Customs of the said Land she paying all rents and dutyes due to the Lord the Kings Maiesty

Item I give unto my Said loving wife, the house wherein I now live during the tyme of her natural life, She paying out of it to my grandmother Elizabeth Garthwaite only Six pounds a year, dureing my said Grandmothers life, in lieu and consideration of one hundred pounds, I have of her for which I am to pay her six pounds a year dureing her life, for which said hundred pounds I gave her my bond, which she promises to give me at her death, and to bestow the money Clearly upon me, which I hope she will doe to my executors hereafter named, my wife making good this bequest of six pounds a yeare to her dureing her life,

Item I give to my said loving wife, all my shipps or parts of Shipping belonging unto me

Item I give to my said loving wife, all plate belonging to me, and all my household stuffe

Item I give to my said loving wife, the summ of four hundred pounds, and it is my will that all those particulars beforementioned, which I bequeath to her, and I give and bequeath them to her, in full satisfaction of her thirds widdow right, or any other Challenge or claime, which she may make to any part of any of my Estate Reall or personal, and if she shall not be content herewith, then my will and minde is that all beforementioned gifts and Legacyes shall be void and of none effect, and that she shall not have any of my Estate, more than what the Law allowes her

Item I give to my son Roger Briggs, all that my messuage and tenement of Grigghall under barrow, to enter upon after the death or next marriage of his mother, and my wife, According to the Customs used within the manner of the Lands upon the Marquest Fee to him and his heirs for Ever,

Item I give to my Sonn Roger Briggs my house in Newcastle wherein I now live, to Enter upon at the death of my said loving wife, to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give unto my said Sonn Roger Briggs all that my domaine with the other land in Tanfield in the <Br...> of Durham, which I lately bought of Mr <Frey> to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give to my Sonn Roger Briggs all my one twenty and fourth part of the Collierie commonly known by the name of grand Lease of Whickham and gateside and for the tearme of years yet to come, being a moiety or halfe part of Mr Christopher Nichollsons one twelfth part

Item I give to my said Sonn Roger Briggs my moyatie or halfe part of one Eight part of Rideing field Collierie, for the tearme of yeares yet to come, which was bought of Mr John Clavering and is now in my brother Gray his possession and my owne

Item I give unto my said Sonn Roger Briggs all my part of Leadmines in Teasdale Forest howdon field or elsewhere, with my part of Mills wood or Land thereto belonging

Item I give unto my Sonn Thomas Briggs Seaven hundred pounds, in full satisfaction for his Childs portion

Item I give unto my Sonn Roger Briggs five hundred pounds, in full satisfaction for his Childs portion

Item I give unto my daughter Cathren Briggs six hundred pounds, in full satisfaction for her Childs portion

Item I give unto my daughter Margrett Briggs five hundred pounds, in full satisfaction for her Childs portion

And it is my will and minde that if any of my four younger children dye, before they come to the age of one and twenty years, or before they be marryed, that then the portion bequeathed to that Child or Children that soe dyes, before the age of one and twenty yeares, or before marriage shal be equally divided betwixt the other surviving younger children that is all the surviving children except my heire, if any be livinge and if not to him shall all their portions come due

Item I give unto my cosin Henry Bland my Lands, with the appurtenances there to belonging, Lyinge and beinge att Rockbanckes, called by the name of the two hyneings, which was bought of James Bland, and is now in the possession of Henry Bland my Brother in Law but it is my mind and will that my cossin Henry Bland doe permitt my

sister Ann Bland to enjoy the said Hyninge with the house and appurtanences by Lease for her life, to helpe her to a more comfortable living, att the yearly rent of sixpence if demanded

Item I give unto my cossin Henry Bland all the debt that his father owes me in my books, and the Extent I have against his fathers lands provided that he allows my Executor the Charges in recovering these Extents

Item I give unto James Shafto my servant Forty shillings for a token, and I hope he will help my wife to state her accounts, and to gather in her debts, as much as he can

Item I give unto Mr <Corrker> Naylor the sum of Forty shillings in liuw of my mortuary

Item I give unto Mr John Berwick Forty shillings

Item I give unto Mrs <Wolfull> Forty shillings

Item I give unto Mrs Prudiux Forty shillings

Item I give unto my cossin Mr Richard Garthwaite and his wife either of them twenty shillings a peece

Item I give Foster Gilroy and his wife ten shillings a peece, for a token

Item I give to every of my maid servants in my house at my death thirty shillings apeece and my mind and will is that in Case after my Funerall Expenses, debts and Legacyes herein mentioned and bequeathed, shall be discharged that there shall remaine any surplusadge or overplus of my personal Estate, that the same shall be disposed of and given to my sonn Roger Briggs, soe soone as debts, Legasyes and funeral expenses are discharged

And lastly my will and mind is , and I doe hereby Declare and appoint my said loving wife and my said sonn Roger Briggs Executors of this my Last will and testament, for the use of Roger Briggs only, and doe Constitute my said Loving wife tutrix of all my Children and doe Constitute and appoynt my good friends Mr Roger Bateman of Blease Mr Robert Ellison merchant Mr Ralph Grey my brother in Law Mr Matthew Matfin my Brother in Law my cossin Henry Bland Supervisors of this my last Will and Testament and to each of them I give forty shillings for a token and I also direct and appoint my said loving wife and my said son Roger Briggs from time to time to acquaint and advise with my said Supervisors or the survivor or survivors of them in any thing whatsoever they or either of them shall Act, concerning this my last will and testament and Especially how to dispose of the portions, which in and by this last will

and testament are to my Children bequeathed, soe as much profit and advantidge may be made for my said children and I doe earnestly Intreat and desire the said Mr Roger Bateman Mr Robert Ellison Mr Ralph Grey Mr Matthew Matfin and Henry Bland to be ayding and assisting to my said wife sonn Roger and Children with their best advice and Counsell to the end this my Last will and testament may be Duly performed

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seals the day and yeare first above written,
James Briggs

Signed and sealed in the presence of us Henry Bland James Shafto Samuel Chicken Tempest Raine

2 Mar 1670 Thomas Mowbray

[Note: Will and Inventory DPRI/1670/M15]

The last will and testament of Thomas Mowbray nuncupative late of Duxfield in the Countie of Northumberland declared the second of March 1669: before Jphn Mowbray & george Lee as followeth:

First I give & bequeath my soule unto Almightye god & my bodie to buried in the parish church or churchyard of Slayley as my friends shall order & appoint,

Item I give Legate & bequeath unto my brother Robert Mowbray my cloake & a paire of Boots

All the rest of my goods & chattels moveable and Unmoveable my debts legacys & gunerall expenses being first paid and discharged I give and bequeath to Mary my wife whom I hereby appoint & make sole Executor of this my will & testament upon condition hereafter following that is to say that the said Mary my wife shall pay out of the said goods & chattels unto Anne my daughter the summe of fiteene pounds when she shall attaine unto lawfull age, & in case my said wife shall prove to be with child that then the said Mary shall pay out unto such child the summe of Ten pounds & I hereby utterly revoke all other former wills & testaments by me at any tyme formerly made given Legated or bequeathed

Witnesseth hereof

John Mowbray George <Leey>

[INVENTORY]

This is a true and perfect inventory of all the Goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable lait Thomas Mowbrayes of East Duxfeild in the parish of Slaley and in the

Countie of Northumberland yeoman lately deceased valued and prized this 16th day of April Ano domney 1670 by Richard Tesdall senear and Richard Tesdall junear of Slaley and John Mowbray of the Steele and Robert Mowbray of Duxfield Hall

Inprimis his aparall and his money in his purse	6 00 00
Item one hors	3 00 00
Itm thre kine and two stirks	5 10 00
Itm two bed stedes and beding belonging tharetow	1 10 00
Itm pudar and bras	1 05 00
Itm one Cubart one presse one pare of barrs	
With other Iron geare	1 15 00
Itm one table with other woodan vesall	10 00
	19 15 00

Debts owing to the deceased

John Coward	10 00 00	
George Coward	5 00 00	
John Marshall	1 00 00	
Railph Hareson	1 04 00	
James Coulson	1 00 00	
Railph Pearson	4 00 00	
Cuthbart Benton	8 00 00	
Railph Emberson	1 00 00	
John Hoger	2 00 00	
	33 4 00	52 19 00

12 Nov 1671 Robert Mowbray

[Note: Inventory DPRI/1/1672/M11]

A true and perfect inventory of all the Goods and chattels moveable late Robert Mowbrayes of Duxfeild hall in the parish of Slaley and in the Countie of Northumberland yeoman lately deceased valued and apprized the 12th day of November in the yeare 1671 by Lewis ffairlambe and Thomas ffairlambe of Duxfeild Richard Wainman of Steele hall and John Mowbray of the Steele as followeth

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse house and apparel	5.00.00		
from foure kyne;three heifers; two steers and one calfe apprized to	14.00.00		
from Eleaven sheepe	1.10.00		
from one cupboard; two tables; two chaires; two chests and yolke			

with other wooden vesells	4.00.00
from two bedstools and bedding	
thereunto belonging	2.00.00
from pewter, brasses and from geare	1.10.00
from two twine	10.00
Total	28.10.00

Disbursed in funerall expenses	3.10.00
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Debts owing by the deceased

Owing to John Mowbray	6.14.00
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Owing to Richard Mowbray	1.05.00
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Thomas Fairlam Lewis Fairlambe Richard Wainman John Mowbray

27 Apr 1672 Ann Sharp

[Note: Will & Inventory DPRI/1/1672/S8]

Ane Sharpe of Duxfeild in the County of Northumberland being sick in [‘of’ crossed through] body but of good and perfe[c]t memory thanks be to almighty god and cal[l]ing to remembrance the uncartan Estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please god to call I doe make const[it]ut[e] ordane and declare this my last will and testyment in manar and forme fol[l]owing revoking and anul[l]ing by these presence all and ev[e]ry testyment and testaments will and wills heare to fore by me maid and declared e[i]ther by word or by writing and this to be taken only for my last will and testiment and none other and first being peneytant and sor[r]y from the bot[t]om of my h[e]art for my sins past most humbly desering forgiveness[s] for the same I give and co[m]mit my soule unto Almighty god my Sav[i]o[ur] and Rede[em]er in whom and by the merits of Jesus C[hr]ist I trust and bel[i]eve A[s]suredly to be saved and to have full remishon and forgiveness[s] of all my sines and that my soule with my boday at the Generall Day of Resur[r]ection shall rise Again with joy and thr[o]ugh the sure merits (of) C[h]rist death and pashon and inherit the king[d]am of heaven prepared for his Elect and Chosen and my boday to be buried within the parish Church or Church yard of Corbridge in such a place as shall please my Ex[ecu]tors and hear after named to Apoint and no[m]i[n]ate For the sel[l]ing of my temporall Estate and such goodes Chatals and depts as it hath pleased god far Above my Desarving to bestow upon me I do order and give and dispose the same in man[n]ar and forme fol[l]owing that is to say First I will let all those Depts and dutyes as I owe in Rit (Right) or Considac[ion] (Consideration) to any manor of parsones or parsones what so ever shall be well and truly contented and paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my desease by my Executrix h[e]r[e]after named

Imp[rimas] I doe order and ap[p]oint my sesteres (sisters) margat whit and Eliz[abeth] Mowbray to be my Executrix of this my last will and testament and I leave and Ap[p]oint for my sister Margrat whit all my shepe and to my sister Eliz[abeth] Mowbray tow oxson the one cal[l]ed pleaser and Ginglar and one read mare and all myhousould/ Goodes to margrat and Eliz[abeth] to be equally devided betwixt theme exsept one Cubart that I give to my se(i)ster Child margrat Armstrong and one Cover Clothe

Item I give unto my sester (sister) margrat whit and my sester Eliz[abeth] Mowbray all my part of Corn now growing and to sowe in Dilston and all other Corne w[h]ich is nowe in the barne or stak yard or else wheare I give unto margrat whit and Eliz[abeth] Mowbray all my part of waines and plows and all matreales (materials) belonging thare to as will be maid apeare

Item I give unto my sister Jane Armstrong one oxe caled curly

Item I give unto my brother Thomas Sharp one oxe caled blith and one blacke mare

Item I give unto my brother John Sharp one blacke kine caled Copy .. and I give unto his son Thomas Sharp one kine caled soney

In witness whear off I have hear unto set my hand and seale the: 27th day of Aprill Anno: Domy[ni]: 1672: Signed sealed and d[elivere]din the presence of .. Thomas Farlam jur Richard Waineman jur An: Sharp her mark John Mowbray

[INVENTORY]

May 15th Anno 1672

A true & perfect inventory of all the goods Chattels & Moveables of Ann Sharp late of Dueksfeald Hall. Dowager prized by Thomas Farlamb John Stobbert Anthony Whitti Richard Wainman the day and year Aboveth as followith

	£ s d
Imprimis her purse and Apparrell	1.10.00
Item four oxen	8.00.00
Item two kine	2.10.00
Item two horses	2.10.00
Item fourteen sheep and six lambs	2.10.00
Item two yoks and iron sievs	2.06
Item plough and plough irons	2.00
Item long wain and short wain & wainwheels	1.00.00

Item three bouls of wheat & rye sown on the ground	1.10.00
Item five bouls of oats	1.05.00
Item two bouls of wheat and A halph	1.10.00
Item one cubert one cowell two bedsteads one table	1.08.00
Item bedding lining & other nesesaryes	1.00.00

Sum of 26.03.06

Debts owing by the deceased	1.19.00
Candlmis rent for the farm	4.02.00
her servants wages	1.16.00
to Martin Swinburn	10.00
her funerall expenses	3.00.00

Sum of 11.01.06

Debts owing to the deceased 5.00

Thomas Faerlam his X mark Richard Wainman John Stobert his X mark
witnesseth

9 Mar 1680 William Blackett

[Note: The probate copy of the will of William Blackett (1620-80) is to be found at DPR/I/1/1680/B16 and awaits transcription. What appears to be the original will has recently (Jan 2016) been found amongst the many boxes of miscellaneous Allendale Estate papers at Northumberland Archives: NRO 2762 Box C74. The abstract given below, which conveniently extracts the provisions into a more concise summary, is taken from the Trevelyan/Wallington papers now at Northumberland Archives: NRO ZWN A/ 1/ 315, and entitled on the verso 'Abstract Copy of Sr Wm Blackett the Grandfather's Will dated 9 Mar 1679'. This possibly dates the abstract to the time of legal work surrounding the estate of the third William Blackett, who died in 1728. Houtericks mill is probably Hatherwickes or Haddricks Mill on the border between Gosforth and Jesmond parishes.]

Sir Wm. Blackett Bart. by his Will directs all his Debts to be pd. out of his Real & personal Estate and gives to the Mayor of Newcastle & his Succors In Trust for the poor of the sevl. Parishes of St. Nicholas, All Saints, St. John's & S.Andrews in Newcastle & Gateshead & Hartinpoole in Coun Durham for each of them £2. a year for ever to be Issuing out of his Messes & houses in Newcastle devised to his Son Wm. And gives to Dame Margt. His wife a Messe & Mill called Houtericks in Coun Northumberland & the Lands therewith used for her life Remr. to his Daur Eliza. Davison in fee and gives

his sd. Wife £100 a year for life out of his real & personal Estate and Reciting that he was Seized in fee of the Manor Villages Towns & Hamlets called Melkeridge & Woodhall & the Lands thereto belonging in the parish of Haltswestle in Coun Northumberland As also all Mines &c within ye Manor & precincts of Fallowfield & Acombe in Coun Northumberland Unto Edwd. Blackett his son & heir apparent for life sans [waste] with Trustees to support contingencies & Remr. to ye first & other sons of sd. Edwd. in tail male Remr. to Michl. Blackett Testor's 2nd son in like manner Remr. to Wm. Blackett Testor's 3rd son in like manner Remr. as to a moiety of the same premes to all & every of the Daur & Daur of his sd. 3 sons & the heirs of their sevl. Bodies Remr. thereof to his own right heirs As to the other Moiety to his Daur Eliza. Davison Isabel Bridges & Christian Midford and their sevl. heirs as Tents. in common.

As to the moiety of the Manor of Winlinton (in Coun Durham) in the parish of Ryton and all his Lands coalmines &c within the sd. Manor (charged with 1666 ..13.. [h] payable at the several Deaths of Thomas Henry & John Selby) He devises the same to Henry Kirkhouse & Cuthbert Snow their Exors &c for 99 years Upon Trust out of the first clear Rents thereof to pay his sd. wife £300 yearly in such manner as is appointed by a writing dated 17th Jan 28: Car 2d. [Int] sd. Testor 1st part Davison & Blakiston 2d. part [&] Cock & Hudson 3d. part which is made for securing ye same & this Device is for confirmation thereof only, and upon further Trust to pay to his sd. Son Michael £400 a year for his life, And upon further Trust to pay the Residue of the profit thereof to his said Son William his Exors &c and after the Death of his said wife and son Michael & payment of ye sd. Several sums & all arrears thereof then the said 99 years term to cease and after the ceasing or determination thereof then he devises a fourth part of the sd. Manor of Winlinton & the moiety of all his Lands and Coalmines &c thereon To the use of his sd. Son Michael for life with Trustees to support contingencies Remr. to Michael's first and other sons in tail male Remr. to said Edwd. Blackett in like manor Remr. to sd. William Blackett in like maner, Remr. as to an 8th part of the Manor and a 4th part of the Lands & Coalmines &c to the Use of all & every the Daur & Daur of his sd. 3. Sons and the heirs of their several Bodies Remr. To his the Testors right heirs, As to the other 8th part and 4th part &c To the Use of Testor's sd. 3 Daur Davison Bridges & Midford and their heirs as Tenants in common. And as to the other fourth part of the Manor and moiety of the Lands Coalmines &c in Winlinton after determination of sd. 99 years term he devises the same to his sd. son Willm. for life sans waste with Trustees to Support Contingencies, Remr. to William's first and other sons in tail Male Remr. To sd. Edward then to Michael then to the Daur of his said 3. Sons and his own right heirs and to his own 3 Daur in like manner [ut] supra.

And he devises all his Manors Messes Lands Tenemts and Mills in Duxfield Healy & Coalpitts in coun Northumberland and all his Leadmines &c within the precincts of East and West Allendale or Allenton within the Regality of Hexham in Coun Northumberland with all Lands & priviledges thereto belonging And all his Houses and Lands in Pilgrim Street in Newcastle called Grayfryers with the Lands and

Appurts therewith used or thereunto belonging And his Messe at ye Bridge end in Newcastle with the appurts And all other his Messes Houses &c in a Street called the Close in Newcastle (Except his coach house & Stable) and all the Lands & Tenemts lately purchased of Thos. Smith called Killhope & Wellhope in Wearedale in Coun Durham and the Messe called Woodcroft hall and the sevl. Lands & Hereditis thereto belonging or reputed parcel thereof in Wearedale in Coun Durham To Robt Pease & Benja. Davison & their Exors &c for 1000 years Sans waste Upon Trust out of the profitts of the sd. Leadmines to pay his Debts Legacies and Funeral Expences and then the term to cease, And after determination thereof he devises the Messes Lands & premises to his sd. Son Willm. for life sans waste with Trustees to support contingencies Remr. to William's first and other Sons in tail Male Remr. to said Edward then to Michael in like manner Remr. As to a moiety thereof to the Daurs of his sd. 3 Sons in tail then to his own right heirs, the other moiety to his own sd. 3 Daurs in fee [ut] supra – And he gives his Stables for Coach horses & Coach house in the Close in Newcastle to sd. wife for life Remr. To son Wm. For life with Remr. over in such manner as the sd. other Lands in Newcastle are limited, An he devises his Stable for Sadle horses in the Close afsd. to his Son Wm. for life with Remr. over in like manner – and declares that all the [pemes] shall remain to the Uses and purposes afsd. notwithstanding anything to the contrary contd. in an Indre 3 partite dated the 2d. Sepr. 30th Carl 2d. Int. sd. Testor & his wife Tim: Davison & Eliz. his wife 1st. part John Blakiston and Henry Kirkhouse 2d. part and Robt. Pease & Benja. Davison 3d. part – and he Devises his Leadmines in Aston moor holden by Lease from Sr. Francis Radcliffe, The Leadmines in Wearedale holden by Lease from the Bishop of Durham, His 3d. part of the Collieries in Newburn, Whorleton, Newbiggin and Brunton, during the residue of the several terms therein to his Son Wm. his Exors &c In Trust to pay Testor's Debts and Legacies and to William's proper Use, And he gives the 12th part of the Collieries within the Manor of Ryton and Kyo and Kyefield to his said Son William and his heirs during the 3 lives for wch they are holden Upon the same Trusts as the Leases for years last mentioned.

And as to all his Household Stuff plate Jewells &c (Except &c) and all his Goods Leases Debts Mortgages &c and other his personal Estate of what kind soever and all his Mortgages in fee he devises the same to his said Son William his heirs Exors &c In Trust in the first place to purchase Lands of Inheritance in the Counties of Northumberland, Durham or Yorkshire of the clear yearly value of £500 a year ultra reprice to be settled to the Use of his sd. Son Edward for life sans waste with Trustees to support contingencies Remr. to Edward's first and other Sons in tail Male Remr. to sd. Michael then to sd. Wm. In like manner Remr. in moieties to his sons Daurs in tail then to his own right heirs and to his own sd. 3 Daurs in fee ut Supra And till such Lands purchased Wm. was to pay £500 a year to the persons who would be intitled to the profits of the Lands purchased – Then he gives sevl. consible Legacies particularly to his Daurs Davison and Midford to each of them £60 a year during their respive husbands lives and £100 a year to each for 10. years after Testor's death but his own

Son in Law Midford owing him £3150 on Securities he charges the sd. Annuities & Legacies for the benefit of sd. Midford & his wife & their Children on the sd. Securities only – And he gives £20 a year to his sd. Testors Brother in Law Matthew Kirkby for life - And he again particularly charges Duxfield, Healy, Coalpitts, Woodcroft hall Killhope and Wellhope & the Houses in Newcastle and all thereto belonging, All the Lands & Leadmines in east and West Allendale Aston Moor and Weardale or any other place or places whatsoever settled as afsd. with the payment of his Debts & Legacies & makes his sd. Son Wm. Sole Executor

There are 5. Witnesses to the will but not said to be duly Executed

Proved at Durham 22d. July 1680.

9th Mar. 1679 – A Codicil of the same date annexed whereby he bequeaths a few small personal Legacies.

Will and Codicil witnessed by Robt Shaftoe, Meth Jeffrayson, Abrah Drake, James Hargrave Thos Hutchinson John Cooke

This will appears to have been proved in Chancery in a Cause Wm. Blackett [and] Ralph Brandling, And in the Exchequer in a Cause Humphrey Wharton [and] Wm. Blackett

12 Apr 1683 Michael Blackett

[Note: DPR/I/1/1683/B7/1. The inventory was drawn up very soon (2 May) after MB's death on April 26 1683 so they would not have had time to sort out any of the debts, mortgages etc mentioned in the will and they have not included the specified £100. This may be because his widow wanted to make it clear what tangible goods were hers, in case any other member of the family claimed anything. MB must have expected the sorting out of his debts, credits, 'parts of ships' etc to be very complicated if he is paying Richard Wall £100 to help sort it out (albeit from a debt he is owed).]

In The Name of God Amen The Twelfth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Three I Michaell Blackett of the Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tine Esquire being sick and Weak in body but of sound and perfect memory (praise be Given to God for the same) And Knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth and being desireous to setle things in order Doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (That is to say) First and principally I Commend my soul to Almighty God my Creator assuredly beleiveing 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 it was taken to be buried in such decent manner as to my Executrix hereafter named and expressed by this my will shalle thought meet and convenient And as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in Mercy hath Lent me My Will and meaning is the same shalbe Employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is expressed And First I doe Revoke Renounce frustrate and make void all Wills by me formerly made and declared and appoint this my last will and Testament Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto my loveing friend Mr Richard Wall of Newcastle upon Tine Merchant (Whom I make Supervisor of this my will) the sume of One Hundred pounds which sume of One Hundred pounds that I leave to the said Richard Wall was due to me from Henry Bell late of Sandgate within the liberties of Newcastle upon Tine Anchorsmith deceased by booke Debt (be it more or lesse) and now due to be paid to me by the Executors or Administrators of the said Henry Bell) for the Care and pains that I expect the said Richard Wall shalbe att in the Helping and Assisting the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereafter mentioned in and about the Getting in of what Debts are due to me from any person or persons Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto my Affectionate and loveing wife Dorothy Blackett All my Estate Goods Chattells Mortgages plate Gold Household stuffe Jewells Rings parts of shippes and all other moveables Whatsoever And I Alsoe make and ordaine my said loveing wife Dorothy Blackett sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament she paying and discharging out of my Estate all such Debts as of right I owe to any person or persons Whatsoever and alsoe paying and dischargeng my funerall expenses In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above written

And further my will and pleasure is that Whereas I have a Mortgage from Robt Isle dec[ease]d and Bulmer Isle his son of severall Messuages in Newcastle and Certaine Lands in the County of Durham <called> Darlington Waists and Low park for the sume of Foure Hundred and fifty pounds w[hi]ch mortgage by decree in Chancery is to be redeemed att a Certaine day or else the said Mortgagors and their heires are to pass an absolute Estate to mee, w[hi]ch if not Redeemed at the <time> in the decree mentioned I Give devise and bequeath the said houses and Lands unto my said Loveing wife Dorothy Blackett and her heires for Ever

[signed:]

Mich[ael] Blackett

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last will and Testament of the said Michael Blackett in the presence of us whose names are underwritten the d[e.] of the houses and Lands unto his wife Dorothy and her heires being first underwritten and published by the said Michael Blackett to be his will

[signed:]

Hen[ry] Brabant

<Hen> Lambton

<.....> <M....>

A True and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattells of Michaell Blackett late of the Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tine Esquire taken and Apprized the second day of May in the five and Thirtieth year of his Ma[jes]ties Reigne that now is Annoq Domini 1683 by us Abraham Drake James Hargrave Ralph Elstob and Christopher Wetherell of Newcastle upon Tine Merchants as followeth

In The Kitchen

Imprimis Two and Twenty pewter dishes	04 08 00
Foure dozen and a halfe of plates	01 11 06
Six pye plates and one pasty plate	00 17 06
Two Massereen plates	00 04 00
Three pewter Flagons	00 08 00
Fower Litle pewter Candlesticks	00 04 00
Seaven Sawcers	00 01 09
Foure Brass Candlesticks	00 08 00
Two Hanging Candlesticks the one ot them Brass the other Laten	00 02 06
Three paire of brass Tongs Three brass fire Shovells	00 14 00
Two Warming pans	00 08 00
Two Chafeing dishes	00 03 00
Three Copper Ketles	01 12 00
Two Brass potts	00 08 00
Five pans	00 13 04
Six spits	00 09 00
One brand Iron two Fire shovells two paire of Iron tongs one Choping Knife one Shreding Knife two porrs	00 10 04
One paire of Cranks one paire of Iron Racks one frying pan one Iron Girdle five scuers one Wafer pan one Griddle Iron and other small Iron Geer	01 00 00
One Mortor and pestell	00 05 00
Two box Irons and a beife fork	00 04 00
Two pott <lips> and one Cole rake	00 00 09
Two Ratten Crooks	00 02 00
Earthen dishes	00 06 00
Latten Waire	00 01 06
One Wax Candle frame and one wood frame	00 04 00
One Lantern	00 04 00
Three Trays two pasty boards and one dozen of wood Trenchers	00 02 06
Two Spining Wheels one pale & one bucket	00 05 00
Fouer Juggs	00 01 06

In the Hall

Two dozen of Thrum Chaires	08 08 00
One Cantore one desk and frame one litle table and Cloath	03 00 00
Six pictures two Maps and Chimney Toys	01 10 00
One Large Glasse	03 00 00
End Irons and brasses	00 10 00
Reed Leather Hangings Gilded Linnen Curtains and Rodds	06 00 00

In The Dineing Roome

One and Twenty Old sett work Chaires two Spanish tables and one Glasse	06 13 06
One Iron Chimney and Brasses	01 00 00
One Iron Load and Frame	03 00 00
One Seattoull [settle]	00 05 00

In The Reed Chamber

One Feather bedd, bedsted, sheets, blanketts, Curtains, valens, and Rugg, and one Truckle bedd and beding	04 10 00
Ten Reed Chaires	01 10 00
One Case of Drawers One box one stand and one Knave	01 10 00
One old presse, One paire of playing tables and one Litle Case of Drawers	00 12 06

In The Green Chamber

One Feather bedd, furniture and bed steed	02 15 00
Two stands and one Case of Drawers	00 15 00
Seaven Chaires	01 00 00
One plate Case and frame, Toys for a Chimney piece hanging shelves and foure window Curtains and Rodds	01 00 00
	£48 05 06

In The Yellow Chamber

One Camlett bedd, Lined with sersnett Twill Curtains and other furniture and one feather bed	09 00 00
Nine Camlett Chaires	02 05 00
One Case of Drawers frame and Glasses Chimney toys and one Trunk Mail	05 00 00
The Dec[ease]ds Books	05 00 00
Callicoe Curtains and Rodds and one little Cabinett	00 10 00

One Silver hilted sword	01 15 00
Two Ordinary Swords	00 05 00
One Case of pistolls and powder horn	01 00 00

In the Chamber over the Dineing Roome

One seeing Glasse one table one Iron Chimney and Brasses Doggetts and toys for a Chimney	04 00 00
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In The Mourning Chamber

One Feather bedd, bedsted and other furniture belonging to it	03 00 00
Three old stools three old Chaires and one Case of Drawers	01 03 00

In the Garretts

Two old beds and furniture and two Spanish tables	02 10 00
One painted Screen	01 10 00
Two Chists and one table	01 05 00

In The Little parlor

One Ovall table one picture one Chaire and one Napkin presse	00 17 00
One Clock	04 00 <..>
One Hundred seaventy three ounces and three quarters of silver plate att 5s per ounce	43 08 09

£86 08 09

In Linnen

Seaven Damask table Cloaths Containing 27 yds and one halfe att 4s 6d per yard	06 03 09
Seaven dozen and five Damask Napkins att 12s p[er] dozen	04 09 00
Thirteen yards of Holland att 6s p[er] yard	03 18 00
One paire of Holland Sheets	02 14 00
Five Holland pillow bers	00 12 06
Seaven yards of Lin Cloath att 1s 6d p[er] yard	00 10 06
Fifteen paire of sheets	06 00 00
One and Twenty pillow bers	01 00 00
Eight Old Table Cloaths	00 16 00
Thirteen old Napkins	00 05 00
Thirty foure old Huckaback Napkins	00 15 00
Two Diper Towells and one Lin one	00 02 00

One Sword with an Aggott handle	02 10 00
One Large Iron Chimney in the back Kitchen	00 18 00
One Bay Gelding	06 00 00
One Grey Gelding	10 00 00
Lumber and horse furniture	01 10 00
The Dec[ease]ds purse and Apparell	40 00 00
	88 03 09
	14 12 08
	48 05 06
	86 08 09

Total 237 10 08

[signed:]

Abraham Drake James Hargrave Ra[lph] Elstobb Christop[her] Wetherell

9 Dec 1684 William Fetherstonhaugh

[Note: DPR/I/1/1684/F8/1-4 Will and inventory. Fetherstonhaugh was probably the first husband of Elizabeth Lee of Blagill, father to Susanna Fetherstonhaugh, wife of Nicholas Walton, Vicar of Alston.]

In the name of God Amen I Will[ia]m Fetherstonhaugh of Blagill in Aldston moor in the County of Cumberland gent sick of body but of good and p[er]fect memory & remembrance (praised be God for the same) I doe make and ordain this my last will and Testam[en]t in manner and forme following that is to say Imp[rimu]s I give and bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker hoping assuredly by the Meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and redeemer to receive full pardon and Free remission of all my sinnes and as for my body I commend it to the earth of which it was made to be buried in the p[ar]ish Church of Aldston and as for those temporall goodes which the Lord in mercy hath lent me I give and bequeath as hereafter followeth. Imp[rimus] I give and bequeath unto my Sonn George Fetherstonhaugh Clerk the sume of two poundes Ite[m]I given unto Elizabeth Teasdaile my woeman servant Tenn shillings And I make and ordaine my wife Elizabeth Fetherstonhaugh to be my sole and full Executrix of this my last will and Testament to dispose and give portiones to my children as shee shall think fit and convenient provided allwayes that my absolut will and reall intention is that if my said wife Elizabeth shall after my decease shall chance to marry that shee shall onely have yearlye dureing her natural life the summe of sixe poundes to be payed forth of my land at Blagill and that all my Landes and houses at Blagill aforesaid (if my wife shall chance to Marry) shall after her marriage fall due to the rest of my children (onely my sonne George excepted) as my wife shall think fit to dispose the same for the absolute

portions future advancem [en]t and Livelyhood for my children And I doe hereby elect appoint and choose my brother Richard Fetherstonhaugh my Nephew Alexander Fetherstonhaugh Gilbert Walton and Thomas Stephenson to be supervisors for my children to see and take notice that my children be noe way wronged of what may fall due to them by this my last will and testam[en]t And I doe hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made either by word or in writeinge And I doe declare this to be my last will & Testament In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Ninth day of December Anno Domi[ini] 1684

Will[ia]m Fetherstonhaugh

Wittness the same Christopher Walton Henry Wallasse Alex:
Fetherstonhaugh

1684 Test[amentum] et Inven[tarium] W[ilia]m Featherstonhaugh nup[er] de Blagill par[ish] de Alston def[uncti] Allston=moor in comit: Cumbr.

A true and perect Inventory of the goodes chattels and whole personal Estate of Mr Will[ia]m Fetherstonhaugh late of Bley=gill in the Territorie and County afoarsaid diceased Taken and apprized by us whose names are hereunto subscribed the three and twentieth day of December Anno D[omi]ni: 1684.

	£ s d
Imp[rim]us his purse and apparels	10 00 00
It[em] Eleven Kine	20 00 00
It[em] Eight young beastes	05 04 00
It[em] Ten Calves	02 10 00
It[em] Two and Fourtie ewes wethers and Tups	09 05 00
It[em] Two and thirtie hog sheep	05 06 08
It[em] an old mare, a fole, and a filly, and hay for wintering the goodes abovs[ai]d	02 00 00
It[em] Cubbordes Tables Chestes Chaires Bedsteades, Formes Trunkes deskes a presse and other wooden utensels	05 00 00
It[em] Pewter Brasse Bedding Earthen vessels glasses, and Table linen, Carpets with all woollen and linen of all sortes in the house, with some Copper utensils	05 00 00
It[em] All Implements of or belonging to husbandrie whether Iron or wooden	00 05 00
It[em] Bookes of or belonging the dec[ease]d	00 10 00
It[em] Spits, Rakes, pots, pannes, with other Implements of household Stuff, of like nature	00 10 00

Sum[m]a Tot[a]lis	65 10 08
Alex: Fetherstonhaugh Gilbert Walton Alston vic:	Richard Fetherstonhaugh his marke F Thomas: Stephenson Will[ia]m Stobert e
Debts owing to the dec.d by his son John Fetherstonhaugh upon Bond by Richard Myles	160 00 00 2 00 00
Debts owing by the Dec[ease]d To several persons upon Bond and otherwise	140 00 00
Besides other debts that the Executrix of the said Dec.d is doubtfull will come <agt> her, to the value of	30 00 00

7 Feb 1685 Leonard Fairbridge

[Note: Inventory DPRI/1/1684/F1]

This is A True and perfect Inventory Taken of all such Goods and Chatt[el]s Moveable and immoveable of Leonard Farbridge of Slealy lately deceased Apprazed this seaventh day of February in the year of the Lord 1684 by William Greenwell Richard Teasdale Jerrard ffarbridge & John Mowbray

Imprimis his horse & his purse & Apparrell	3 00 00
Item two oxen five kine three stears one Heffar, one calfe	11 00 00
Item theirty foure sheepe	7 12 00
Item tow geese and one Gandr with other Powltery	5 00
Item three bedsteads & ffurnishing	2 00 00
Item Two cubboards two presses one barrel	3 00 00
Item one chaire two Tables one Longsettle form	1 00 00
Item Wooden vessell	5 00
Item Pewde and brasse	2 15 00
Item Waine gear and plow geare with other iron geare	3 10 00
Item for Hay	3 00 00
Item for seed sowen on the ground value	1 10 00
Item one Bushall of Oates	3 00
Totall	39 00 00

Debts oweing by the deceased	
Item to Michael Usher	15 00 00
To Margaret Thompson	5 00 00

To Mrs Mallabor	13 04
To Mr Jeffreyson	6 08
To Mr Baker	8 06
To Richard Teasedale	4 00
To James Stapard	2 00
To Margaret Aynseley	2 00
To William Lee	3 00
To John Carr	1 06
To John Milbourne	2 00
To John Bainbridge	1 00
The funeral Expense	3 00 00
For one Mortuary	10 00
For his burying place	10 00
	18 04 00

William Greenwell Richard Teasedale Jerrard Farbridge John Mowbray [all sign]

17 Jan 1689 Thomas Lee

[Note: DPR/I/1/1689/L2/1-3 Will and inventory. Probably the second husband of Elizabeth Fetherstonhaugh, widow of William, d. 1684]

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Lee of Aldstonhouse in Aldston moor in the Dyocesse of Durham Sick of body but of good & p[er]fect memory praised be god for the same doe make & ordain this my last will & Testam[en]t in manner & forme following First I give & bequeath my soule into the hands of almighty god my maker hopeinge assuredly by the merits of Jesus Christ to receive full pardon & Free remission of all my sinnes as for my body I commit it to the earth to be buried in the p[ar]ish Church of Aldston & as for those temporall goodes which the Lord in mercy hath lent me I give & bequeath as here after followeth (my debtes being payed & funeral expenses discharged) Imp[rimu]s I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Thirty pounds to be payed when she accomplishes the age of 20 years Ite[m] I give unto my wife one Cow and I give unto every child of my wife's the sume of Five shillinges to every one of them Ite[m] I give unto my grandchild Thomas Vazie Five shillinges Ite[m] I give unto my Nephew Thomas Fetherston Five shillinges Ite[m] I give unto my Nephew John Stephenson Five shillinges and I give unto my Sonn Thomas Lee all my Land & houses with all the appurtenances thereunto belonginge but in case my sonn Thomas dye before he marry my will is that my land & houses with the appurtenances thereunto belonginge shall fall and come due to my sonn Ralph Vazye & my daughter Elizabeth equally between them provided that they pay my debtes and Legacies and likewise pay (if it please god that my daughter Frances have any child or children) to that child or children the sume of Twenty poundes and I

make & ordaine my sonn Thomas to be my full Executor of this my last will & Testam[en]t and I doe hereby appoint my brother Thomas Stephenson my sonn Railph Vazie and my brother Henry Stephenson to be Tutores & Guardians to my said sonn Thomas & that they shall have the full power to Lett to Farme my land & at their discretion to use meanes to pay my debts and to cause my sonn to be educated & decently brought up after their discretion and I make & ordaine this my last will & Testam[en]t revokeinge & disannullinge all former wills by me made either by word or writeinge In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the 17th day of January Anno Domi[ni] 1688
Tho: Lee

<Red?> published & sealed in the pres[enc]e of
Ralph Vazie Henry Stephenson Henry Wallasse

[In left hand margin:] memorand[um] that the words in the Thirteenth Line was interlined before the ensealeing

February the 3rd Anno Domi[ni] 1688
and I doe further declare that my will is that every one of my sister Margaret Clements children shall have every one of them twenty shillings
Wittnesse the same
Henry Wallasse

1689 Test[amentum] et Inven[tarium] Tho: Lee nup[er] de Alston dioc[ese] Dunelm def[uncti]

A True and p[er]fect Inventory of all the goodes and Chattells of Thomas Lee of Aldston house in Aldstonmoor in the County of Cumberland & diocess of Durham deceased apprized & inventoried the 19th day of February Anno Dom[in]i 1688 by Christopher Walton John Walton John Vazie & Henry Wallasse

	£	s	d
Imp his horse and furniture with his own apparel and a <..>	10	00	0
Ite[m] a little gray horse	02	00	0
Ite[m] 4 Cowes and the hay	08	00	0
Ite[m] 27 sheep	08	00	0
Ite[m] 4 swine	01	06	8
Ite[m] some oates unthreshed	00	07	0
Ite[m] in the Back Room 1 Table 2 firmes 6 chaires a bedstead a paire of Barrs	01	15	0
Ite[m] in the Fore Roome 2 Cubbordes 1 Presse 1 Table 2 firmes 7 Chaires and an Irongrait	05	03	0

Ite[m] in the Middle room 2 Bedsteades 2 Tables 1 firme	02 00 0
Ite[m] in the Farr Room 1 bedsted 1 Table 2 firmes Courting rods & 2 chaires	00 05 0
Ite[m] in the Farr Loft 1 Table 2 firmes 2 low Bedsteades 4 Trunkes one <paddle?> 1 Chest and 1 chest in the Entry	01 03 0
Ite[m] in the Cellar a Table 2 firmes an old chest a Cheese fleek [open shelf] a glasse case a Salt pye [box] a lookeinge glasse	00 05 0
Ite[m] in the Fore house Loft 4 bedsteads 5 chaires 1 Table 3 firmes	01 13 0
Ite[m] 2 Buffett Stooles	00 05 0
Ite[m] a Gunn a Pistoll and a Kaine and a Crosse bow	01 00 0
Ite[m] 46 peice of Puder [pewter] & 11 Spooones	03 00 0
Ite[m] a feather Bed & furniture to the bed	02 10 0
Ite[m] 4 Coverlets 3 Ruggs 8 Happins 12 Blankets 16 Bolsters or Pillows 7 paire of Sheetes 4 Feather Beds and one Chaffe bed with 3 paire of Curtaines 2 Baskets a voider [Basket/Tray used to clear a table] & 3 Binges [Mangers]	12 00 0
Ite[m] a silver Tumler & 2 silver Tasters	01 10 0
Ite[m] Mault	07 00 0
Ite[m] 10 Barrells or standes Maskinge fattes & Coolers	00 15 0
Ite[m] 3 Kettell 3 Panns 2 Frying pans 1 Iron Pott 4 paire of Tonges a Fire Shovell a por [iron bar or poker] & 1 Iron pan	03 00 0
Ite[m] 2 Axes 3 wimbles [hand tools for boring holes] 2 Spades a little Saw a gavelock a pick a hack [mattock] a stone Ranmer [ramrod?] 2 Crookes 2 speiles a Boxe Iron 4 brasse Candle stickes a Strikeling knife[for sharpening scythes] 2 Iron Candle stickes 3 Resh candlesticks a Chafinge dish	01 00 0
Ite[m] 7 Boules 2 Chees fatts a Kirne [hand mill for grinding] & Kirnstone a paire of Temms [sieves] & 1 dozen of Trenshers	00 08 0
Ite[m] 3 Table clothes 9 Napkins 5 Pillines a Carpet & 6 cushions	01 03 0
Ite[m] 3 paire of wheeles & Karr bodyes 4 Forkes 5 Rakes 2 shovells & Iron forkes	02 00 0
Ite[m] 2 Saddles & girdes [girths] a Kilne Haire clothe 4 pokes a peck [oat cake basket] a girdle a washing Tubb a grate in a Mault Kilne and a Stone Trough	01 12 0

Summa Tota[<i>lis</i>]			79 00 8
Christo: Walton	John Vazie	Willm. Stobert	
John Walton	Henry Wallasse	Vicar of Alston	
Ite[<i>m</i>] his funerall expenses			04 05 05
Debtes oweing to the pty deceased by bond & otherwise being somewhat desperate amounting to the Sum of			10 00 0
	and upwardes		
Debtes oweinge by the pty deceased to severall persons amounting to the sume of			110 00 0
	and upwardes		
Ite[<i>m</i>] Due to the pty deseased by Thomas Bradwood & Henry Wilkinson by severall bondes amountinge to the sume of			5 00 0

14 Mar 1694 John Rumney

[Note: DPR/I/1/1694/R17/1-3. As can be seen from his will, Rumney was a close acquaintance of the Blacketts, and was a partner in a lead mine lease in Nentdale with Michael Blackett and others in the 1670s and 1680s]

In the name of God amen I John Rumney of the towne and County of Newcastle upon tine merchant being in health and of perfect sound and disposing mind and memory blessed be God for the same but not knowing the number of my dayes or att what time I shall be called upon to goe the way of all the earth think fitt to make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following

Impri[*mi*]s I com[*m*]itt my Soul unto the Father of Spirits who gave it hoping for acceptance with him upon the account of the merits of my Lord & Saviour Christ Jesus and my body I order to be buried in the parish Church of St Nicholas in Newcastle aforesaid in such manner as my Executrix hereafter named shall think fit and as to the temporall Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to intrust me I give and dispose of the same in manner and forme following

Imprimus my [*'will and' crossed out*] my mind [*'and will' inserted*]]is and I doe hereby order and appoint that all my just debts and all and every sum[*m*]e and sum[*m*]es of money whatsoever by me owing or due to any person or persons whatsoever shall be fully satisfied and paid

It[*e*]m I give and bequeath unto my brother Samuel Rumney the sum[*m*]e of one hundred pounds lawfull [*'English' inserted*] money for a legacy in case my said brother

be living att the time of my decease but if my said brother be then dead leaving any Child or children of his body lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath the said sum[m]e of one hundred pounds unto such Child or Children of my said brother

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Timothy Rumney the sum[m]e of one hundred pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy in case my said brother Timothy Rumney be living att the time of my decease but if my said brother Timothy Rumney be then dead leaving any Child or Children of his body Lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath the said sum[m]e of one hundred pounds unto such Child or Children of my said brother Timoth Rumney

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto Thomas Wasse of Newcastle aforesaid merchant the sum[m]e of twenty pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto my cosin Timothy Wright Readmarshall <Redmarshall> in the County of Durham Gent[leman] the sum[m]e of one hundred pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy.

Item I give [~~'and bequeath'~~] unto my aunt Ann Williamson Widdow the sum[m]e of twenty pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy

Item I give and bequeath unto my Cosin William Williamson of St Hellen Aukland <St Helen Auckland?> in the said county of Durham Gent[leman] the sum[m]e of fifty pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto my Cosin Thomas Williamson of Yarme in the County of York Merchant the sum[m]e of fifty pounds Lawful English money for a legacy

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto my Cosin Timothy Williamson of Stockton in the County of Durham Gent[leman] the sum[m]e of fifty pounds Lawful English money for a legacy Item I give and bequeath unto my Cosin Hugh Nelson of Penrith in the County of Cumberland Gent[leman] the sum[m]e of fifty pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy And my mind and will is and thereby doe declare the said severall legacyse and sum[m]es of money above by this my last will and testament given and bequeathed unto the said Timothy Wright Ann Williamson William Williamson Thomas Williamson and Timothy Williamson Hugh Nelson Samuell Rumney and Timothy Rumney respectively as is aforesaid shall be & are by me intended to be in full satisacc[i]on of what the same persons or any of them may or cann respectively after my decease have clame challenge or demand forth or out of my personall Estate or any part thereof Item I give and bequeath unto Francis Johnson of Newcastle aforesaid Merchant the sum[m]e of tenn pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Mitford sonn of Robert Mitford of Sighill <Seghill> in the County of Northumberland Esq the sum[m]e of tenn pounds Lawfull

English money for a legacy Item I give and bequeath unto John Davison sonn of Timothy Davison of Newcastle aforesaid Esq the sum[m]e of tenn Pounds of lawful English money for a legacy

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto William Randell sonn of Richard Randell of the towne & County of Newcastle upon Tine bookeseller the sum[m]e of five pounds Lawful English money for a legacy

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto my Cosin Alice Butler of Newcastle aforesaid widdow the sum[m]e of tenn pounds Lawful English money for a legacy.

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto my Cosin Dorothy Butler daughter of the said Alice Butler widdow the sum[m]e of tenn pounds Lawfull English money for a legacy.

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto Sir William Blackett of Newcastle aforesaid Barronett, the Lady Julian his wife the said Timothy Davison and Elizabeth his wife the said Robert Mitford and Christiana his wife Ann Simpson of Newcastle aforesaid Widdow John Wilkinson of Newcastle aforesaid Gent[leman] and Dorothy his wife respectively each of them a gold ring of the value of ['of' inserted] twenty shillings Lawfull English money for a remembrance of me.

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto every of the Children of the said Sir William Blackett respectively three Guineas for a token and my mind and will is and doe hereby order and appoint that my Executrix hereafter named hir Exec[utors] or adm[inistrators] request to be made after my decease by my said brothers and John Edon of Newcastle upon Tine Merchant respectively shall release acquitt and discharge my said brothers Samuel and Timothy and the said John Edon severally ['and' crossed out] and respectively and their severall and respective heirs executors and adm[ministrators] of and from all debts duetyes [duties] sum[m]e and sum[m]es of money challenge and demand whatsoever which my said executrix or hir exec[utors] or adm[inistrators] shall may or cann have challenge or demand of from or against my said brothers and the said John Edon severally and respectively their severall and respective heirs exec[utors] & <adm[inistrators]> by virtue or reason of this my last will & testament

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto the Mayor and Burgesses of [inserted 'the town and county of'] Newcastle upon Tine the sum[m]e of two hundred ['pounds' crossed out] and fifty pounds lawful English money upon this trust and confidence and to the the intent and purpose that the said Mayor and Burgesses and their successors shall and will from time to time lend and putt out att interest the said sum[m]e of two hundred and fifty pounds and every or any part thereof upon such reasonable security as the said Mayor and Burgesses and their successors shall think fit and upon this further trust and confidence that the said Mayor and Burgesses and their Successors shall and will from time to time pay distribute and devide the interest money which

shall be gotten for the said sum[m]e of two hundred and fifty pounds to and amongst such persons and in such manner as hereafter is menc[i]oned (that is to say) one full fifth part thereof (the whole into five parts being equally divided) unto the master [~~'and'~~] brethren and sisters of the hospitall of the holy Jesus in the manners [~~'of'~~] in Newcastle aforesaid and one other fifth part thereof (the whole into five parts being equally Divided to the poor and necessitous inhabitants within the parochiall Chapelry of St Johns in Newcastle aforesaid and one other fifth part thereof (the whole into five parts being equally devided) unto the poor and necessitous inhabitants within the parochiall Chapelry of St Andrews in Newcastle aforesaid and one other fifth part thereof (the whole into five parts being equally divided) to the poor and necessitous inhabitants within the parochiall Chapelry of All Saints in Newcastle aforesaid and the residue thereof to the poor and necessitous inhabitants within the parish of St Nicholas in Newcastle aforesaid (other than such as are inhabitants within the said Chappelryes or any of them)

It[e]m I give and bequeath unto the Company Society or Fellowship of Merchants in Newcastle aforesaid the sum[m]e of one hundred pounds lawful English money to the intent that the said sum[m]e of one hundred pounds may from time to time after my decease upon reasonable security for the repayment thereof be lent by the said Company or Society to some younger trading member or brother of the said Company Society or Fellowship for any time not exceeding the terme of three years without paying any interest for the same

It[e]m I give devise and bequeath all that my messuage Burgage [~~insert 'or'~~] Tenement with the rights members & appurten[an]ces thereof Situate Standing and being in Newcastle aforesaid in a certain Street or place now called or knowne by the name of Westgate And alsoe all that my other Mesuage tenement or Burgage situate Standing and being in Newcastle aforesaid in a certaine street or place there called or knowne by the name of the Overdeen bridge unto my wife Isabell Rumney hir heirs and Assignes for ever.

It[e]m I give devise and bequeath all and singular my Collyeryes Colemines seem and seems of Cole whatsoever and all and singular my groves veins and mines of Lead oare and all my Estate terme for yeares interest <tenant> right [~~'& right'~~] of renewall of in or unto [~~'all or'~~] any Collyeryes Colemines Seame and Seames of Cole Groves veins and mines of Lead oare Lying and being respectively within the Countyes of Durham and Cumberland and other of them or any other place whatsoever unto my said wife Isabell Rumney hir Exec[utors] Adm[instrators] and assignes and all the residue of my goods Chattells Leases debts duties sum(m)e and sum(m)es of money and personall estate whatsoever my just Debts the legacys before by this my last will and testament given and bequeathed and my funeral expenses being first satisfied deducted and paid I give devise and bequeath the same unto my said wife Issabell Rumney hir Exec[utors] Adm[instrators] and assignes and I doe make

constitute and appoint my said wife Issabell Rumney sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and I doe nominate and appoint the said Sir William Blackett, my brother in Law Jonathan Roddam and the said Thomas Wasse of Newcastle aforesaid Merchant to be sup(er)visors of this my last will and testament desireing them to advise and assist my said Executrix in the due performance thereof and I doe revoke and make void all former and other wills & testaments by me att any time heretofore made In Witnesse whereof I the said John Rumney have ['hereunto' inserted] sett my hand and seale the fourteenth day of March in the sixth year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary by the Grace of God over England Scotland France and and Ireland Defender of the Faith <'xt Anno??' executed in the year > D[o]m[ini] [of our Lord] 1693

John Rumney

Signed sealed published and declared by the within named John Rumney for and as his last will and testament in the p[rec]ence of us

Joseph Barnes

John Fothergill

Jesse Jenkinson/

jurat coram N Elison <sworn before me N Ellison>

[2 Latin paragraphs to follow]

The condition of this obligat[i]on is such that whereas the originall last will & testament of John Rumney Esq late of the town & County of Newcastle upon Tyne & dioces of Durham dec[eas]ed was ordered & decreed to be delivered to the above <bounden> Isabell Rumney her heirs, Exec[utors] Adm[nistrators or Assignes or some of them <doe> & shall upon lawfull warneing or Notice to her or them given bring in & redeliver the s[ai]d originall will of the s[ai]d John Rumney Esq (her husband) <dec[eas]ed> into the Consistory Courte of Durham <whole > <undefaced> <unaltered> and <uncancelled> as the same is all the Sealeing hereof harmeless keep the above named R. R. Father in God & his s[ai]d official & all other their officers ministers & successors by reason of the < > then this < > Obligation to be voyd or else of full force & effort <Signat Sigillabel signed/ sealed?>

<Delib in presenitia delivered in? presented?>

Joseph Greenvell Isabell Rumney

John Ord

Rob[er]t Roddam

Jonathan Roddam

[On back of will]

1694 Testm[ent] Jo[hn] Rumney <Armi[g]er? Esquire?> Villa Nova Castri sup[er]
Tinam <desesi deceased?>

13 Apr 1695 Thomas Fairlamb

[Note: Inventory DPRI/1/1695/F1]

A True and perfect Inventory Taken of all such Goods and Chatt[el]s Moveable and
immoveable as Thomas Farlamb of Middle Duke[s]f[iel]d in the County of
Northumberland yeoman Dyed Seised & Possessed of. Apprazed by Richard Teasdale
Senr. Richard Teasdale Junr. Thomas Teasdale and Richd. Farlamb The Thirteenth day
of Aprill in the year of o[u]r Lord God. 1695.- as followeth –

Imp[rimi]s his Apperall and money in his Purse	5	0	0
It[e]m In Household Goods	18	0	0
It[e]m Eight Horses	13	0	0
It[e]m Six Oxen	21	0	0
It[e]m Nine Kine	22	5	0
It[e]m Fourteen young Beasts	21	10	0
It[e]m One hundred and Seaven Sheep	21	2	6
It[e]m Wain Geer and Plow Geer	6	1	0
It[e]m Corne Standing in the Stackyard	3	17	6
It[e]m Corne Sowne upon the Land	3	10	0
It[e]m One Hive of Bees	5	0	
It[e]m Gees and poullen	5	6	
	135	16	6

Debts oweing to the s[ai]d Deceased viz

By William Smith	3	10	10
William Davison	7	6	
William Shipherd	7	6	
Michael Oliver	6	0	
Robert Earnshey	6	0	

£140 14 4

Debts oweing by the Deceased

65 10 0

75 4 4

Paid in Funerall Expenses

4 7 0

£70 17 4

Richard Teasdail Thomas Teasdaill Richard Farlame Richard Teasdaile Junr

2 Jan 1697 James Giles

[Note: Inventory DPRI/1/1697/G5]

A True and pefect Inventory taken of all such good and Chatt[el]s moveable and Immoveable of James Giles of Steall Hall in the Countie of Northumb[er]land yeoman Dyed seized and posses[e]d of Apprized by Thomas Teasdale John Salmon Thomas Giles and Thomas Featherston the second day of January in the year of our Lord God 1696/7 as followeth –

Imp[rimi]s his Apparall and money in his purse	£2 10 0
Item In household goods	4 05 0
Item Two horeses	2 10 0
Item Nine Kyne	22 10 0
Item Three young Beasts	2 10 0
Item One hundred sheep	20 00 0
Item Hay standing in stak yard	3 10 0
Item Corn standing in the stak yard	2 10 0
Item Corn sowne	1 01 0
Item poullen	1 0
	61 7 0

Debts Owing to the s[ai]d Deceased viz	
By Gerald Carr	5 0 0
John Carr	3 0 0
Gerald Carr John Car Mathew Carr and Richard Teasdale For Repairing the high ways	2 0 0
	£71 7 0

Debts Oweing by the s[ai]d Deceased	7 0 0
	64 0 0
p[ai]d for funeral Expenses	4 0 0
	60 7 0

Apprizers – Thos Teasdale Jon Salmon [mark] Thos Giles Thos Featherston

11 Jun 1698 Richard Fairlamb

[Note: Will & Inventory DPRI/1/1698/F2]

In the name of god, amen, the eleventh day of June in the year of Oor Lord God One thousand six hundred and ninety eight I Richard Farlam of Middle Duxfield in the County of Northumberland yeoman being sick in body but of good and perfect memorie thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertaine Estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield until death when it shall please God

Item Two and Tirty Sheep	7 4 0
Item Fifteen Lambs	1 10 0
Item One Swine	5 0
Item Household Goods	10 0 0
Item Waines Ploughs and Harrows with Geeres	
Belonging to them	7 0 0
Item Corne Growing	10 0 0
Item Gees and Pullen	2 6
	£76 11 6

Money oweing to the s[ai]d Deceased
at the time of his death 8 14 0
£85 5 6

Jos: Bittlestone George White Th. Dickinson Thos Featherston

11 Jun 1698 Thomas Featherstone

[Note: Admin Bond & Inventory DPRI/1/1699/F1, B21]

Nov int univsi per putes Nos Margaret Featherston do Duxfield hall ni com Northumbe vidna Thomass Dickenson dc Middleduxfield in eodm[abb] com yeom el Willm Walton de Civitorte Dunelm in an Com Dunelm Calhear Eeneri et firmiter obligari Rodo[abb] inxpo pri et Dno Dno[abb] Nathanaeli pp viden dia Dunelm Epoet venli[abb] viro Johanni Brookbank sequ a cori ejusdm. [abb] Rodi pris officli princli in Conlum Libris bon- etlegalis mone toe? Angliae solveud eidm. Redo. priet et officli suo ant edco eoru in hac purte cert Affornat Execut Administrat vel Successor suis ad quam quidm. solucoem bene et fideli facieud Obligamus Nos et quemlibt nrm. perse prototo et in solid Hoered execut et admees[abb] uros firmiter putes. Sigillis uris Sigillat D at orisimo rerimo Dio monsis Apsilis anno Dm 1699

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Margaret Fetherston Widdow doeweth and truly Administer all and singular the goods chattells Rights creditts of the late were and did belong unto Thomas Featherston [her late husband] late of Duxfield hall in the chasesehery of Slealey and of the Dioces of Durham deced. And pay annually- deceds Debts as saive requireth. If alsoe she doe exhibitt a true and perfect Inventory of all the deceds goods and chattells duley apprized and thereof make a true and just accompt within twelve monethes next after the offers of administration to her granted and stand to and abide such order decree touching on the distribution of the punisses as the Judge of the Confisory Courts of Durham for the time being shall order or and set downe. And if needs require enter into other new bonds obligatory ---- more sufficient sureties for performance of the same and lastly

save defend and harme less keep the above named Rf Rd father in God and his official and all other their Officers Ministers and Successors by reason of the punisses thou this obligaton be void or or else full force and effect

Signat Sigillat et Delibt in putia E Burrell

Margaret ford? Featherson Thos. Dickinson

Signd M? M Wm. Walton

[INVENTORY]

True and perfect inventory of the goods and chathels moveable and unmovable late of Thomas Featherston of Duxfeild Hall in the County of Northumberland from deceased dyed Seized vallues and apprized the third day of February in the yeare of our Lord God 1698/9

L---s---d

Imprimis his Horse purse and apparrell	6 0 0
Item Two Mares	5 0 0
Item Four Kine two Heiffers And twenty seven sheep	16 0 0
Item All the Iron Geer Brass and pewter	4 0 0
Item Lining and Wooling	10 0 0
Item Bedshead and Cubbord Drawer and Tables and Chairs	10 0 0
Item Wood vessel	1 0 0

Vallued and Apprized Thomas Wasdail Thomas Dickinson

2 Jun 1707 Ralph Vazie

[Note: DPR/I/1/1708/V1/1-3 Will & inventory. There is also a will bond, with a penal sum of £200, dated 13 October 1708 (DPR/I/3/1708/B159/1-2). Vazie's name and location suggest he was the son of the Richard Vazie who was the Alston Moor agent for the Radcliffes in the 1670s-80s, based at Lowbyer.]

In the name of God Amen I Ralph Vazie of Lowbyar in the parish of Alston & County of Cumberland being sick in body but of good & perfect memory so make & Ordaine this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following. First & principally I commend my Soul into the Hands of God my Creator hoping assuredly through Christ Jesus my Redeemer to obtain full & free Remission of all my sins, and my Body to the earth of which it was made to be buryed att the discretion of My Exec[uto]rs hereafter

named. And as for those Temporal Goods which the Lord has been pleased to bestow upon me I give & bequeath them as followeth. First I give unto my Son Thomas the summe of Tenn Pounds to be payed him within three yeares after my decease. Item I give unto my said Son one young yellow Mare. Item I give unto my Two Daughters Frances and Isabel to each of them a feather bed with furniture thereto belonging. Item I give unto said Daughter Frances one chest of drawers. Item I give unto my said Daughter Isabel one Trunk which belonged to her mother. Item I give unto my Daughter Anne one Cupboard standing in the parlour. Item I give unto my Cousen Thomas Lee of Alstonhouse one large fowling piece. Item I give unto my Cousen William Vazie the Summe of Tenn Shillings. Item I give unto Sicily Vickers one Ewe and lamb. And my will is that my Houses att Alston & my Goods and Chattels att Lowbyar be sold shortly after my decease & the money arising from thense to be employed & disposed of in the payment of my debts. My Will also is that my Tenement of Land att Wellhouse be sold att the discretion of my Exec[uto]rs hereafter named, and the money arising from thense to be employed & disposed of in maintaining my younger Children till they be able to do for themselves, after which my Will is that whatever money shall be in my Exec[uto]rs hands (my debts and Funeral Expenses being payd) it shall be equally divided amongst my Five younger Sons & Three daughters their Exec[uto]rs Admini[strator]s & Assignes (provided notwithstanding that if any of my Said Children dy before they attaine the Age of Twenty one yeares that then such share of the aforesaid money as is hereby bequeathed them shall equally fall due & descend upon the rest of my Children who shall then survive And I do hereby make my Two Brothers in Law Thomas Lee of Alstonhouse & John Walton of Annat Walls both in Alston moore full & Sole Exec[uto]rs of this my last Will & Testament; & I do also appoint my Son Thomas Vazie, Henry Stephenson of Croslands & Nicholas Walton of Blagill as Trustees for my Children to see that they have & enjoy such shares of the said Money as shall become their due after my younger Children be brought up & a fair Account made by my Said Exec[uto]rs. And I do hereby disannul all other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore at any time made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale this Second day of June 1707.
Ralph Vazie

Signed Seal[e]d & deliver[e]d in the presence of.
Tho Vazie Henry Stephenson Nicho. Walton

1708 Test[amentu]m et Juratum Radi Vezie imp. de Low Byar par de Alston Dios
Dunelm Defcti

A True and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattles w[hi]ch Ralph Vazie late of Low byar in Aldstonmoor & Diocess of Durham died possessed of made by us Henry Stephenson John Lee William Vazie and Richard Wallasse this 22nd of August Anno Domi[n]i 1707

	£	s	d
Impris His Horse and Apparrell	10	00	00
Ite. Two young Mares	08	00	00
Ite. Fourteen Cows and a Bull	31	00	00
Ite. Five Heifers	06	00	00
Ite. Five Calves	02	10	00
Item Sixty five Sheep	08	16	00
Ite. Thirty six Lambs	03	00	00
Ite. One Hogg	00	15	00
Ite. Eight Stacks of Hay	22	00	00
Ite. Fower closes of Fogg	4	00	00
Ite. Two Cupboards and a Press	04	10	00
Ite. Eight Tables Frames and Firms	03	00	00
Ite. Bedding and Bedsteeds	16	07	00
Ite. table Linen	01	10	00
Ite. Plate Pewter Brass and Iron	12	09	00
Ite. Brewing Vessell	01	18	00
Ite. Milk Vessell	00	15	00
Ite. Three Chests & One pair of Drawers	01	10	00
Ite. One Clock	03	00	00
Ite. Two Small Gunns	01	10	00
Ite. Husbandry Implements	01	00	00
In all	143	10	00
Ite. Debts own to the party Deceased in book Debt	38	10	10
In all	182	00	00
Debts own [owed?] <by> party deceased			
<by> Bonds	140	00	00
<by> book Debts	04	00	00
<by> Rent	93	00	00
In all	237	00	00
Henry Stephenson	Nicho. Walton		
John Lee	Vicr of Alston		
William Vazie	Richard Wallasse		

12 May 1708 Nicholas Armstrong

1708 Test[amentum] et Inven[tarium] Nicho: Armestrong nup[er] de Williamston infra paroc[hi]a de Knaresdaile def[unc]ti

A true and perfect Inventory of the Goods & Chattles of Nicholas Armstrong of Williamstone in the County of Northumberland deceas'd Apprized & Inventory'd this 26th day of November 1707. By us whose names are underwritten

	£	s	d
Imprimis His Horse & Apparel	05	00	00
Item 6 Cows	09	10	00
Item 2 Steers	03	00	00
Item 2 Heiffers	02	10	00
Item 1 Calf	00	10	00
Item 1 Old Mare 1 Colt	02	10	00
Item 70 Old Sheep at 2s. per sheep	07	00	00
Item 28 Young Sheep at 1s. 6d.	02	02	00
Item 1 Cupboard, 1 Chest of Draw[e]rs, 1 Chest	03	00	00
Item 1 Table, 3 Bedsteads, 2 Forms	01	05	00
Item Bedding & Table=Linnen	05	00	00
Item 2 Wheels	00	05	00
Item Brass Pewter & Iron	04	00	00
Item 3 Chairs & Husbandry Implements	01	10	00
Total	47	02	00

Debts owing to the Deceas'd

By Cuthbert Moor	00	11	00
By Timothy Teasdale	00	15	00
By Francis Bell	00	10	00
Other Small Debts amounting to	00	10	00
	02	06	00

Debts owing by the Deceas'd

To Tho: Pearson	40	00	00
To John: Keelyside	10	00	00
To Edw. Little	10	00	00
To John: Armstrong	13	03	00
To John: Brown	02	10	00
To Dr. Musgrave	01	12	06
To Eliza: Crozier	07	00	00
To Eliza: Lee	01	05	00
Funeral Charges	03	00	00
Other Small Debts amounting to	01	00	00

Tot.

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Apprizors

George Wallas [Mark] G

Richard Wallace

Henry Wallasse

John Teasdall

Phil: Areskine Rector de Knarsdale

12 May 1708 John Walton

[Note: DPR/I/1/1708/W2/1-2 Will and inventory; will bond, penal sum £200, 13 October 1708 DPR/I/3/1708/B160/1-2. He died without issue and left his property to his nephew John Walton, son of his brother George Walton, deceased.]

In the Name of God Amen I John Walton of Annat Walls in the parish of Aldston & Diocese of Durham and County of Cumberland yeoman being weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory considering the fading & transitory Estate of Mortall men doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following That is to say Impr[im]is I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the Meritts of my blessed Saviour to receive free Remission of all my Sins and my Body to the Ground to be buried att the discretion of my Executrix hereafter menc[i]oned and as to my Temporall Goods which it hath pleased God in mercy to lend me I give and bequeath as follow Impr[im]is I will that what Debts I owe either in Law or Conscience to any man be discharged & funeral Expences defrayed by my Executrix Item I give & bequeath unto my wife Frances Walton my whole Tenement att Annat Walls during her naturall life with full & absolute power to convey Assigne and secure the same or any part thereof for the Sume of One Hundred and Tenn pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britaine withall enjoyning her out of my said Tenement to pay the yearly use due thereupon Item My will is that my said Tenement att Annat walls fall descend and bee att the Death of my said wife unto John Walton Son of my Brother George Walton deceased paying and discharging the Said Sume of One Hundred & Tenn pounds secured upon my Said Tenement which security made & executed thereupon by my said Wife Shall be good & valid att Law as well against the Said John Walton Heirs of my Said Tenement as against my Said wife the Said Sume being debted contracted by me wherefore I will my said Tenement discharge the Same. Item my will is that att the Decease of my Said wife Frances the said John Walton or Heirs of my said Tenement pay unto my Sister Ann Archer or her surviving Children Three pounds and unto my Sister Elizabeth Taylour or her surviving Children Five pounds & unto my Niece Jane Crozier Five pounds. Item I give & bequeath unto my Brother in Law Thomas Lee's Three Children every One Five Shillings. Item I bequeath unto my Brother in law Ralph Vazie deceased's eldest Children every One Two Shillings & six pence and unto Ann the youngest Child of the Said Ralph Vazie Eight pounds Eleven Shillings Item I bequeath unto my Brother in law William Robinson's Five Children every one Two

Shillings & Six pence Item I give & bequeath unto my said wife Frances all my Goods Chattles & Houshold Stuff whom I make Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament willing that these Legacys to my Said Brethren in Law's Children be paid by her within Twelve Months after my Decease declaring hereby this my last will & Testament Revoking & disannulling all other wills made by me either by word or in writing In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this Twelfth Day of May Anno Dom[in]I 1708
John Walton

Sealed Read & declared in the presence of my said Tenement Enterlined before Sealing.
Frances Vazie Tho: Lee Richard Wallasse

1708 Test[amentum] et Inven[tarium] Johis Walton nup[er] de Annatt Walls par[ochia] de Alston Dunelm dioc[ese] def[uncti]

A True and p[er]fect Inventory of all the Goods and Chattles which John Walton of Annat: wall in Alston: moor in the Diocese deceased died possessed of made by us Henry Stephenson Thomas Lee Anthony Martindale and Richard Wallasse this 23rd Day of August 1708

	£	s	d
Impr[imi]s His Horse and Apparrell	8	00	00
Ite Eight Cows	16	00	00
Ite Fower Heifers	4	00	00
Ite One little Mare		12	00
Ite Twenty Fower Ews	2	10	00
Ite Five Weather Sheep	1	00	00
Ite Fourteen Lambs	1	8	00
Ite Five Stacks of Hay with Fogg	14	00	00
Ite Husbandry Implements	1	4	00
Ite A Cupboard and a Press	2	10	00
Ite Fower Bedsteeds	1	5	00
Ite Two Tables and Firms	00	10	00
Ite One Long Settle One Dresser and Chairs	1	00	00
Ite Wooden Vessell	1	15	00
Ite Tenn pewter Dishes and Small pewter	2	10	00
Ite Two Kettles and Panns of Brass, Pott and Yetling and Small utensells of Iron	2	10	00
Ite Two Feather Beds and Furniture	5	00	00
Ite Two Chaffe Beds and Furniture	1	10	00
Ite Eight pair of Linen Sheets Two dozen and a half of Napkins & Eight Linen Drawers	3	10	00

In all	70 14 00
Debts own by the party deceased	
Due by Severall Bonds	110 00 00
Funerall Expenses	05 00 00
	115 00 00
Debts own to the party deceased	
by Severall persons in Book Debt	10 00 00

Nicho: Walton Henry Stephenson
Vic[a]r of Alston Tho: Lee
Anthony Martindale his M[a]rk X Richard Wallasse

15 Nov 1710 Christopher Walton

[Note: DPR/I/1/1717/W3/1-2, with a will bond in the penal sum of £100, 23 May 1717 (DPR/I/3/1717/B49/1-2). Walton appears to have been the father of Nicholas Walton, Vicar of Alston, and part of the Walton family of lead agents prominent in the later 18th and 19th century. WALTON. The Rev. Nicholas Walton (c. 1672-1728), son of Christopher Walton, of Ayle Town, Kirkhaugh (N) (d.1716), was Master of Alston School 1694 and Vicar of Alston 1696-1728. He marr. 1697 Susanna Fetherstonhaugh (d. 1762) and had issue int. al. a son Nicholas Walton, of Farnacres, Whickham (D) (d. 1795, aged 92), who had an only son Nicholas Walton (d. 1810, aged 77), for over 50 years one of the Receivers of Greenwich Hospital in the North of England. Arms. Argent two bars Gules over all a lion rampant Azure (M.I. in HaydonBridge Church (N) to Nicholas Walton (d. 1810); also seal on will dated 1744 of Elizabeth Walton, of Gallowhill (N), in which she mentions her brother-in-law Nicholas Walton, of Farnacres, above).- C. ROY HUDLESTON, M.A., F.S.A., and R. S. BOUMPHREY, M.A., F.S.A. 'A Supplement to Cumberland Families and Heraldry, Part IV.' Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society (1984). Many of Nicholas Walton's letters as Greenwich Hospital agent can be found elsewhere in Dukesfield Documents.]

In the Name of God Amen I Christopher Walton of Ayl=Towne in the Parish of Kirkhaugh & County of Northumberland yeoman, being of Good & perfect Remembrance do make and Ordaine this my Last Will & Testament in manner and forme following. First I committ my Soul into the Hands of God my Creat[o]r hoping assuredly Through Christ Jesus my Redeemer to Obtain full & free Remission of all my Sins and my Body to the Earth of which it was made to be bury'd at the Discretion of my Exec[utor]s hereafter named And as for those Temporal Goods which the Lord hath bestowed upon me I give & bequeath them as followeth first I give unto my Son

Christopher Walton the Summe of Sixty Pounds to be payd at my decease Ten pounds of which to be paid betwixt his two Sons and the Remainder for the other of his six Children Twenty Pounds to his Daughter Mary and the rest to be equally divided amongst his other Three Daughters Item I give unto my sister Anne the Summe of Twenty Shillings Item I give unto my Nephew Anthony Teasdell Tenn Shillings Item I give unto my Two Grand Children William Wallase & Thomas Wallase to either of them Tenn shillings Item I give unto the poor of the parish of Alstonmoore the Summe of Five Pounds to be set forward as a stock for the use of the Said Poor the Interest whereof to be payd them yearly as the Minister and Overseers of the poor for the time being shall Think fit. Item I give unto my Two Grandchildren Mary Walton and Anne Walton of Blagill My Houshold Goods to be divided Equally betwixt them Provided that my Son Christopher in the first place have all such Houshold goods as did of Right belong to his Wife. And as for the Rest of my Goods & Chattells I give them all unto my Son Nicholas whom I do hereby make full Execu[to]r of this my last will & Testament revoking all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seale this Fifteenth day of November 1710
Chris Walton
Sign'd Sealed & deliver'd In the p[re]sence of

Nicho: Whitfeild Nicho. Teasdell his mark NT Redginald Nixon

1717 Test[amentu]m Chri[stopher] Walton nuper paroc[hi]a De Kirkhaugh Def[un]cti

15 May 1722 Thomas Marshall

[Note: DPR/1/1/1722/M5/1-2 Thomas MARSHALL, gentleman, of Walltown in the county of Northumberland. Father-in-law of Isaac Hunter I.]

Testam[en]tu[m] Thome Marshall nup[er] de Walltowne in Com[itatu] Nor'
Gen[en]rosi Def[un]cti

The Will of Thomas Marshall late of Walltowne in the County of Northumberland Gentleman Deceased

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Marshall of Walltown in the County of Northumberland Gent[leman] being firm & Sound of Body & of Good & perfect memory & Judgem[en]t (praised be God) And it being the Duty of every Christian to sett his House in Order & that the Day of a Man's Death is as hidden as it is certaine do make & declare this my last Will & testam[en]t in writing in manner & form following to preserve peace & brotherly kindness amongst my children after my Decease & to prevent all disputes & Controversies which may happen to be or arise amongst my children touching & concerning my personall Estate & their severall parts shares &

proporc[i]ons thereof whensoever it shall please God to call me assuredly hoping then for mercy & full remission of all my sins through the only merits of my Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus into whose hands and care I recommend my soul & my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in such decent & moderate manner as by my Dear wife & my executors herein after named shall be thought fit & convenient & as for my worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God of his Bounty to bless me My Will & pleasure is that all my just Debts & funeral Expences shall be paid in the first place thereof by my Executors herein after named And I do give & bequeath unto my trusty & well beloved friends Robert Coatesforth Esq[uir]e & Tho: Coltherd of Scottby in the County of Cumberland Gent[leman] All & Singular Implem[ent]s of husbandry ready money stock of Cattell Corn & hay Bonds Bills Mortgages Judgem[en]ts & other Securities for money to me owing Leases for years & all & Singular my Goods Chattells Rights Creditts & p[er]sonall Estate in whose hands Custody or poss[ess]ion soever and the same be & of what nature Quality or kind soever and the same is or are & to the Survivors of them the s[ai]d Robert Coatesforth & Thomas Coltherd & the Survivor of them & his executors & adm[inistrator]s upon special trust & confidence by them the s[ai]d Robert Coatesforth & the s[ai]d Thomas Coltherd & the survivor of them & his executors administrators or assigns to be sold & disposed of as soon as may be after my Decease for paying such Debts & funeral expenses & for raising of such porc[i]on & porc[i]ons for my Daughters Mary Marshall by my first wife & Anne Marshall by my now wife & for my younger Sons & Daughters respectively & to be paid them in such manner as now or at any time hereafter shall be directed appointed or Limited by any Deed in Writing under my hand & seal & to be for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever And it is my Will that all the lead Wainscott glass Iron=work Doors Locks & keys in & ab[ou]t my Mansion House & Messuage at Walltown afores[ai]d shall remaine & pass with the freehold of the same without any Value or price to be sett thereupon as heirlooms to my s[ai]d House & heirs for ever Item my Will & pleasure is that my Dear wife if she shall so like of it shall have the Education of my son George Marshall & Daughter Ann together with their & either of their Annuall provisions appointed them by a certaine Deed of Settlem[en]t under my hand & seal bearing Date on or about the second day of May 1721 during her Widowhood only & their minority at the Discretion of my Trustees & Overseers Item I will that in case my wife shall marry or dye then my s[ai]d Loving friends Robt Coatsforth & Thomas Coulthard shall have the Education disposall & ordering of my son George Marshall & Daughter Ann Marshall with the use & interest of their porc[i]ons for their best advantage (and so of the Rest of the Children) Item whereas I have already raised paid & satisfied to Mr John Blenkinsop of Dryburnhaugh who married my Daughter Jane the sume of five hundred pounds of lawfull money of Great Brittain in parte for her marriage porc[i]on & the further sume of three hundred pounds hereafter to be paid now my Will & pleasure is that in case my said Son George shall happen to dye & all & every my son & sons lawfully begotten or to be begotten shall dye without issue Male of their or any of their respective Bodys lawfully to be begotten so that the estate & estates in tail mail limited by such settlement as aforesaid shall cease & determine & that the said

Manour messuages Lands tenements & Hereditaments with the appurtenances therein mentioned shall thereby come or descend to & upon my Issue female that then & in such case my said Daughter Jane Blenkinsop & the heirs of her body shall allow such sumes of five hundred pounds so paid & parte three hundred pounds for her marriage portion as aforesaid out of the messuages Lands tenements and Hereditaments so to come or descend to her by virtue of such set[t]lem[en]t as aforesaid & only be equall & take proportionably with my other Children & no more & that such sumes of five hundred pounds & three hundred pounds shall so descend & come to her & her heirs by virtue of such settlement or otherwise any thing herein or in the said Deed of Settlement contained to the Contrary hereof Notwithstanding And my mind will & meaning farther is that the said Robert Coatesforth & Thomas Coltherd & the survivor of them & his exec[utor]s & adm[inistrator]s shall & will from & immediately after my Death & Decease receive & take all and every the Rents & profitts of the said estate & and in the first place shall pay & discharge thereout all such sume & sumes of money as I shall justly owe to be indebted to any person or persons whosoever Which my personall Estate shall be deficient to answer pay & discharge & afterwards for & until my said son George Marshall attaine to the age of 21 years to raise & pay to my Daughter Mary Marshall Eight hundred pounds as soon as the p[ro]fits of the s[ai]d Estate will raise & <cast> the same after my just debts & funeral expenses are fully satisfied & paid & in the meane time to allow her three pounds <.....> for her maintenance yearly by halfe yearly paym[en]ts until the same can be raised for her & she alsoe to be at liberty to receive yearly or half yearly all the <rente> & profits as the same become due until the Eight hundred pounds be raised & paid she giving a receipt for such sumes as she receives them & afterwards by such receipts of the profits as afores[ai]d to pay to my other Daughter Anne Marshall the sume of £800 when she shall attaine to the age of 21 years & in the meantime to pay her halfe yearly or every halfe year the sume of five pounds <..> she attaine the age of twelve yeares & from thenceforth until she attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty years the sume of fifteen pounds to be paid by halfe yearly paym[en]ts as afores[ai]d <of> lawfull money of Great Brittain for her maintenance & Education for & untill the payment of such sume of Eight hundred pounds be p[ai]d as aforesaid And shall also out of the rents issues & profitts of my said Estate Demise Lease mortgage or sale thereof or of any part thereof pay unto my said Son Geo: Marshall the sume of Tenn pounds <per year> And untill he come to & attain the age of 14 years & from & after he shall attaine to the age of 14 years of age as aforesaid from thenceforth he shall have paid him <year> or such other Sume or Sumes as my s[ai]d Trustees or the Survivor or Survivors of them shall thinke fitt or p[ro]per <> sume of fiteene pounds until he attaine the age of 21 years or marry which shall first happen And I do make constitute & appoint to be Joint Executors in trust as aforesaid of my last Will & testament my trust & well beloved friends Robt. Coatsforth and Tho: Coulthard And I do hereby Intreat all their Care & Diligence in the due performance & execution of the said Trust I leave hereby reposed in them & every of them & that they will be aiding & assisting in whatsoever they may to my said wife & Children in & about the management of their affairs & concerns And I also will that

their reasonable Costs & Charges be duely answered to every one of them out of my whole Goods from time to time And if it shall happen that at any time hereafter any ambiguity doubt or Question do grow or arise by Reason of the Imperfection or defect of or in any of the Words Clauses & sentences in this my last will & testament or any other writing by me made or to be made for or concerning the settlement or Disposal of my Concerns either real or p[er]sonall to prevent all suits & charges at Law that then the further & better Explanacon interpretation & construction of the the said Doubt imperfection & ambiguity I will that my said Trustees Executors & Supervisors shall Expound explain & interpret according to their wisdoms & Discretions And lastly I do declare this alone to be my last Will & testament And I do hereby revoke all former & other wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 15th Day of May Anno Do[min]i 1722

As to my daughter Jane Blenkinsopps three hundred pounds the remaineing p[ar]t of her marriage porc[i]on I hereby appointe & refer the payment thereof pursuant to the marriage articles I hereby give & bequeath unto my s[ai]d loveing wife all my s[ai]d household goods & implam[en]ts of household stuffe of whatsoever nature or kinde the same <.....> of that she had before we intermarried or she since brought here to her owne <.....> use & behoofe with full power to dispose of the same as she shall thinke fitt and as for all the remainder of my household goods & implaments of household stuffe – of what nature or kinde the same I hereby give her the benefitt & advantage of makeing use of them soe long as she lives here in the house at the Walltowne But if she removes from thence then the same to be equally divided amongst her & all my Daughters share & share alike And I verily believe my s[ai]d wife is with Child or Children be the same Son or Sons Daughter or daughters if a Son I hereby give him one thousand pounds of good & lawfull money of Great Brittan if sons then the s[ai]d one thousand pounds to be equally divided amongst or betwixt them If a Daughter the sume of Eight hundred pounds of good & lawfull money of Great Brittan If daughters then the s[ai]d Eight hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst or betwixt them to be raised & paid by my s[ai]d trustees or the survivor or survivors of them when he she or they shall attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares as is herein before limited & appointed & in the meantime if a son untill he attaine the age of sixteene yeares by halfe yearly paym[en]ts to pay him the sume of fifteene pounds for his maintenance & education untill he attaine the age of one & twenty yeares If sons then the s[ai]d one thousand pounds to be equally divided amongst or betwixt them & when they shall attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares & in the meanetime untill they shall attaine the s[ai]d age of sixteene yeares by halfe yearly paym[en]ts to pay them the sume of twenty pounds to be equally divided betwixt & amongst them for their maintenance & education untill they attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares If a daughter and in the meanetime untill she attaine the age of one & twenty yeares by halfe yearly paym[en]tss to pay her the sume of tenn pounds for her maintenance & education until she attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares If daughters then the s[ai]d Eight hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst or betwixt when they shall

attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares & in the meanetime untill they shall attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares by halfe yearly paym[en]ts to pay them the sume of twenty pounds to be equally divided amongst or betwixt them for their maintenance & education untill they attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares And if any of my Children happen to dye before he she or they attaine the s[ai]d age of one & twenty yeares or marriage Then the porc[i]on or porc[i]ons of such child or children soe dyeing to be equally divided amongst the survivors or survivor of them (except my son George who is to have noe share or parte thereof) And I hereby authorize & impower my s[ai]d Trustees & the survivors & survivor of them that if it shall please God my wife to have or beare a Son or Sons & they or either of them live to the s[ai]d age of sixteene yeares to put & binde them out to an apprentice or apprentices & alsoe out of the p[ro]fits of the s[ai]d premises to raise & pay an apprentice fee or apprentice fees for & bindeing them or either of them out to an apprentice or apprentices as afores[ai]d I hereby give my wife foure of my cows such as she shall chuse & the Gray Gelding as her horse my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written
Thomas Marshall his marke

Signed Sealed published & Declared by the Testator in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed

Thomas Waugh
Christopher Bell
William Thomson

26 Jul 1722 Elizabeth Lee

[Note: DPR/I/1/1723/L3/1-2, incl inventory 7th May 1723. Will bond with penal sum £200, 9 May 1723 DPR/I/3/1723/B36. Elizabeth Lee was probably nee Stephenson, married firstly to William Fetherstonhaugh of Blagill (Will dated 1684), mother of Susanna Featherstonhaugh (and several others), who married Nicholas Walton, Vicar/Clerk of Alston. Blagill was the location of a 17th century lead smelting mill. Elizabeth then apparently married Thomas Lee of Alston House (will dated 1689, Aldston House). These families all appear to be have been associated with lead mining. The Ralph Vazie mentioned in her will was related to the Alston Moor agent to the Radcliffes, Earls of Derwentwater, in the 1670s.]

In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Lee of Blagill in the Parish of Aldston & County of Cumberland widow having out Lived the Agge of man but now of Sound mind & good disposing memory & perfect understanding and calling to mind the yousefullness of settling my Temperalls do therefore maike this my Last will & Testament this twenty Sixth day of July 1722 Hearby disannulling all former wills by me formerly maide Impr. I give my presus & Immortell Soule to God who gave it

hoping through the estable death of my deare Saviour for Salvation therof & my body I desire may be desently interred by my Exect[uto]rs hereafter naimed & as to my temperall Consarns I give & dispose of the Saime as followeth Imprs I give unto my Grandson William Fetherston five Shillings & to my Grandson James Fetherstonhaugh Five pounds. Item: I give unto my Daughter Ann Robinson Fifteen pounds upon condition only that she shall on payment thereof Seale & deliver to my Exec[u]t[o]rs after naimed a Sufficient discharge of all Claims & demands whatsoever w[hi]ch on anye account She may claime of or from my Saide Exec[u]t[o]rs Item: I give to my Grandson James Culceth Five pounds on Condition aforesaid that his mother Robinson shall Seale such a realese as aforesaid or in failling of it my will is that my daughter Robinson shall have only tenn Shillings Item I give to my Daughter Debora Armstrong Tenn Pounds & I do quite all that she owes to me formarly Item I give to my Grandaughters Elizabeth Armstrong Five Pounds and to Mary Armstrong Five pounds and to Francis Armstrong Three pounds Item I give to my Daughter Mary Teasdell Fifteen pounds & to hir son Nicholas Teasdell Two pounds & to hir son James Teasdell Tenn pounds & to hir son John Teasdell Three pounds & to hir daughter Mary Teasdell Two pounds & to hir son Anthony Teasdell Two pounds & to hir son Joseph Teasdell One pound Item: I give unto my Son in Law Thomas Lee Fowre pounds & to his Son Thomas Two pounds Item: I give unto my Grandchildren to Nicholas Walton One pound to John Walton three Pounds to Ann Walton Two pounds & my bed and beding appertaining thereto & to Elizabeth Walton one Cubbart & desk Item I give to the Sons & Daughters of the Late Ralph Vazie to Ralph Five Shilling to William Two Shilling to Francis Five Shilling to Isabell Five Shilling & to Ann Five Shillings & to [Francis] Browne Five Shillings Item I give to Richard Fetherston Smith in Gillsland one pound & to Elizabeth Daughter of Joseph Walton of Blagill one pound & to Debora Daughter of the saide Joseph Walton one black mantis & pettecoate Item: I give to the overSears of the power of the parish of Aldston & of Garegill their sucksessers as over Sears for the Sole youse & behofe benifett & advantage of the Saime power the sume of Tenn pounds & I direct desire & appoint the Saide overSears with the assistance of the Minestar of Aldston to plaise the Saime with a dew & Saife Care out at Intrest & to dispose of the Saide Intrest yearly to the saide power as neare the Nativity of our Saviour as may be Item I give unto my Son Nicholas Walton & his wife each of them One pound & do heareby acknolidg he hath very justly Sattisfied me for the Lands I sould him att Blagill Item: I give to my GranChildren Susanne Walton Francis Armstrong & Mary Teasdell all my househould goods except what is excepted as above Item: I give to my GranChildren to Susan Walton Tenn Shillings to Jane Walton Five Shillings & Mary Walton Five Shillings Item: I give to Joseph Walton of Blagill Five Shillings and to Elizabeth Bell of SpenceCroft Five Shillings & all the rest & resadeus of my goods & chattles bonds bills debts & Credatis & all my Persanell estate whatsoever I give & devise unto my GranChildren John armstrong & William Walton whom I macke Joyntely Execut[o]rs of this my Last Will & Testament and I do order that Joseph Walton of Jollebeard house shall be allowed ye halfe Years in rent Six months after my desease I appoint my Sons Nicolas Walton & Thomas Lee to recive

the Legase of James Fetherstonhaugh when it falls dew and to pay it him when he coms to Sixteen years of agge or before if need require My will is if he dye befor he coms to Sixteen years of agge that it shall fall to his brother Edward & my will further is that the within saide Leggisies shall not be payed until twelve months after my deseace and my will further is whoever refusies to take there Leggisies as is within mentioned shall have but only Five shillings in wittnes whereof I the Saide Elizabeth Lee have hearunto put my hand & Seale the day and yeare within written.

Elizabeth Lee hir mark & seale

Signed Seald and deliver[e]d

In the presence of us Joseph: Walton jur Tho: Lee

A True and Perfect Inventory of all the Goods & Chattells of Elizabeth Lee late of Blagill in the parish of Alston & Diocese of Durham widow Dece[as]e[d] apprises & Inventoryd by us whose names are underwritten this 7th day of May anno D[om]ini 1723.

	£	s	d
Imprimus her purse & Apparrell	6	00	00
Item 1 bedstead & Bedding & Table Linnen	3	05	00
Item Brass & Pewter & one Silver <.acker>	1	05	00
Item 1 Cupborad,<?> Cheds & 3 Chairs	1	10	00
Item 1 Table wooden Vesell & other Houshold goods	0	12	06
	12	12	06
Debts owing to the Dece[as]e[d]			
By Joseph Walton	140	00	00
By Tho: Vipond	10	10	00
By Henry Bleamire	10	10	00
By Nicho. Walton	3	10	00
	164	10	00
	177	02	06
Debts owing by the Dec[eas]e[d]			
To Several persons the Sume of	1	12	11
Funeral Charges	13	15	5 1/2
	161	14	1 1/2
Christopher Walton Nicho. Walton Vicr. of Alston	Joseph Walton		
John Tesdell	Nicholas Teasdale		

27 Apr 1731 Thomas Dickinson

[Note: DPR/I/1/1731/D3/1 Date of probate 12 July 1731]

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Dickinson of Eshgill In Priorsdale In the Chappellry of Garrigill, Parish of Alston In the County of Cumberland & Diocese of Durham Yeoman being weak in body but of good And perfect memory blessed be god but Considering the uncertainty and frailty of Mankind do make this my Last Will and Testament In Manner and Form following/ Vizt. Imprimus I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty god hoping thro. the Meritorious Death of my Saviour Jesus for free pardon of my Sins and my Body to the Ground to be buried in decent manner at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned And as to the Temporall goods God in his Mercy hath bestowed upon me I give and bequeath as hereafter followeth Impr. I Give unto my Wife Hannah Dickinson All that my Freehold Estate att Eshgill in Priorsdale dureing her Life Natureall the Lead Mines and Royalties therein Excepted, wch. saide Royalties and Lead Mines and All other Mineralls therein I give unto my Eldest Son Thomas Dickinson to Enter upon att my Decease – And after the Decease of my sd. wife Hannah Dickinson I bequeath unto my Eldest Son Thomas Dickinson all that my sd. Freehold Estate att Eshgill aforesd. wth. All my rights privellidges and propertyes thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining – Item I give unto my sd. Eldest Son Thomas Dickinson all that my Estate at Upper Craige with all its appurtenances thereunto belonging to Enter Upon the Same free of All Incumberances Att my Decease – Item I give unto my 2d. Son Robt. Dickinson all that my Estate att Upper Crossgill with All My Rights and priveliges thereunto belonging to Enter Upon Att my Decease – But my Will further is that If the sd. Robt. Dickinson Dye without Issue Male or Female Lawfully begot of his Body – that then the Sd. Estate att Upper Crossgill aforesd. with all My priveliges doe fall upon and return to my Eldest Son Thomas Dickinson his Heirs Executs Administats. or Asignes. Item I give unto my Daughter Sarah Dickinson One hundred pound to be paid by my Eldest Son Thomas Dickinson twelve Months after my Decease unto my 2 trustees Jno. Holme and Joseph Dickinson of Lee House – for the use of my Sd. Daughtr. Sarah till she attain the Age of twenty One and doe become capable to receive the same and give a Lawfull rect. And my Will further is that if she please my trustees Jno. Holme and Joseph Dickinson In her Marige that my sd. Eldest Son Tho: Dickinson shall pay her fifty pound more out of my Freehold Estate att Eshgill aforesd. six months after her Marrige – Item I give unto my Daughter Hannah Emerson now Wife of Obediah Emerson twenty pound to be pd. twelve months After my Decease by my sd. Son Thomas Dickinson. Item I give unto Thomas Emerson Eldest Son of Obediah Emerson ten pound And to Hannah Emerson Daughter to the sd. Obediah Emerson ten pound Both to be pd. by my sd. Son Thomas Dickinson to my sd. trustees Jno. Holme of Windy hall & Joseph Dickinson of Lee House five years after my Decease to be put forward for there use till they attain the

age of 21 years – but If either of them doe dye before they doe attaine the age of 21 years the sd. ten pound bequeathed to fall upon the other But In case they Both dye before they attaine to the age of 21 years, My will is that the sd. Legacyes bequeathed to Tho: Emerson and Hannah Emerson Aforesd. doe fall upon my Eldest Daughter Hannah Emerson now Wife of Obediah Emerson or her Assignes – All the rest of my Goods and Chattells whatsoever Moveable and Immoveable I give unto my Wife Hannah Dickinson and my Eldest Son Thomas Dickinson whom I doe hereby Nominate and appointe Sole and Joynte Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament revokeing hereby All Other wills heretofore made by me Either in word or Writeing And do Declare this my Last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set and put my hand and seal this twenty seaventh day of Aperill 1731

Thomas Dickinson

Seal'd and Declar'd the Last will and Testament of Thomas Dickinson

In the presence of us
Lucy Holmes her mark
Thomas Emerson
Joseph Emerson

2 Jul 1737 Obadiah Emerson

[Note: DPR/I/1/1737/E3/1-2, probate granted 27 Aug 1737]

In the Name of God Amen I Obadiah Emerson of Low Houses in Garrigill in Alston Moore Diocese of Durham and County of Cumberland Yeoman being weake in body But of good and Perfect Memory (Blessed be god) But Considering the uncertainty and fraility of Mankinde doe make this my Last Will and Testament In Manner and forme following Vizt. First I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty god hoping thro[ugh] the Meritorious Death of my Saviour Jesus Christ for the free pardon of All my sins and my Body to the Ground to be bury[e]d In decent Manner att the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter Mentioned, And as to the temporal goods god in his Mercy hath Lent me I give and bequeath as hereafter followeth

First I give unto my Eldest son Thomas Emerson the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty pound, unto My Eldest Daughter Hannah Emerson the Sum of Eighty pound unto my Second Son Joseph Emerson the Sum of One hundred pound And to my Second Daughter Unas Emerson the Sum of Eighty pound All w[hi]ch Legacyes I will shall be p[ai]d by my Executrix As they shall attain the Age of Twenty One years And if any of these my s[ai]d Children doe Happen to dye before they he or she doe attaine the Age of twenty one years the s[ai]d Child or Child's portion to be divided proportionally amongst the rest according to their portuns as above bequeathed – And my Will

further is that my wife Hannah Emerson have the Intrest of the said fower hundred and twenty pound bequeathed as above towards the bringing up of my s[ai]d Children And I doe hereby Apoint Thomas Dickinson of Eshgill & Thomas Emerson of the Same trustees or Gaurdians for my S[ai]d Children And all the rest of my goods and Chattells of what kinde soever I give and bequeath unto my dear and loveing wife Hannah Emerson whom I doe hereby Nominate and Appointe Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament revokeing All other wills made by me Either in word or writeing And doe declare this to be my Last Will and Testament this Second day of July 1737

Witness John Bateson Joseph Emerson

Obadiah Emerson

August the 27th 1737

Joseph Emerson one of the subscribing Witnesses was sworn to the due Execution and Hannah Emerson sole Executrix with named was also sworn well and faithfully to execute and perform the same before me

John Toppin Surrogate

1737 Test. Obadiah Emerson late of Low Houses in Garrigill in the County of Cumberland
Regd.

4 Jun 1746 Daniel Oliver

[Note: Will DPRI/1/1748/O2]

In the name of God amen I Daniell Ollever in the Steell in the County of Northumberland yeoman being of sound and perfect mind and memory prased be God Doe make and Declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form Foolowing That is to say Item I give unto my sister Elsapeth Smith weedow to Edward Smith five Shillings Item I give to my sister <ame> Nickoleson wefe to William Nicklson five Shillings Item I give to my sister Usliee Dods wife to Gilbert dod five shilling Item I give to my sister Mary Davidson wife to Thomas Davidson one Cow Item I give to my sister Dorothy Moor wife to George Moor five shillings all to be paid to them within six months after my death after which I Give and Devise all my housholds goods and all sort of Housband goods and all my Corn and hay [missing] and all my personall Estate whatsoever such as Cows <..eldens> mears oxon young beasts sheep and all sort of movbles whatsoever unto my Brother Edward Olever his

heires and assigns for ever and I doe hereby order and appoint my said Brother Edward Olever solle and so [missing] Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former and other wills by me at any time heretofor made in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seall this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and Forty six his

Daniell Ollee[missing] mark

Signed sealed published and Declared in the presence of us who at the request and in the presence of the Testator have subscribed our names as witnessed hereunto
Thomas Robson William Doods [mark]

May the 23d 1748

Thomas Robson one of the subscribing Witnesses was sworn to the due Execution and Edward Oliver sole Executor was also sworn will and faithfully to perform and Execute the same before me

John Toppin Surrogate

28 May 1750 Joseph Emerson

[Note: DPR/I/1/1750/E5/1-2, probate granted 30 June 1750]

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Emerson of Crossgill in the parish of Garrigill County of Cumberland and Diocese of Durham Gentleman being out of Health at present but of sound perfect and desposing of Mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God for the Same Doe make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First I give to Isabel Chapman Hannah Natrass John Natrass Ann Winskill Mary Hetherington Isabel Dickinson John Dickinson Ann Evans to each and every of them the Sume of Tenn Pounds also I give to Mary Watson and Ralph Watson Daughter and Son of Mary Armstrong to each of the them the Sume of Tenn Pounds I also give to my Nephew Thomas Dickinson the Sume of Fifty pounds I likewise give to my Brother in Law John Stephenson of Nentsberry all my Houses in Aldstone Town one part holden under the Lord of the Manor by payment of the yearly rent of Ninepence and other part holden by payment of the yearly rent of One Penny to the owners of Aldstone House with all Priviledges and Properties thereunto belonging the Same being now rented and farmed by John Vipond and Joseph Armstrong To hold to the said John Stephenson his Executors Administrators and Assignes for and during the residue and remainder of a term of One thousand years granted for the Same I also give my Freehold Estate called Eshgill in Garrigill aforesaid to my Nephew Evans Emerson with all Properties and Priviledges thereunto belonging To hold to him his Heirs and Assignes for ever And I also give to the said Evan Emerson One Pry field part of upper Lee House Tenement lying and being on the west side of the river Tyne

to be holden by the payment of the yearly rent of Two Shillings and a penny with all Commons rights of Commons turbary Sheepheaves Cattle Gates and other Properties and Priviledges thereunto belonging to enter upon the Same twelve months after my Decease and to pay to my Executrix hereafter named at his Entring the Sume of One hundred and twenty Pounds And if he refuse payment of the Same or any part thereof that then and in such Case it shall and may be lawfull to and for my said Executrix to sell or Mortgage the same or any part thereof for payment of the said Sume I also give and bequeath to John Emerson Son of Thomas Emerson the remainder of my Estate at Lee House with all Priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to enter upon when he attains the Age of twenty One Years to be holden by the payment of the yearly rent of Two Shillings The said Thomas Emerson to have and enjoy the Same till his said Son attain the said Age of twenty one years And if the said John Emerson live to enter upon the Same then and in such Case he shall pay to Susannah Emerson third Daughter of the said Thomas Emerson to his Second Wife the Sume of Forty Pounds And if the said John Emerson happen to die before he attain the said Age then the said Estate shall descend to the eldest Son of the said Thomas Emerson he paying at his Entry thereupon the above mentioned Legacy And for want of Male Issue to the Daughters of the said Thomas Emerson equally among them when the youngest attains the Age of Sixteen Years I also Order that my Executrix hereafter named pay to John Vipond of Middle houses and James Bell of Upper Redwing the Sume of Thirty Pounds towards the payment of a certain Debt which we stand bound for I Also give to my said Nephew Evans Emerson my Estate called Aldstone House being part freehold and part Leasehold now in the Possession of Jonathan Hilton Anthony Pattinson and John Vipond with all Priviledges Properties and Appurtenances thereunto belonging To hold to him and his Heirs for ever he paying out of the Same at his Entring upon it the Sume of Five hundred Pounds to my said Executrix I also give and bequeath my Estate at Crossgill enjoyed by myself Robert Bell and Robert Harrison with all Intacks or other Enclosures called Eshgill Side as now enjoyed with Crossgill Tenement and all other Properties and Priviledges thereunto belonging to my dearly beloved wife Susanna to have and enjoy peaceably for and during her natural Life and I also give to my said wife One hundred and twenty Pounds Chargeable upon and Payable out of the said Estate to dispose of at her Decease as she Pleases And at the Death of my loving wife I order that the said Estate shall be desposed of and left to such of my own Relations as my sd. wife shall think Proper and accordingly as she in her life-Time shall dispose of it. And I further order that my said wife shall enjoy all my said Estates for one whole year after my Decease by and after which time they shall be enjoyed by the Persons before mentioned they paying the above Sums to my Executrix at and Upon Entring upon the said Estates I also give to my said dearly beloved wife all my Goods Chattles ready Money Household Goods and Husbandry Geer and all other my Effects whatsoever whether moveable or immoveable of what kind or nature soever they be or wheresoever they be found making her full and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament she paying all my just Debts and all the before mentioned Legacies twelve Months after my decease and also my funeral Expences And I also appoint my Friends

Nicholas Walton of Ravensworth Castle Jonathan Hilton of Aldstone House and James Bell of Redwing Trustees to see my Will performed according to this my desire and to assist my said wife in mannaging the Executorship And I hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do ratifie and confirm this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty eight Day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty.

Joseph Emerson

Signed Sealed published and declared to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of us The words Sixteen Years being first interlined. –

Robert Bell Anne Walton her mark Jose. Stagg

June the 30th – 1750

Joseph Stagg one of the Subscribing Witnesses was sworn to the due Execution, and Susannah Emerson, sole Executrix was also sworn well and faithfully to execute and perform the same before me

John Toppin Surrogate

Test. 1750

Joseph Emerson late of Crossgill in the par. of Garrigill in the County of Cumb'land Gentleman Deced.

1 May 1757 John Mulcaster

[Note: DPR/1/1/1757/M8/1-2]

In the name of God Amen, I John Mulcaster of Acton Lead Mill in the County of Northumberland Yeoman, being very weak and infirm of Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following (that is to say)

First I commend my Soul in to the hands of Almighty God my Creator and my Body to be buryed at the discretion of my Executrix – As for my worldly Effects wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose of them as followeth.

My Will is, and I do hereby appoint my Wife Frances the sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, to whom I give and bequeath all and singular my Goods and Chattels, and personal Estate whatsoever subject and chargeable as hereafter mentioned First I order that my said Executrix shall pay & discharge all such debts as I shall be justly owing at the time of my decease together with my funeral charges and

also all such Legacies as I do give and bequeath by this my last Will. Item I give to my Son James the Sum of Forty pounds to be paid by my aforesaid Executrix but on condition that he pay and oblige himself his heirs Executors & Administrators to pay to my Wife Frances an Annuity of Two pounds during her life natural. Item I further give to my said son James in trust for his Daughter Lucy now a Minor the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by my aforesd. Executrix but on condition that he oblige himself his heirs etc to pay to my Wife Frances an Annuity of one pound during her life natural. Item I give to my Son Peter the sum of Thirty pounds but on like condition that he pay and oblige himself his heirs etc to pay to my aforesd. Executrix an Annuity of One pound ten shillings during her life natural. Item I give to my Son Robert the Sum of one hundred pounds but on condition that he pay and oblige himself his heirs etc to pay to my aforesaid Executrix An Annuity of Two pounds during her life natural And I do order that all the above Legacies be paid by my aforesd. Executrix within the space of three Months after my decease and I do revok and anul all former Wills in witness whereof I have set my Hand and Seal this 1st Day of May in the Year of our Lord 1757

John Mulcaster

Signed, Sealed and published by the said Testator as, and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us at whose request and in his presence inscribed our Names as witnesses hereto.

William Hutchinson W his Mark John Hutchinson

The Testament of Jno. Mulcaster late of Acton Leadmill in the County of North(umber)land

Yeoman Deced.

4 Mar 1762 Joseph Richmond

[Note: Will DPRI 1/1763/R12/1 Date of probate is 1763. The Testam[en]t of Joseph Richmond late of Newcastle dec[eas]ed]

Be it remembered that this is the last will and Testament of me Joseph Richmond of the Town & County of Newcastle upon Tyne; made this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty two. Viz. I commit my Soul into the hand of almighty God; hoping for his mercy & favour through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer. And as to the temporal effects which it has pleased God to give me, I leave and dispose of the same in manner following, I leave and bequeath to my son John the sum of twelve hundred pounds, the int[er]est whereof to commence from the time of my Decease at four per Cent[iu]m. I leave and

bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth the sum of twelve hundred pounds, the int[er]est whereof to commence from the time of my Decease at four and a half p[er] Cent[ium]. I leave and bequeath to my Daughter Joanna Headlam the sum of five hundred pounds, as an augmentation to the five hundred pounds I gave her at her marriage, the int[er]est to commence from the time of my Decease at four p[er] Cent[ium], All which said respective sums so left to my said three children as above are to be paid on twelve months notice if the money I have at int[er]est can be got in; or the Securities for the same transferr[e]d by Consent, and if any loss shall happen before that time of any part of the money I have now out at Int[er]est, such loss to be born[e] by all my children in proportion to the respective fortunes I have given them, computing my son Henry's fortune at two thousand pounds, I leave to my two grandchildren Ann & George Headlam & to each of them the sum of fifty pounds, to be disposed of for their use & benefit according to the Direction of their mother and my Executor hereafter mentioned, and the int[er]est thereof in the mean time to be paid to their mother at four p[er] Cen[ium], I leave to my son John and Daughter Elizabeth the sum of twenty pounds a peice for mourning, & to my Daughter Headlam the sum of thirty pounds, for her own & childrens mourning, I will that all my Children shall have and enjoy with my Executors their meat, drink, washing & Lodging for the space of twelve months from my Decease in the same manner they now enjoy with me without paying anything for the same; And after the End & expiration of the said twelve months, I will that my Daughter Elizabeth shall have and enjoy with my said Executor, meat, drink, washing & Lodging as she now enjoys the same with me for the space of three years longer, or be paid the sum of twenty pounds a year for the said three years, as she shall at any time make it her choice, and I further leave to my said Daughter Elizabeth the furniture of her own lodging Room and the room over the kitchan. And all the rest of my estate & effects I leave and bequeath to my son Henry, who I do hereby constitute and appoint the sole Executor of this my last Will, revoking all former wills by me made & lastly I order all my debts and funeral expenses to be discharged. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand the day of year first above mentioned, the whole being my own hand writing.

Jos[eph] Richmond

20 Jun 1775 Henry Richmond

[Note: Will DPRI/1/1776/R12. Date of probate 1776. An obituary appeared in the Newcastle Courant on 15 June which read : "Died. Saturday, aged 55, Mr Henry Richmond, many years principal agent to Sir Walter Blackett, Bart. who discharged his trust with great fidelity and industry, and was much and deservedly esteemed as a worthy honest man. On Tuesday his corpse was interred in St. Andrews in a genteel manner."]

This is the last will & Testament of me Henry Richmond of the town & county of Newcastle upon Tyne In the first place I order & direct that all my just Debts & also the Expenses of my Funeral (which I desire may as private as possible) shall be paid by my Executors. And I give & bequeath unto my Dear wife the sum of Fifty pounds to be paid to her within one month after my Death and, I also give & bequeath unto my said Wife all my Household furniture & all my plate & Linen Books & Pictures to be at her own free & absolute disposal and, subject to the payment of all my just Debts & the said Legacy to my Dear wife & my funeral expenses, I give & bequeath all my ready money & all & every the sum & sums of money due & owing to me upon my security or Securities whatsoever unto my said wife & William Wilson of Newcastle upon Tyne aforesaid Esquire Barrister at Law Edward Mosley of Newcastle upon Tyne aforesaid Esquire & one of the Aldermen & one of the Aldermen of the said Town & the Reverend Nathaniel Ellison clerk Minister of the parochial Chapelry of Saint Andrew's in the aforesaid Town of Newcastle upon Tyne their Executors & administrators upon trust & in confidence that they & the Survivors & Survivor of them & the Executors & administrators of such Survivor do & shall from time to time during the natural Life of my said Dear wife permit my said Wife or her assigns to receive one full moiety or half part of all the yearly Interest & Annual produce thereof as the same shall arise & become due to & for her own use and benefit and as to for & concerning the principal of the said moiety (the Interest whereof I have given to my said wife during her Life as aforesaid) from & immediately after the decease of my said Wife and also as to the other Moiety or full half part of all the said money so bequeathed to my said Trustees as aforesaid from & immediately after my death I will & direct that my said Trustees & the Survivors & Survivor of them & the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor shall stand & be possessed of & interested in the same & every part thereof In Trust & to & for the use & benefit of all & every the children which I now have by my said wife or which I shall hereafter have by her or with which she shall happen to be <ensient> at the time of my death equally to be divided amongst the said children share & share alike The share & shares of the said children to belong to & be an Interest vested in such of the said children as are or shall be a son or sons at their respective ages of twenty one years & such of the said children as shall be a Daughter or Daughters at her & their respective ages of twenty one years or days of marriage which shall first happen And also upon further Trust that the said Trustees in the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do & shall during the Life of my said Wife pay to her the Interest & Annual produce of the said Share & Shares of my said children to be by her applied for the maintenance & education of the said children & until their said Share or Share shall become payable respectively And in case my said Wife shall happen to die before all my said Children shall have become intituted [entitled] to a vested interest in their said respective shares then upon Trust that they the said Trustees or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do & shall after the decease of my said Wife pay & apply the yearly interest & annual produce of the share & shares of my said children respectively or so much thereof as the Trustees or Trustee for time being shall

think fit for their maintenance & Education & until their said share or shares shall become vested interests respectively Provided always that in case any of my Sons shall happen to die under the age of twenty one years or any of my Daughters shall happen to die under the age of twenty one years & unmarried then the share & shares as well original as accrued of such child or children so dying shall from time to time accrue & belong unto & vest in the Survivors or Survivor or others or other of my Children & be equally divided between or amongst them if more than one & be a vested interest at such times & in such manner as is herein before directed concerning his her & their original share & shares Provided also & I do will order & direct that my said Trustees or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall have power I do hereby give to them full power & authority to apply according to their own discretion any part of the principal money of the share of any of my Sons for & towards putting or placing out my Sons respectively to any Trade or Business or otherwise or towards their preferment in the World before the age of twenty one years and my further will is that if all my children who are or shall be sons shall happen to die under the age of twenty one years & all my children who shall be Daughters shall happen to die under the age of twenty one years & unmarried Then my said Trustees or the Survivors or Survivors of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall permit my said wife to receive the yearly interest & annual produce of both Moieties of the said trust money to & for her own use & benefit during her Life and at her death my said Trustees shall stand & be possessed of all the said trust money & the stocks Funds & Securities in & upon which the same shall be invested or laid out upon the Trusts & to & for the intents and purposes following, that is to say, as to one full fourth part thereof in Trust for such person or persons as my said Dear Wife shall by her last Will & Testament in Writing to be by her signed & published in the presence of & attested by two or more credible witnesses direct or appoint and as to one other fourth part thereof in Trust for my Brother John Richmond his Executors Administrators & Assigns And as to one other fourth part thereof in Trust for my Sister Lowthian her Executors administrators & assigns and as to the remaining fourth part thereof for my Nephew George Headlam & my Neice Ann Headlam to be equally divided between them their Executors administrators & assigns and if my Dear wife shall not make a Disposition by will as aforesaid of the said fourth part which she hath power to dispose of as aforesaid Then I will that the same shall go to & be equally divided amongst my Brother & Sister & my said Nephew & Neice, as representative of their Mother my Sister Headlam deceased , & amongst their respective Executors administrators & assigns as Tenants in common And in order that my said Trustees may be enabled to call in & receive the money due to me upon Mortgages I give to them & their Heirs Executors & administrators all the messuages Lands tenements & hereditaments conveyed to me by way of Mortgage And I will that my said wife & Trustees & the survivors & survivor of them & the Executors & administrators of such survivor shall & may from time to time call in all the principal trust money & place out the same upon the public Funds or other Government or real security at interest & also from time to time call in the principal money so to be placed

out & place out the same again at interest on new or other funds or securities of the like nature and that none of them shall be answerable or accountable for any money to be received by virtue of or under the Trusts aforesaid otherwise than each person for what she or he actually receive and that none of them shall be answerable for the Acts Receipts Neglects or Defaults of the other of them nor any of them for any involuntary Loss or damage and that they may respectively retain & reimburse themselves out of the money which shall come to their hands all such costs charges damages & Expenses as they respectively shall or may sustain or be put unto in or about the Execution of this my Will or any of the Trusts aforesaid and I make my said Dear wife Sole Guardian of all my Children which I have or may have And in token of my Esteem for the said William Wilson Edward Mosley & Nathaniel Ellison I desire their acceptance Each of a Ring and thereby revoke all former wills and make my said Dear wife & the aforesaid other Trustees Executors of this my Will which I have written all with my Left Hand being reduced thereto by a stroke of the Palsy In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & seal the twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

Hen[ry] Richmond

Signed Sealed published & declared by the Testator Henry Richmond in the presence of us who in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto

Cuth[bert] Peart Ann Taylor J Bell

5 Oct 1792 Evan Emerson

[Note: This is a series of papers relating to the estate of Evan Emerson, left unadministered after his death. Administration bond, penal sum £9, 5 October 1792 (DPR/I/3/1792/A60/1), renunciation, 25 August 1792 (DPR/I/3/1792/A60/2-5) with memorandum granting administration 5 October 1792]

Know all Men by these presents that we Joseph Dickinson of Dufton in the County of Westmoreland Gentleman, William Richardson of the City of Durham Yeoman and Robert Wood of the same City yeoman are held and firmly bound unto the Honourable and Right Reverend Father in God SHUTE by Divine Providence Lord Bishop of Durham, and to the Right Worshipful George Harris, Doctor of Laws, Vicar General and Official Principal, lawfully appointed in the Penal Sum of Nine pounds of Good and lawful money of Great-Britain to be paid to the said Reverend Father in God, his said Official, or to their certain Attorney, their Executors Administrators or Assigns: To which payment, well and truly to be made, we oblige our-selves and each of us by himself, jointly and severally, for the whole, our and every of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these Presents, Sealed with our Seals, dated the fifth Day of October in the thirty second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third

by the Grace of God of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Joseph Dickinson the Sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Evan Emerson late of Temple Sowerby in the County of Cumberland Gentleman deceased and do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of him the said Joseph Dickinson or into the Hands and Possession of any Person or Persons for him; and the same so made, do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the Registry of the Consistory Court at Durham, at or before the fifth Day of April next ensuing; and the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels and Credits, of the said Deceased at the time of her Death which at any Time after shall come to the Hands or Possession of the said Joseph Dickinson or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law. And further do make or cause to be made, a true and Just Account of his said Administration, at or before the fifth Day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three 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 or 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 a late Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth Years of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates, shall limit and appoint, And if it shall hereafter appear, that any last Will and Testament was made by the said Susanna Emerson 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 Joseph Dickinson 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; or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Signed Sealed and Delivered (being first duly stamped) in the Presence of Joseph Dickinson, William Richardson, Robt. Wood

Geo: Wood Under £5 Wood pr.

Whereas Susanna Emerson late of Temple Sowerby in the County of Cumberland heretofore the Widow and Relict of Joseph Emerson late of Croskill in the Parish of Aldston in the same County and within the Diocese of Durham Gentleman deceased and late the Wife of Evan Emerson late of Temple Sowerby aforesaid Gentleman now also deceased departed this Life the Seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord

one thousand seven hundred and eighty four Intestate without Child or Parent leaving the said Evan Emerson her Husband and Nicholas Walton of Farnacres in the County and Diocese of Durham Gentleman her natural and lawful Brother and only next of kin. And whereas the said Evan Emerson duly made and executed his last Will and Testament in Writing bearing Date the Twenty second day of September in the aforesaid year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four and thereby among his Leasehold Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments therein other Things gave devised and bequeathed mentioned and all the Rest Residue and Remainder of his Messuages Lands and Tenements Goods Chattels and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever to his Cousin Joseph Dickinson Then of Tynehead in the Parish of Aldston in the County of Cumberland but now of Dufton in the County of Westmorland Gentleman and appointed him Sole Executor of his said Will and died on or about the Fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one without having obtained Letters of Administration of the Goods Chattels and Credits of the aforesaid Susanna Emerson his late Wife deceased to be committed and granted to him _ And the said Joseph Dickinson hath duly proved the said last Will and Testament in the proper Ecclesiastical Court

Now know all Men by these presents that I the above named Nicholas Walton for divers good Causes and Considerations me thereunto specially moving Do hereby expressly renounce my Right to Letters of Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the above named Susanna Emerson my late Sister deceased and do consent as far as in me lies that such Letters of Administration may be committed and granted to the above named Joseph Dickinson the Sole Executor and Residuary Legatee named in the Will of the aforesaid Evan Emerson deceased And to the End that this my Renunciation and Consent may have due Effect in Law I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint George Wood Notary public one of the procurators General of the Consistory Court of Durham or in his Absence any other proctor of the said Court my true and lawful proctor for me on my Behalf and in my Name to appear before the Right Worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws Vicar General and Official principal lawfully constituted of the Honourable and Right Reverend Father in God SHUTE by Divine Providence Lord Bishop of Durham his Surrogate or some other competent Judge in this behalf to exhibit this my special Proxy of Renunciation and Consent and to pray and procure the same to be admitted and enacted to all Intents and Purposed in Law whatsoever and generally to act and do all and singular such further and other Acts Matters and Things as shall or may on my behalf be requisite or expedient towards procuring such Letters of Administration to be granted to the said Joseph Dickinson hereby ratifying allowing and confirming all and whatsoever the said George Wood or in his absence any other proctor of the said court may by virtue of this my proxy lawfully do or cause to be done in and about the Premises In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Twenty Fifth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two._

Signed sealed and delivered, being first duly stamped, in the presence of us
Nichos. Walton William Haigh Surrogate Nich. Walton Junr.

5 October 1792 Let this proxy of Renunciation be admitted at the petition of George Wood the proctor therein named and at his further petition let Administration of the Goods Chattels and Credits of the within named Susanna Emerson decd. be granted to the within named Joseph Dickinson.

Saml. Viner Surr.

23 Feb 1795 Nicholas Walton

[Note: DPR/I/1/1795/W4/1-2. Date of probate: 16 May 1795]

This is the last Will and Testament of me Nicholas Walton of Farnacres in the County of Durham Esquire that is to say I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Nicholas Walton the Younger of Farnacres aforesaid All my real and personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and of what nature Tenure or kind whatsoever the same be To Hold the same and every part thereof unto my said Son and to his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for Ever But subject and liable nevertheless to the payment of all my just debts funeral Expences and the Legacies hereinafter mentioned that is to say I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Thomas Walton the sum of One thousand Pounds And I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Jane Walton the like sum of One thousand Pounds and I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Jonathan Walton the like sum of One thousand pounds which said three Legacies I will shall be paid twelve Months next after my death out of my said real and personal Estates with Interest for the same of five per cent from my death And I also give and bequeath unto my Grandson Henry Walton (payable out of my said Estates) the Sum of One thousand Pounds, on his attaining his age of Twenty one years, with Interest from my death at five per cent to be paid for and towards his Maintenance and Education until that time And I do hereby make Void all former Wills by me at any time made And do nominate constitute and appoint my said Son Nicholas Walton sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto (and to a duplicate thereof) set my Hand and Seal the Twenty third day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

Nichos. Walton

Signed sealed published and declared by the within named Testator Nicholas Walton Esqr. as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto at the request of and in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other.

Wm. Peters

Jos. Farrer

Robert Wardhaugh

On the sixteenth day of May 1795, Josias Farrer, one of the subscribing witnesses to this will was duly sworn to the truth and due execution thereof by the Testator and Nicholas Walton, sole executor therein named, was also sworn to the truth thereof and well and faithfully to execute and perform the same, and that the Testator's Personal Estate, within the Diocese of Durham, does not amount in value to the sum of five thousand pounds, before me,

John Ellison, Surrogate

Under £5000 Wood Proctor

1795 The Will of Nichs. Walton late of Farnacres decd. Registd.

7 Apr 1803 James Mulcaster

[Note: DPR/1/1/1805/M1/1-2 Date of probate 18 July 1805]

By Permission of Almighty god, I James Mulcaster of Langley Mill, in the Chapelry of Haydon, and Parish of Warden, in the County of Northumberland, being of sound Mind, Memory and Understanding, 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, I devise give and bequeath to my Son John Mulcaster all that my Leasehold Messuage, Land & Tenement, situate, lying and being at Nentlees in the Parish of Alstone & County of Cumberland, with its & every of its Rights, Members and Appurtenances – I also give & bequeath to my said Son John Mulcaster all my Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever, but subject and liable to the payment of my Funeral expences, and all such Just Debts as I shall be in at the time of my Decease, and also to the Payment of such Legacies, and in such manner, as I shall herein after Order.

I bequeath unto my Son in Law John Emerson of Blaydon in the County of Durham his Heirs or Executors one Moity or half part of all the Interest, which from time to time shall become due (taking date from the Day of my Decease) upon the principal Sum of Two hundred & Twenty five Pounds five Shillings for which I hold his, and his Son John Emersons Joint Bond, the said Interest to be employed at his or their discretion towards the maintenance of his Daughter and my Granddaughter Frances Emerson until she shall attain the Age of Twenty One years, when I desire and require, that he the said John Emerson his Heirs or Executors, shall pay the said Frances Emerson the sum of One Hundred Pounds, and her Receipt for the same shall clear and exonerate the said John Emerson, his Heirs or Executors from the full half part of the Principle sum or debt due upon the said Bond.

I likewise bequeath unto my said Son in Law John Emerson his Heirs or Executors the other Moity or half part of the Interest becoming in like manner due, by him or them to be in like manner employed towards the maintenance of his Son and my Grandson Thomas Emerson, untill he shall attain the age of Twenty One Years, when I require that the sum of One Hundred Pounds shall be paid to him the said Thomas Emerson by my said Son in Law his Heirs or Executors, and his Receipt for the same shall in like manner exonerate him or them for the other full Moity or half part of the Debt due upon the said Bond.

But in case either the said Frances or Thomas Emerson should Die before they reach the Age of Twenty One Years, her or his said Legacy to be equally divided betwixt the surviving Children of my late Daughter Lucy Emerson or the Heirs of their Bodies, if any; to be paid each as they severally come of Age to receive and give legal Receipts for the same; and as soon as these Legacies are fully paid, my Executors are to give up the aforesaid Bond to the said John Emerson his Heirs or Executors.

Item, I give & bequeath to my Grandson John Emerson of Newcastle upon Tyne the sum of Fifty Pounds to be paid within Six Months after my Decease.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Grandson James Mulcaster the sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid as soon as may be after my Decease in manner following, Viz by Transferring to him a Bond upon Henry Eshton for Eighty Pounds, and the remaining Twenty Pounds to be paid him by my said Son John Mulcaster; I also order that the Silver Watch which I now Wear and which my dear Son James Mulcaster formerly wore be given to my said Grandson James Mulcaster.

Item, I give and bequeath to my three Grandaughters Ann, Hannah and Margaret, Daughters of my said Son John Mulcaster the sum of Fifty Pounds each; to be paid them by my Son John Mulcaster when they shall severally and respectively attain the Age of Twenty One years.

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my son John Mulcaster and my Grandson James Mulcaster Joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made, in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Seventh Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and three.

James Mulcaster

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said James Mulcaster as & 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 subscribed our Names as Witness thereto

Peter Mulcaster Thos. Stokoe Wm. Oliver

The eighteenth Day of July 1805 Thomas Stokoe one of the subscribing Witnesses to this Will was sworn to the due Execution thereof by the Testator and John Mulcaster and James Mulcaster the Executors therein named were sworn to execute and perform the same as usual / under One thousand five hundred Pounds.

Before me Benj: Jackson Surrogate
Burrell <...>

29 Jul 1801 Thomas Emerson

[Note: DPR/I/1/1801/E5/1-2 Date of probate 17 Dec 1801]

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Emerson of Newhouse in the parish of Stanhope in the County of Durham being in health of Body and of sound mind memory And understanding but considering the uncertainty of Life do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I give and devise unto my son John Emerson of Wearshead in the said parish of Stanhope the sum of Two Hundred Pounds.

Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Hannah Harrison wife of Joseph Harrison of Wearshead aforesaid the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Phebe Walton Wife of Joseph Walton of Dalehead in the same parish the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Margaret Featherston Wife of John Featherston of High Rigg in the same parish the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Mary Currah Wife of Emerson Currah of Burtreeford in the same parish the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

Also I give and devise unto my Daughter Frances Emerson of Newhouse in the same parish Spinster the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

All which several Legacies or sums of Money before mentioned I will order and direct shall be paid by my executor herein after named within Twelve Calendar months next after my Decease. But in case any one or more of my said Daughters shall happen to die in the Lifetime of me or before the Legacy or sum of money become due to them then and in such case the share of him or her so dying shall go to the Child or Children of them so dying to be divided equally share and share alike and in case there be no

such Child or Children then and in such case the Legacy of sum of money of him or her so dying shall go to and belong to my executor herein after named. Also I give and devise unto my Son Thomas Emerson of Newhouse aforesaid All that my Real Estate situate lying and being at Ireshope Burn in the said parish of Stanhope by Deed of Trust bearing date the Twenty Eight Day of October One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six with all the Houses, Lands, Grounds, Cattle gates or stints and Premises with the appurtances thereunto belonging and as to all the rest residue and remainder of my Personal Estate and Effects not herein before disposed of I give and devise the same unto my said Son Thomas Emerson, he paying thereout all my just Debts and Funeral Expences And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Son Thomas Emerson sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Emerson have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Twenty ninth day of July in the year of Our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and One.

Thomas Emerson –his mark

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Testator Thomas Emerson as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request hath subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

Joseph Harrison

Joseph Hall Junr.

Thomas Bowes

On the seventeenth Day of December 1801, Thomas Bowes, one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within written Will, was sworn to the Truth & due Execution thereof by the Testator. And Thomas Emerson, the Executor therein named, was also sworn to the Truth thereof, & will & faithfully to execute & perform the same &c. as usual, & that the Goods, Chattels & Credits of the said Testator within the Diocese of Durham do not amount in value to the sum of Five Thousand Pounds.

Before me, John Clark, Surrogate

Burrill Pr.

10 Jan 1806 Robert Mulcaster

[Note: DPR/1/1/1808/M16/1-2 Date of probate: 7 May 1808]

I Robert Mulcaster of Blaydon in the Parish of Ryton and County of Durham Refiner of Lead being in good Health and of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, bless God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following –

My soul I recommend into the hands of the merciful Creator and order my Body to be buried at the descretion of my dearly beloved Wife Ann Mulcaster who I nominate and

appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and unto her my said Wife Ann Mulcaster I give and bequeath my Copyhold Estate at Synderhope in the parish of Allendale and County of Northumberland and also my Leashold Estate at Harlows in the Parish of Kirkhaugh in the same County in Trust by Sale or Mortgage of the said Estates or the One of them to raise money to discharge every debt I may be justly owing at the time of my Death and after the discharge of the said debts my Will is that she do keep and retain for her own use and behoof whatever may remain of the said Estates for and during her life natural, and at her Death have free liberty to give and devise by Will such remainder of the said Estates, in such shares or portions to our then surviving Children or Grand Children as she shall think proper and unto my said Wife and Executrix Ann Mulcaster I do give all my Houshold Furniture Goods & Chattels of every kind I may at my death be possessed of – and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Six.

Robt. Mulcaster

Signed, Sealed and Published by the said Testator as by and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us and each other who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereunto

John Emerson Robt. Hall John Emerson Junr.

On the seventh day of May 1808 Ann Mulcaster widow the Executrix named in this Will was duly sworn etc as usual And that the personal Estate of the Testator within the Diocese of Durham does not amount in Value to the Sum of three hundred pounds Before Me Geo. Emerson Surr
Burrill <..>

17 Feb 1810 John Erasmus Blackett

[Note: DPRI/1/1814/B11/1-6]

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Erasmus Blackett of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Esquire It is my wish that my funeral may be as private as possible and that my corpse may be carried to Church in a Hearse attended by two Mourning Coaches and that the only persons who shall attend the Funeral besides the Vicar of Newcastle and the Curator of Saint Nicholas be my Servant Thomas Turnbull my Clerks Gilbert Grey Thomas Gardner and <blank space> Liddell who shall have Scarfs Hatbands and Gloves and I desire that my corpse may be borne to the grave by six of the Keelmen in my Employment to be appointed for that purpose by the said Gilbert Grey and that each of the said Keelmen shall have Hatbands Gloves and One Guinea It is also my desire that my corpse may be deposited in the vault

already made by me on the north side of Saint Nicholas' Church and that no Inscription whatever may be put upon the stone over it other than my name, age and the Day of my Death and it is my earnest desire to my Executors that no monument may be erected to my memory – In case I should depart this life at a time when my Daughter Lady Collingwood shall be in the south It is my wish and desire that my friend Robert Hopper Williamson Esquire will kindly by Letter inform my two daughters as well as my nephew Sir William Blackett with the event and that he will order my said Servant Thomas Turnbull and my Clerk Gilbert Grey to follow strictly the above directions respecting my Funeral and I request that in that case my will may be deposited in the Hands of the said Robert Hopper Williamson till the arrival of one or more of my executors I desire that mourning Rings may be given to the following persons namely my daughter Lady Collingwood and Mrs Stead my Sons in Law Lord Collingwood and Benjamin Stead Esquire my Granddaughters Sarah Collingwood and Mary Patience Collingwood my Nephew Sir William Blackett my Cousin Mrs Patience Stanley of Warwick General Scott Robert Hopper Williamson Esquire Christopher Blackett Esquire William Ingham Esquire and Anthony Hood Esquire I give to my Son in Law the Right Honorable Cuthbert Lord Collingwood my two Guns two pair of pistols my Swords, my Amethyst ring, Gold Stock Buckle, Sleeve buttons and Seals I give to my said Clerk Gilbert Grey (whose faithfulness sobriety and diligence I have experienced and of whom I have a high opinion) Twenty pounds for mourning to my said Clerk Thomas Gardner Ten pounds and my said Clerk <blank space> Liddell Five pounds I give to my said Servant Thomas Turnbull for his faithful and affectionate services One hundred pounds and all my wearing apparel And I give to each of my other domestick Servants at the time of my decease one years wages which Legacies to my said clerks and the said Thomas Turnbull and my other servants are to be paid to them respectively in addition to what may be due to them respectively for wages or otherwise at the time of my death I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal Estate and Effects of what nature or kind soever (not hereinbefore specifically given and disposed of) unto my said Son in Law the right Honorable Cuthbert Lord Collingwood and my said nephew Sir William Blackett Baronet their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns respectively Upon the Trusts following (that is to say) In Trust as soon as conveniently may be after my decease to sell convey and dispose of all my said real Estate either entirely or in parcels unto any person or persons who shall be willing to purchase the same for the best price or prices that can be reasonably had or gotten for the same and also to get in dispose of and convert into money all my personal Estate and Effects And I declare and direct that the said Cuthbert Lord Collingwood and Sir William Blackett their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns respectively shall stand and be possessed and interested of and in the money to arise by the sale of my said real Estate and to be produced from my said personal Estate and Effects Upon the Trusts and to and for the Intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say) In Trust in the first place to pay and satisfy thereout all my just Debts and Funeral and Testamentary Expences and the Legacies hereinbefore given And as to the residue of all the said

money so to arise and be produced as aforesaid In Trust to pay one full moiety or half part thereof to my said Daughter Lady Collingwood her Executors Administrators and Assigns And as to the other moiety or half part of the same money In Trust from Time to Time to place out and invest the same in or upon Government or real securities at Interest and from Time to Time to call in or dispose of the principal money so to be placed out or invested and to place out or invest the same again in or upon new or other Securities of the like nature at Interest until the same shall become payable by virtue of the Trusts and directions of this my will And Upon Trust to pay the Interest dividends and yearly proceeds of the money so directed to be invested and placed out at Interest as aforesaid unto my said Son in Law Benjamin Stead and his assigns or otherwise to permit and suffer him and them to receive all such Interest dividends or yearly proceeds for and during the Term of his natural Life and from and after his decease Then In Trust to pay all such Interest dividends and yearly proceeds unto my said Daughter Patience Wise Stead wife of the said Benjamin Stead and her Assigns or otherwise to permit and suffer her or them to receive the same for and during the Term of her natural Life and from and after the death of both of them the said Benjamin Stead and Patience Wise Stead his wife All the said money so directed to be invested and placed out at Interest as aforesaid and all stocks funds and securities in or upon which the same shall be so placed out or invested shall be In Trust for all and every the Child and Children of the said Benjamin Stead by the said Patience Wise his wife until they shall respectively attain the age of Twenty one years and then In Trust for such Child or Children so attaining the age of Twenty one years equally to be divided between or among them (if more than one) share and share alike as Tenants in Common and their respective Executors and Administrators And In Case all such children save one shall happen to die under the age of Twenty one years or if there shall be but one such Child then In Trust for such one surviving or only child until he or she should attain the age of Twenty one years And then In Trust for such one Child so attaining the age of Twenty one years his or their Executors or Administrators And In Case there shall not be any Child or Children of the said Benjamin Stead by my said Daughter Patience Wise his present wife or being such all of them shall depart this Life before any of them shall attain the age of Twenty one years then the said money so directed to be invested and placed out at Interest as aforesaid and all the Stocks Funds and securities in or upon which the same shall be placed out or Invested shall (subject nevertheless to the respective Life Interests of the said Benjamin Stead and Patience Wise his wife therein) be In Trust for all and every such Child and Children as my said Daughter Patience Wise Stead may have by any other or future Husband to be divided among them in equal shares (if more than one) Provided always and I do hereby declare and direct that if any one or more of such last mentioned Children shall happen to die under the age of Twenty one Years Then and in every such case and thenceforth as well the original Share as every other Share of him her or them so dying of and in the said Money so directed to be invested and placed out at Interest as aforesaid And all the Stocks Funds and Securities on which the same shall be placed out or invested shall be in Trust for the others or other of them in equal Shares (if more than one) And

In Case all such Children save one shall happen to depart this Life under the age of Twenty one years or if there shall be but one such Child Then In Trust for such one surviving or only Child in in Case there should not be any Child or Children of my said Daughter Patience Wise Stead by any other or future Husband or being such all of them shall depart this Life before any of them shall attain the age of Twenty one years then the same money so directed to be invested and placed out at Interest as aforesaid and all Stocks Funds and securities in or upon which the same shall be placed out or invested shall be In Trust for my said Daughter Lady Collingwood her Executors and Administrators And I do hereby expressly declare that the devise and bequest hereinbefore made In Trust for the said Benjamin Stead and Patience Wise Stead his wife and their Children is so made by me in pursuance and performance of all covenants and Agreements entered into by me in and by a certain Indenture tripartite bearing date the Twentieth Day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty two and made or expressed to be made between the said Benjamin Stead (by the description of Benjamin Stead of Conduit Street in the parish of Saint George Hanover Square in the County of Middlesex Esquire Son and Heir at Law of Benjamin Stead theretofore of Threadneedle Street London and then late of Berners Street in the parish of Saint Marylebone in the County of Middlesex Esquire deceased) of the first part Sir Edward Blackett of West Matfen in the County of Northumberland Baronet and The Reverend Henry Blackett of Boldon in the County of Durham Clerk (both since deceased) of the second part and me the said John Erasmus Blackett and the said Patience Wise Stead (by her then name and description of Patience Wise Blackett Spinster youngest daughter of me the said John Erasmus Blackett) of the third part being a Settlement made previous to and in contemplation of the marriage then intended and shortly afterwards duly had and solemnized between the said Benjamin Stead part thereto and the said Patience Wise his wife And I declare and direct that the receipt or receipts of any of the said Trustees of the said Trust Estate and Premises hereby directed to be sold for the purposes aforesaid under their or his hands or Hand respectively shall from Time to Time effectually discharge the respective purchaser or purchasers of such part of the same premises as by virtue or in pursuance of the Trusts or directions of this my will shall be sold of and from so much of the purchase money as shall therein be acknowledged or expressed to be received and that such purchaser or purchasers shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss misapplication or nonapplication of such purchase money or any part thereof I give and devise unto the said Cuthbert Lord Collingwood and Sir William Blackett their Heirs and Assigns All such real Estates as are now vested in me by way of Mortgage in order to enable them with the greater ease and convenience to recover receive and get in the money secured by such mortgages for the purposes of this my will And I give to them the said Cuthbert Lord Collingwood and Sir William Blackett their Heirs and Assigns All such real Estates as are now vested in me upon any Trust or Trusts To hold the same unto the said Cuthbert Lord Collingwood and William Blackett their Heirs and Assign Upon the several Trusts affecting the same respectively And I declare and direct that they my said Trustees their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall

not be answerable or accountable the one for the others or other of them and that they shall not be charged or chargeable with or answerable for the acts receipts neglects or defaults of the other of them but each of them for his own acts receipts neglects or defaults only nor for any money but such only as they respectively shall actually receive by virtue of this my will And also that they respectively shall and may retain and deduct and be allowed out of the said Trust Monies and premises All their Costs Charges Damages and expences to be occasioned by the execution and performance of the Trusts in them reposed by virtue or in pursuance of this my will I appoint the said Cuthbert Lord Collingwood and Sir William Blackett Executors In Trust of this my will And it is my earnest request to my said Friends Christopher Blackett and Anthony Hood that they will kindly undertake the trouble of examining and settling my accounts at the Fitting Office in the Broad Chare for the satisfaction of my Executors And lastly I revoke all wills by me at any Time heretofore made and declare this to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said John Erasmus Blackett have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this and four preceeding sheets of paper set my Hand and Seal this seventeenth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten –

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator John Erasmus Blackett 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 hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

John E. Blackett

Thomas Randyll

Charlotte Watson

William Wallace

The Will of John Erasmus Blackett late of Newcastle upon Tyne Esq. dec'd.

The Twenty first day of October 1814 Sir William Blackett of Matfen in the County of Northumberland Baronet the surviving Executor named in this Will was duly sworn etc as usual And that the personal Estate of the Testator within the Diocese of Durham does not amount to the sum of Three Thousand five hundred pounds. Before me
Burrell Proctor
Geo. Emerson Sur.t

The Right Honorable Cuthbert Lord Collingwood the other Executor within named died in the lifetime of the Testator.

28 Apr 1810 John Emerson

[Note: DPR/1/1/1826/E5/1-2 Date of probate: 31 July 1826. Registered copy of will, estate value £1,500, 28 April 1810 (DRP/1/2/37 p.381-383)]

Will of John Emerson late of Blaydon in the Parish of Ryton and County of Durham
Lead agent deceased –

Registered

As in the presence of Almighty God I am here sit down to write my last Will and Testament, and devoutly pray to God to help and direct me in this solemn duty both as to God the giver and my dear children whom I intend as receivers of my Worldly Goods

I Bless the Lord for the health I this day enjoy, I do not remember that I was ever in more perfect health since I was born than I am at this time, while I am writing I bless the Almighty for this unspeakable gift, and for all this worlds benefits that I have daily received from his bountifull hand his goodness and his mercy I truley may say has followed me all my days. I bless God Almighty also for the gift and use of my reasoning facultys, all of which I am this day in full and perfect possession of by the great mercy of God through the merits of his dear son Jesus Christ in whom alone I have hope of eternal life and salvation in heaven after I have done with all things below –

The last will and testament of me John Emerson of Blaydon in the Parish of Ryton and county of Durham which I make in manner following, That is to say,
I give and devise unto my son Thomas Emerson all the money I am posses'd of at the time of my decease together with all other property I may die posses'd of – household Furniture Bed and Table linnin excepted, of which I shall say more afterwards – The conditions and limitations of this my last will and testament is as follows, That is to say, -

1st I charge my son Thomas Emerson with the payment of all my just debts and also with my Funeral expencies

2nd I give and devise to my dear sister Phoebe Emerson Wife of Christopher Emerson of Wolsingham Ten Pounds to be paid her yearly during the tearm of her natural life and to be paid at two equal halfyear payments to wit Decbr: 31st and June 1st.

And 3rd. I give and devise unto my dear and beloved daughter Frances Emerson the sum of Four Hundred Pounds to be paid her at the expiration of Twelve callander months from the time of my disseace

These several payments I charge my well beloved son Thomas Emerson punctually and conscienciously to perform and make good.

My Bed and Table linnen together with all my Household Furniture, it is my will and order that they all be equally divided share and share alike betwixt my dear son Thomas Emerson and my dear Daughter Frances Emerson and in this I charge them to agree and never to fall out in the way through the whole course of their lives on Earth,

and may the God of peace be with you my dear children and also with me your Father that so we may one day meet in heaven where parting is altogether unknown

And I do nominate constitute and appoint my son Thomas Emerson sole Executor he paying my just debts and Funeral expencies together with all the other payments as named above and I do revoke all other and former will and wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament – in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty Eight day of April – in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten

John Emerson

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator John Emerson as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have set our names and witnesses hereto

John Alderson Jona: Sparke William Marshall

This will was proved on the 31st day of July 1826 by Thomas Emerson of Blaydon in the parish of Ryton and County of Durham Lead agent the Son and Sole Executor therein named, to whom admon. was granted, He having been duly sworn as usual. under £1500

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15 Feb 1813 Ann Mulcaster

[Note: DPR/1/1/1814/M14/1-2 Date of probate: 17 December 1814]

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann Mulcaster of Blaydon in the Parish of Ryton and County of Durham Widow and Executrix of the late Robert Mulcaster of the same place deceased.

My Soul I recommend to God my Creator and direct my Body to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named. I give and bequeath to my son John Mulcaster of Blaydon all my Leasehold Estate situate in the Parish of Kirkhaugh in the County of Northumberland known by the name of Harlows at present in the occupation of Joseph Birkett subject nevertheless to and charged and chargeable with the Annuity and Legacies hereinafter particularly specified. Viz: To my Daughter Ann Mulcaster of Blaydon I give and bequeath One Annuity or clear Yearly Rent of Ten Pounds of lawfull Money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland current in Great Britain free from all manner of Taxes and deductions whatsoever for and during the Term of her natural life to be paid and payable to the said Ann Mulcaster half yearly the first payment to commence at the expiration of Six Months next after my decease and I do further give to the said Ann Mulcaster or her Assigns in case the said

Annuity of Ten Pounds or any part thereof shall remain due and unpaid for the space of Twenty eight days the power of entering upon the premises so charged with the same and of distraining for the Arrears of the said Annuity, and in case it shall remain due and unpaid for the space of Forty days then I give her the power of entering upon the said premises and of taking the Rents and Profits of the same untill such Arrears as well as every other Expence occasioned by such distress or entering upon the premises be fully paid and reimbursed. I give and bequeath to my Three Daughters Mary, Lucy, and Hannah Mulcaster each the Sum of Fifty Pounds of like lawfull Money as aforesaid to be paid at or within Six Calendar Months next after my Decease and it is further my will that if any of the said Three Sisters should die before receiving such Legacy the same shall be paid in equal proportions to the surviving two Sisters and should any two of the said three Sisters die before receiving such Legacy then their respective Legacies shall be paid to the surviving Sister. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughters Ann Bell and Hannah Mulcaster daughters of my late daughter Frances Mulcaster of Langley Lead Mill or their respective Heirs each the Sum of Twenty five Pounds of like lawfull Money as aforesaid to be paid to the said Ann Bell or her Heirs at or within Six Calendar Months next after my Decease and to the said Hannah Mulcaster or her Heirs as soon as they shall respectively attain the age of Twenty One years if under that Age at the time of my decease and if above that age then at or within Six Calendar Months after that event and it is also further my Will that should either the said Ann Bell or Hannah Mulcaster or their Heirs die before receiving such Legacy the same shall be paid to the survivor or her respective Heirs. I give and bequeath to my Grandsons Henry Teasdale Harrison and Robert Harrison Sons of my late Daughter Margaret Harrison each the Sum of Twenty Five Pounds of like lawfull Money of Great Britain as they shall each respectively attain the Age of Twenty one years if under that Age at the time of my decease and if above that Age then at or within Six Calendar Months after that event with like benefit of survivorship as before specified. I do also give and bequeath to my Daughters Ann, Mary, Lucy and Hannah Mulcaster jointly and severally all my Household furniture Bedding, linen and wearing apparel to become the joint or seperate property of such of them as shall remain unmarried, except one Feather Bed, Bedstead and hangings which shall belong to each seperately according to a Schedule given to my Executor hereinafter named. And I do hereby make ordain nominate and appoint my said Son John Mulcaster sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament he paying all my just Debts my Funeral Expences as also the expence of proving this my last Will. And my Will further is that my said Executor shall not sell or dispose of my said Leasehold Estate at Harlows until he has first given sufficient security for the payment of the Annuity and Legacies respectively bequeathed as above.

And I do hereby revoke and make Void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare these presents only to be and contain my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this Fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen.

Ann Mulcaster X her mark

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above name Ann Mulcaster the Testator as and for her last Will and Testament in the pre-sence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other.

John Emerson Robt. Hall Thos. Emerson

The seventeenth day of December 1814 John Mulcaster of Blaydon within mentioned the Executor named in this Will was duly sworn etc as usual and that the personal Effects of Testatrix do not amount in value to the sum of £450.

Before me Geo. Emerson Surr.

Burrell Pr.

2 Apr 1817 Thomas Emerson

[Note: DPR/I/1/1818/E4/1-8 Date of probate 18 June 1818]

This is the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Emerson of Newhouse in the parish of Stanhope in the County of Durham Gentleman I Give and bequeath unto my dear Wife Jane Emerson all my Household Furniture plate China Bedding Linen and Implements of Household to be at her own disposal

I Give devise and bequeath to my Son Thomas Emerson the younger and to Robert Bainbridge of Alston in the County of Cumberland Gentleman and their Heirs All my Customary freehold Estates Hereditaments and premises situate lying and being at Ireshope Burn and Hulsfield East and Wester Hotts Loaning Riggs Low Riggs High Earnswell and elsewhere in the said parish of Stanhope Upon Trust to permit and suffer my said dear Wife Jane Emerson to receive the Rents and profits thereof during her natural life in Case she shall so long continue my Widow And I direct my said dear Wife after thereout keeping the same Hereditaments in proper repair to apply the same rents and profits (subject as hereinafter mentioned in respect of the Rents and profits of the Hereditaments hereinafter by me devised to my Son Thomas Emerson the younger) for and towards her own Maintenance and the Maintenance and Education of my three Sons the said Thomas Emerson the younger Joseph Obadiah Emerson and Edward Emerson in such proportions and manner as my said dear Wife shall judge best. And in Case of the second marriage of my said dear Wife Then upon Trust that my said Trustees shall and do in the first place out of the Rents and profits of all the same Hereditaments pay to my said dear Wife the Sum of Eighty pounds within twelve Calendar Months from the time of such Marriage And from and after the death or

second marriage of my said dear Wife which shall first happen I direct my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger and the said Robert Bainbridge and their heirs to stand seised possessed of interested in and intitled unto All those my Messuages or dwellinghouses and Outhouses with the Yards and Appurtenances thereto belonging called West Hotts now tenanted by John Harrison Jane Harrison and others, Also the Field called the Homefield adjoining thereto now in my own occupation also the little Field lying above the same part of High Earnwell Estate also now in my own occupation Also All those two Messuages or dwellinghouses and Outhouses and two Closes or Fields of Meadow Ground part of High Earnwell Estate and two Allotments plots or parcels of Ground lying above the same all now tenanted by William Lonsdale and James Gardiner with the Appurtenances thereto belonging and one undivided fourth part or share / the whole into four parts or shares equally to be divided / of and in an Allotment plot or parcel of Ground now called the Limekiln Allotment now in my own occupation and one undivided third part or share / the whole into three parts or share equally to be divided / of and in an unenclosed Allotment or parcel of Ground as the same is now staked out upon Ireshope Common or Fell and also one third part or share of my Cattle Stints on the undivided part of the said Ireshope Common or Fell Upon the Trusts following, that is to say, Upon Trust in Case my second Son Joseph Obediah Emerson shall be then living and under the Age of Twenty-one Years to receive the Rents and profits thereof as the same shall come in and be received and to pay and apply the same for and towards the maintenance and Education of my said Son Joseph Obediah Emerson until he shall attain his Age of twenty-one Years And in Case my said Son Joseph Obediah Emerson shall have attained his Age of Twenty-one Years at the time of the death or second marriage of my said dear Wife, or if not, Then so soon as he shall attain that age, the same Hereditaments and premises shall be In Trust for my said Son Joseph Obediah Emerson his Heirs and Assigns for ever, But in case of the death of my said Son Joseph Obediah Emerson under the Age of Twenty-one Years and without leaving any lawful Issue him surviving Then I direct that two undivided third parts or shares / the whole into three parts or shares equally to be divided / of and in all and singular the same Hereditaments shall be In Trust for my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger his Heirs and Assigns for ever, and the remaining one undivided third part or Share of and in all and singular the same Hereditaments shall be In Trust for my Son Edward Emerson his Heirs and Assigns for ever and shall as to such third part be subject to the same Restrictions and Rents and profits thereof applied in the same manner and form as is hereinafter mentioned in respect of the premises and the Rents and profits thereof hereinafter by me given and devised to my said Son Edward Emerson and his Heirs But in Case of the death of my said Son Joseph Obediah Emerson under twenty-one Years of Age and leaving any lawful Issue him surviving Then I will and direct that the same Hereditaments and premises shall be In Trust for all and every such Issue equally share and share alike as Tenants in Common if more than one and his her or their respective Heirs and Assigns and the Rents and profits thereof to be applied by my said Trustees for and towards the respective Maintenance and Education of all and every such Issue of my said Son

Joseph Obediah Emerson during his her or their respective Minority or Minorities And from and after the death or second marriage which shall first happen of my said dear Wife I direct my said Son the said Thomas Emerson the younger and the said Robert Bainbridge to stand seised possessed of interested in and entitled unto All those my two Messuages or dwellinghouses and Outhouses situate at East Hotts and three Closes or Fields thereto belonging and two small parcels of Ground the one called the Hotts Hill and the other lying on the East side of the Methodist Chapel with the appurtenances all of which premises are now tenanted by Thomas Carrick and John Coatsworth and a small plantation on the South side of the Hotts Hill also two Closes or Fields lying above the same part of High Earnwell Estate also an Allotment Plot or parcel of Ground now called the Hotts Allotment, and also three undivided fourth parts or shares / the whole into four parts or shares equally to be divided / of and in the said Allotment plot or parcel of Ground called the Lime Kiln Allotment, all of which last mentioned premises are now in my own occupation, and one undivided third part or share / the whole into three parts or shares equally to be divided / of and in the said unenclosed Allotment or parcel of Ground upon Ireshope Common and also one third part or Share of my Cattle Stints on the undivided part of the said Ireshope Common With the several Appurtenances thereto belonging To Hold the same to the said Thomas Emerson the younger and Robert Bainbridge their Heirs and Assigns Upon the Trusts following (that is to say) Upon Trust in Case my third Son Edward Emerson shall be then living and under the age of twenty-one Years to receive the Rents and profits thereof as the same shall come in and be received and to pay and apply the same for and towards the maintenance and Education of my said Son Edward Emerson until he shall attain his age of Twenty-one Years And in Case my said Son Edward Emerson shall have attained his age of Twenty-one Years at the time of the death or second marriage of my said dear Wife, or if not, Then so soon as he shall attain that age The same Hereditaments and premises shall be In Trust for my said Son Edward Emerson his Heirs and Assigns for ever But in Case of the death of my said Son Edward Emerson under the age of twenty-one Years and without leaving any lawful Issue him surviving Then I direct that two undivided third parts or Shares / the whole into three parts or shares equally to be divided / of and in all and singular the same Hereditaments (subject to my said dear Wife's Estate therein during her life if she shall so long continue my Widow) shall be In Trust for my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger his Heirs and Assigns for ever and the remaining one undivided third part or share of and in the same Hereditaments shall be In Trust for my said Son Joseph Obediah Emerson his Heirs and Assigns for ever and shall as to such third part be subject to the same Restrictions and the Rents and profits thereof applied in the same manner and form as is hereinbefore mentioned in respect of the premises and the Rents and profits thereof hereinbefore by me given and devised to my said Son Joseph Obediah Emerson and his Heirs But in Case of the death of my said Son Edward Emerson under twenty-one Years of Age and leaving any lawful Issue him surviving Then I will and direct that the same hereditaments and premises shall be In Trust for all and every such Issue equally share and share alike as Tenants in Common if more than

one and his her or their respective Heirs and Assigns and the Rents and profits thereof to be applied by my said Trustees for and towards the respective Maintenance and Education of all and every such Issue of my said Son Edward Emerson during his her or their respective Minority or Minorities (I Give devise and bequeath to my eldest Son Thomas Emerson the younger) All that my Customary freehold Estate called Ireshope Burn and Hulsfield now tenanted by George Walton Joseph Walton Jonathan Dawson George Donaldson James Elliot Thomas Dawson Thomas Peart Joseph Howard and George Gardiner and a Field occupied by the said Thomas Dawson lately purchased by me of John Watson Esquire and also All that my Customary freehold Estate called the Riggs or Loaning Riggs and the Allotments plots or parcels of Ground held therewith now tenanted by Cuthbert Robson and Thomas Robinson Also All that my Customary Freehold Estate called the Low Riggs now in my own occupation And also all that my Estate called Ireshope plains now tenanted by Joseph Race and one undivided third part / the whole into three parts equally to be divided / of and in the said unenclosed allotment or parcel of Ground as the same is staked out upon Ireshope Common or Fell, and also one third part or share of my Cattle Stints on the undivided part of the said Ireshope Common or Fell To Hold the same with the appurtenances to my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger his Heirs and Assigns for ever Subject to the said Estate of my said dear Wife therein during her life is she shall so long continue my widow as aforesaid and also subject to and charged and chargeable as hereinafter mentioned) I also give devise and bequeath to my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger his Heirs and Assigns All my freehold Hereditaments situate at Allandale Town and all other my household premises wheresoever situate and not hereinbefore by me devised, I do hereby give and bequeath to my three daughters Elizabeth Margaret and Jane Emerson the Legacy or Sum of One thousand pounds each and I direct that the said Legacies so given to my daughters Elizabeth and Margaret Emerson shall be paid to them at the end of three years next after my decease and shall be considered as vested Interests from my decease and that each of them my said two daughters shall be paid and allowed legal Interest for the same Legacies from the time of my decease and I direct that the said Legacy or Sum of One thousand pounds shall be paid to my said daughter Jane Emerson on her attaining her Age of Twenty-one years and that the Interest thereof from my decease shall be applied for and towards her Maintenance and Education in the meantime, And in Case of the death of my said daughter Jane Emerson under Age and without leaving any lawful Issue Then I direct one half part or share of the said Legacy or Sum of One thousand pounds to be paid to and retained by my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger at the end of twelve Calendar Months next after the decease of my said daughter Jane Emerson, and the remaining one half part thereof to be equally divided between my said Sons Joseph Obediah Emerson and Edward Emerson the share of such of them as shall have attained the age of twenty-one Years to be paid to them at the end of twelve Calendar Months next after the decease of my said daughter Jane Emerson and the share of such of them as shall be then under age to be paid to him or them when of age and the Interest thereof in the meantime to be applied towards his or their maintenance and

Education But in Case of the death of my said daughter Jane Emerson under age and leaving any lawful Issue her surviving Then I direct the said Legacy shall go and be paid to such Issue on his her or their respectively attaining the age of twenty-one Years and the Interest thereof in the meantime to be applied towards their respective Maintenance and Education I Give devise and bequeath unto my said dear Wife Jane Emerson and to my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger All such Real and Personal Estates Hereditaments and premises as are now vested in me by way of Mortgage To Hold the same to the said Jane Emerson and Thomas Emerson the younger their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns in order to enable them to execute proper Reconveyances or payment of the Monies thereby respectively secured and I direct that their Receipts shall be effectual discharges whenever such Receipts shall be necessary to the respective Mortgage or Mortgages and that such Mortgage Monies when received shall be taken as part of my personal Estate I Give and bequeath to my said dear Wife Jane Emerson and my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger All that my part or Share Estate and Interest in the common Brewery at Alston in the County of Cumberland with the several premises and appurtenances heto therewith in Copartnership and all my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever to the same may consist and not hereinbefore by me bequeathed In Trust thereout in the first place to pay all my just debts and funeral and other Expences and in the next place to pay thereout the said respective Legacies of One thousand pounds each hereinbefore by me given to my said three daughters as the same shall respectively become due and payable and the Interest in building a dwellinghouse for my said Son Edward Emerson upon that part of my Estate hereinbefore by me devised In Trust for him as aforesaid in Case they shall see it convenient to expend such sum for that purpose during his minority, But if not, then to pay the said sum of One Hundred pounds to my said Son Edward Emerson when he shall attain his Age of twenty-one Years but without Interest in the meantime, and I direct my said Son Edward Emerson to expend the same in erecting such dwellinghouse as aforesaid And in Case there shall remain any surplus of my said personal Estate and Effects I do hereby give such surplus to my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger But in Case my personal Estate Goods and Chattels (after paying thereout all my just debts and funeral and other Expences) shall not be sufficient to pay the before mentioned Legacies so given to my said three daughters and Son Edward as aforesaid Then I do hereby charge and make chargeable the said Estates Hereditaments and premises so hereinbefore by me given devised and bequeathed to my said Son Thomas Emerson the younger his Heirs and Assigns with the payment thereof of so much of the said respective Legacies as shall not be paid out of my said Personal Estate and I do hereby direct authorize and inpower my said dear Wife and Son Thomas Emerson the younger by Mortgage thereof or of any part thereof to raise sufficient Money for that purpose and that the Interest thereof shall be paid out of the yearly Rents and Incomes of my said Estates so directed to be mortgaged as aforesaid And I hereby direct and declare that my said Trustees or either of them or their respective Heirs Executors or Administrators shall not be charged or chargeable with or

answerable or accountable for any Money under or by virtue of the Trusts powers and Authorities hereby in them respectively vested and reposed other than such only as they respectively shall actually receive nor with or for any loss that may happen of such Trust monies or any part thereof unless the same shall happen by their respective wilful neglect or default, and that neither of them the said Thomas Emerson the younger and Robert Bainbridge shall be answerable or accountable for the other of them or for the Acts deeds Receipts disbursements Neglects or defaults of the other of them And also that they shall be and out of the Trust Monies and premises in them vested as aforesaid or the produce thereof deduct and reimburse themselves respectively all such loss Costs Charges Damages and Expences as they respectively shall or may bear pay suffer sustain expend or be put unto in and about the execution of the Trusts and authorities hereby in them respectively vested and reposed or any of them or by reason or means thereof or in relation thereto respectively, And Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said dear Wife Jane Emerson and the said Thomas Emerson the younger Executrix and Executor of this my Will and do declare this to be and contain my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this and the preceding six sheets of paper set my Hand and Seal, that is to say, my Hand to the first six sheets thereof and my Hand and Seal to this sevenths and last sheet this Second day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred and seventeen.

Thos. Emerson

Signed sealed published and declared by the said 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

Joseph Dawson

John Clementson

Jane Harrison

On the Eighteenth Day of June 1818 Jane Emerson of West Hotts in the Parish of Stanhope in the County of Durham Widow the Relict and Thomas Emerson of the same place Gentleman the son of the Testator and the Executors named in the within written will were sworn in as usual (under £4000) before me

R Burrell Pr.

James Baker
Surrogate

13 Apr 1822 George Forster

[Note: Will DPRI. Obituary notice: "The 3d inst. at Dipton, Hexhamshire aged 5<8> Mr George Forster, upwards of 30 years in the employment of Col. Beaumont, at Dukesfield Smelt Mill and for that time never lost an hour's work by sickness or neglect." Newcastle Courant 11 May 1822. Witness Thomas Dixon was probably the

author of the diary edited by Stafford Linsley (Wagtail Press, 2006) & smelter at Dukesfield]

I George Forster of Nicholas Foot in the County of Northumberland do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say First I order all my Just debts and funeral Expences to be paid Also I give and devise unto my Dear Wife Betty Forster all the two Messuage Burgage or Dwelling Houses and Gardens with the appurtenances situate at Nicholas Foot aforesaid in which I now live in To hold the same as long as she remains my Widow and if she marry or die I then give and devise the said two Messuage Burgage or Dwelling Houses and Gardens with the appurtenances in equal division among my five Children Elizabeth Forster John Forster Ridley Forster Margeret Forster and William Forster as soon as my youngest child William attains the age of 21 years and if any of my said dear children should happen to die before they all attain the age of 21 years there share or shares to be equally divided among the rest for their Heirs and Assigns for ever I give and devise unto my Dear Wife and Children Elizabeth Forster John Forster Ridley Forster Margeret Forster and William Forster the mill dam situate at Dipton Mill green head which Charles J. Clavering Esqr. gave to me in exchange for a Garden And I give and devise unto my son George Forster 5 shillings And I give and bequeath all my Goods Chattels and Personal Estate whatso[eve]r unto my Dear Wife Betty Forster I do hereby appoint my said Dear Wife Sole Executrix of this my last Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

George Forster [made mark]

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the Said Testator George Forster as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto

Thomas Jefferson Thomas Dixon John Walton

1 Nov 1852 Dorothy Hunter

[Note: DPR/1/1/1854/H42/1-3. Dorothy HUNTER, widow of Isaac Hunter, widow, inmate of Jesus Hospital in the manors of the town and county of Newcastle upon Tyne Date of death: 1 November 1852 .]

1854 Will of Dorothy Hunter late of the Borough and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Widow deceased. Regd.

The Last Will and Testament Of Dorothy Hunter November 1st 1852

H. W. Wright Surrogate

In the Name of God Amen.

I Dorothy Hunter, Widow of Isaac Hunter and inmate of Jesus Hospital in the Manors of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne being of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form following (That is to say) And First I will order that my Body be decently Interred by my Executor hereinafter named whom I appoint to pay my just debts and Funeral expences out of the Proceeds left to Mary my daughter well knowing that she will fulfill my request in satisfying the same

I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Calbreath the whole of my Household Furniture Bed and Bedding Linen and Woolen all my clothing

I likewise Give and Bequeath unto my aforesaid daughter Mary Calbreath the share of my daughter deceased. Namely Isabella Catherine Hunter in the Turnpike Gate leading from Hexham road unto Alston Moor. I having duly Administered for the same after her decease. And in case that my Daughter Mary Calbreath as aforesaid should die then I give it to her son Isaac should he survive his Mother if not to return to the next of Kin in the family.

And I do hereby Nominate and appoint Mr Isaac Milburn sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made & this to be as my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set and subscribed my hand and Seal this first day of November 1852.

Dorothy Hunter

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other do sign our names as Witnesses hereunto

Thomas Simpson, Ann Hays Robert Bolam

This Will was proved at Durham on the 30th day of September 1854 by Isaac Milburn of the Borough and County of Newcastle upon Tyne Quarryman the sole Executor therein named to whom Administration was granted he having been first duly sworn before The Reverend Henry Urldey Wright, Clerk, Master of Arts, a Commissioner in this behalf lawfully appointed faithfully to execute and perform the same as Usual Effects sworn under £300

Burrell & Son Proctors
Joseph Davison Dept. Repr.