

ART. I.—*A Book of old Quaker Wills.* By W. G. COLLINGWOOD.

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SOME time ago our member, Mr. Arthur William Simpson of Kendal, lent me a manuscript volume in his possession, with leave to communicate the contents to our Society. On the first page is written—"I give this old Book to my Son John Holme but not to be sold out of the family 2 Mo. 13 1862 Margaret Holme." The earlier entries appear to have been made *temp.* George I; others were added in the eighteenth century, and a few at the end were entered by John Holme of Kendal in 1869. There are also some loose papers inserted, such as the letter about the battle of the Nile. All relate to members of the Society of Friends and their families, chiefly in Westmorland.

The object of keeping these copies seems to have been not only to preserve evidence of the trusts created by bequests to the denomination but to record family connexions. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the Quaker marriage was not regarded as a legal transaction, and therefore explicit legacies were left to wives and relatives, and the will was a valuable statement of kinship and inheritance. To us they still have that value, for many of these families are still with us; and to all antiquaries the hints of rustic life and conditions, and the gradually increasing wealth and prosperity of the frugal and industrious Society, in spite of disabilities and persecutions, is not without interest. With which, the following abstracts may be left to speak for themselves.

[March 7th, 1928. When this paper was read, the War was upon us and our *Transactions* were cut down to a

minimum. Later on, it was reported that our member, Mr. John Somervell, was preparing a book of Westmorland wills, in scope so nearly resembling these that it seemed desirable to defer printing for fear of repeating identical matter. Now that Mr. Somervell's most interesting book has appeared and proves to consist of a group of quite other documents, these, perhaps, may see the light in performance of an old promise to their late owner, the friendliest of 'Friends.']

(1) 'Ye twelfth Month caled february' 26th 1698-9.

THOMAS HODGSON of Blands in Frostraw, Sedbergh, 'yeaman' gives his copyhold estate, in Cockerton, Darlington, to his eldest son Will. H., not yet 21; profits to his children's education. Owes £100 to his father-[in-law] Robt. Atkinson of Middleton. Leaves to Miles Atkinson of Middleton, Kirby (*sic*) Lonsdale, brother-in-law, and John Atkinson of the Side in Frostraw, Sedbergh, or survivor, his messuage Blands in Frostraw, to be sold to pay debts and legacies to younger children, Robt., Joseph and Deborah. To his sister Singleton's children at Darlington 10/- each, to his sister Harrison's children of the Moss 10/- each, to Miles and Robert Atkinson of Middleton his brothers-in-law 10/- each, to the children of John Atkinson of Side 5/- each, to Margaret Hinde of Burton 'my late woman servant and housekeeper' £10; to the poorest "Quaquers" of Sedbergh meeting 20/-, to the poor of Sedbergh 20/-. To his daughter Deborah "one trunk that was her mother's with what as is therein," to son William "my best pair of Bedstock yt stands in the Parlour"; to his Trustees Miles and John Atkinson 10/- each and expenses; residue to son William. Witnesses, John Fawcett, John Dickinson, Edward Shepherd. Inventory £77 12s., Debitory £143. 4. 10.

(2) November 12th, 1700.

THOMAS HARRISON of the Moss in Frostraw, Sedbergh, 'yeaman,' leaves his freehold estate at the Moss to his nephew James Harrison of the Fellhouse in Barbon and to his brother Miles Atkinson son to Robt. Atkinson of Kirby Lonsdale and John Atkinson of the Side in Frostraw, in trust for his daughter Margaret; £100 to be paid her on the 2nd of Feb. next after she attain the age of 21 or shall be married; but if she die "before either of these times" without issue, to James Branthwaite and his sister 5/- each, to his sister-in-law Margaret Harrison 20/-, to

her 2 children James Harrison and Mary Bland 5/- each, to William, Joseph, Robert and Deborah Hodgson, "my dear wife sisters sons and daughter," 5/- each, to the poor of Sedbergh 20/-, to poor 'Quaquers' 20/-, residue to his son James or if he die before 21 without lawful issue, to his daughter Margaret. Personal estate to be sold, except one bed of clothes "which I would have them to let my dear wife have," and "2 pair of best bedsteads, the cupboard and table in the forehouse with the form belonging to the tables, the tables and forms in the parlour, one table and pannell chest also in the best chamber above stairs which I order them to reserve for my son James." To Trustees 10/- each. Also to son James 'my best hat and best coat.' Guardians of the children, Miles and John Atkinson, who shall allow his wife to bring up the children.

Inventory £174. 6. 0; Sum debitor' £200; funerall expences £4. 5. 2.

(3) March 3, 1699-70.

ABRAHAM ALLEXANDER of Bendriggin, Kirby Lonsdale. Executors, his wife Agnes and son Abraham. To the supervisors, his father-in-law Thomas Pratt and brother-in-law Thomas Pratt junr. both of Sunbiggin in Orton or Overton, Westmerland, 2/6 each. Witnesses, William Speight, Edmond Wilson.

(4) March 25, 1704.

THOMAS PRATT of Ellergillbeck in Howgill, Sedbergh, 'to be interred amongst ye dead of my well beloved friends caled Quakers.' To his son Francis £20, daughter Alice Belch £10, daughter Ann Wilson £20, daughter Isabel Hardcastle £20, daughter Agnes Allexander £20, daughter Rachell Davis £20, daughter Rebecah Pratt £30, son-in-law John Airey 5/-, 'grandaughters' Ann and Dorothy Airey 10/- each; daughter Ester Pratt £10 'if she come into England while my son Thomas Pratt liveth.' Remainder to executor, his son Thomas. Inventory £200; Debitory 16/-.

(5) June 8, 1699.

JOHN SHAW of Amattholm, Sedbergh, to his nephew John Armistead £10, nieces Sarah, Alice, Ann and Mary A. £15 each, nephew Joseph A. £15, the principal to be paid when they are 21 or married. The remainder to Executors, his cousin John Shaw and sister Ann Shaw of Frostraw. Witnesses, Thomas Holm, John Crowther, John Brackan. Inventory £110. 3. 4. Funeral exs. £2, Will proving £3. 7. 6.

(6) July 10th, 1699.

ANN SHAW of Amatholme in Sedbergh, spinster, to the poor belonging to the meeting at Briggflats 20/-, to the poor resorting to the parish church of Sedbergh, 'that does properly belong to Sedbergh Parish' 20/-; to John Armitstead son to my brother Richard A. £10; Sarah A. £10, Alice A. £10, Ann A. £10, Joseph A. £15, Mary A. £15 "as they shall attaine 21 years of age, only in the mean time after the 2nd of Feb. next they shall have and receive y^e interest of ye Legacies towards their education." To Sarah A. "all my clothes woollen and Linin which she has a mind to chuse, and what of them she refuses . . . to my executors . . . towards necessary expences." Executors, John Shaw of Frost-raw and John Crowther of Marthwaite in Sedbergh "to whom I do give the remainder . . . Whereas Ann Shaw was made Joynt Executor of my Brother John Shaw's will I do give y^e Advantage y^t shall thereby acrow to my said kinsman John Crowther having att this present the Consent of my kinsman John Shaw of Frost-raw aforesaid he taking y^e concern upon himselfe due to me." Witnesses, Thomas Holm, John Brackan. Inventory £90. 8. 0. runeral exs. £4. 11. 8.

(7) Aug. 2nd, 1697.

ELLIANOR HADWEN of ffellyeat in ffrostraw, Sedbergh, widow, to Alice Hadwen daughter to my late husband by his former wife "that bond of 30/- a year wherein her [the former wife's] father John Ridding his heirs etc. stand bound for the payment . . . until Alice attain 21 years"; and 15/- "owing to my husband by John Ridding, and never yet paid," and 20/- more, 'and my best mantle besides.' To my son Isaac H. £50 "to be paid him within 1 year after Alice attain 21 years, to redeem that land withall y^t lyeth in Lancashire which my late husband his father bound in security for the payment of £50 to his daughter Alice at 21." To poor Quakers 20/-; to the poor of Sedbergh 20/-. Executors, my brother Stephen Sands in Pensilvania and Joseph Baines the elder of Stangerthwaite in Westmoorland and John Blaykling of Drawell in Sedbergh "yeamen," 20/- each, and expenses. The residue to 2 daughters Mary and Hannah H. Supervisors, James Baines of Stangerthwaite in Killington and Will. Jenkinson my late husband's half brother, 10/- each. Witnesses, Thomas Addison, John Holmes. Inventory £338 0. 8, desperate debt £49. 4. 0; owing by the deceased £3. 16. 0; funeral exs. £3. 1. 10.

(8) March 1st, 1697-8.

THOMAS HADWEN of ye Fellyeat in ffrostraw, yeaman. Executrix my wife Elianor "to whom I give ye mean profits of that estate of lands which I have mortgaged in Lancashire for £50 to Alice my daughter to be paid her when she is 21, (my wife) to enjoy the same until Alice is 21, she then to enjoy it until the money is paid. The profits of my other messuages in Frostraw to my wife to hold during the minority of my son Isaac, to whom I give the same when he attains 21 years—except y^e Parlour in my mansion house at ffellyet afforesd below y^e doore and ye Chamber over it and one half of ye peathouse and halfe of y^e garden which I give to my wife during her life. To my son Isaac all my tables bedstocks cupboards mealchists and one mault chist, he allowing his mother the use of ye table and bedstocks in ye parlour and one pair of bedstocks in ye little chamber." Whereas I have given security in Land for £50 to my daughter Alice; "she is also to have y^t part of her mother's portion wch her grandfather promised me when I married his daughter which was never given me." To the supervisors 10/- each. Residue to my wife whom I appoint "Gardian to all my children desiring they may be educated in y^e fear of y^e Lord according to ye principle of light and grace which I have made profession of ever since the Lord gave me to believe therein." Supervisors and assistants in ye bringing up of my children "in case my wife and their dear mother (being but a sickly woman) should be taken from them," Joseph Baines the elder of Stangerthwaite in Kirby Lonsdale and Tho. Blayling of Drawell in Sedbergh, yeamen. Witnesses, Jeffray Bland, James Walker, John Holm. Inventory £204. 7. 8; money owing by the deceased and funeral exps. £68. 0. 0. Desperate to y^e deceased, £40. Clear estate £136. 7. 8.

(9) Nov. 5, 1705.

JAMES BAINES of Stangerthwaite in Killington, parish of Kirby Lonsdale, yeaman. To his brother Joseph Baines, brothers-in-law Jacob Morland and John Wadson and friend Samuell Parrott, all of Killington, his land etc. at Stangerthwaite and at Blishmire and Penigent, co. York, [in trust] for his wife Sarah B. to hold a moiety of his estate for life "in full of her Dowry title of dowry and widdowright" and to his wife £100 (£25 a year for 4 years). To Joseph Baines and Samuel Parrot £50 for his daughter Elizabeth if she gives security within 3 months after she comes of age for the payment of legacies and debts. To the poor of Killington 40/-. Uncle Joseph Baines and S. Parrot 50/-,

To the trustees 20/- each. Sole executrix his daughter Elizabeth. Supervisors, brother Jonathan Baines, uncle Joseph Baines, and friends Thomas Willan of Sedgicroft and John Airey of the Hill, Sedbergh, 5/- each. Witnesses, Joseph Ward, Gilbert Atkinson, Henry Croft, William Borred, James ffell. Inventory £210. 4. 8. Debts to the deceased £70. Money owing by the deceased £400.

(10) July 19, 1706.

WILLIAM BURTON of Warescale in Kirthwaite, Dent, yeaman. To Jane daughter of Richard Sill and his sister Jane 40/-. Sister Eliz. Burton £5. Eliz., James and Mary, children of his sister Ellin Bousfield of Garsdale 40/- each. Brother James Burton all his apparell. Poor friends of Dent comonly called Quakers 50/-. Isabell his wife £50, one milk cow and the third part of his household stuff except one cupboard in the upper end of his dwelling or firehouse att y^e stone house and one great meal or mault chist in that house and 2 great arks or chests in the house where he dwells at Warescale. If his wife be with child £100 to the child or children. His freehold estates and leases to his brother-in-law Will. Thistlethwaite of ffarbergill and Tho. Mason of Borronhead, Dent, yeamen, in trust for his son James for his education; the said Willjam and Thomas to be executors, 10/- each. To Christo. Burton of Shoalboard 10/-. If James die a minor without issue and his wife have no other children, he leaves to James Mason, son of his sister Ellin Bousfield of Garsdale, his estate of Skow in Kirthwaite in tenancy of one William Burton late of Hollow Mill in Kirthwaite; and to his uncle Miles Burton of Helmside his pasture in Widdale called Burton close; and to his brother James Burton of Stonehouse and his sister Eliz. Burton as tenants in common his estate at Stonehouse in Kirthwt., formerly belonging to his father James Burton. Witnesses, Will. Burton his mark, Will Thistlethwaite, Christo. Burton. Inventory £206. 2. 6, owing by the deceased £150. Due to the deceased after his debts be paid, £56. 2. 6.

(11) Feb. 27, 1705.

RICHARD WILSON of Knowscale in Garsdale, yeaman. To his daughter-in-law Ann Wilson, Garsdale, widdow, the mean profits of all his lands etc. in Garsdale towards the maintenance and education of his grandchildren, excepting the house wherein he now dwells which he gives to his wife Katherin W. for her life; Ann to pay her £5 yearly. After wife's death all to the education of his grandchildren Richard, Thomas, Robert, Katherin and Ann

Wilson till the youngest is 21, when Richard and Thomas are to share the estate equally. To his son Richard W. 20/- if he shall com in person att any time to demand it. To the two grandchildren who survive to inherit the estate his 2 greatest chists, a cupboard, a dish binck [dresser] and 2 pair of Bedstocks. Executrix, his wife Katherin. Trustees and supervisors Christopher Mason of Cawgill in Dent and Richard Wilkinson of Garsdale, 10/- each. Witness, Gilbert Blathorn, Will. Stockdale and James Nelson. Inventory £9. 11. 11. Funeral exs. 15/5.

(12) "y^e 11th mo: caled January" 17th, 1705.

ISAAC ALLEXANDER of the Abba in Lambrigg, Kirby Kendall, Batchler, to his brother Joseph A. £5; brother-in-law John Bradley and Elin his wife 20/- each, sister-in-law Agnes Denison 2/6; nephew Abraham A. 20/-, nephew John Bradley 26/-, Jane and Alice daughters of John and Elin Bradley 26/- each. His cousin James Wilson of the Abba in Lambrigg to be sole executor and residuary legatee. Witnesses, John Wilson, Robt. Banks, James fiell. Inventory £35; debts and funeral exs. £23. 9. 3.

(13) April 23, 1701.

THOMAS ALLEXANDER of Killington, Kirby Lonsdale. To his nephew Abraham A. 5/-; sister, mother of A. A. 2/6; brother Joseph A. 40/-; brother-in-law John Bradley and sister 20/- each. To Jane dau. of John Bradley 40/-. Residue to his brother Isaac A. sole executor. Witnesses, John Heblethwaite, Christo. Taylor, francis Croxon. Inventory £18 "or within som od shillings."

(14) April 9, 1700.

WILLIAM GOSLING of the Side in ffrostraw, Sedbergh, yeaman. Trustees, Allexander Greenwood of Leaks house, Dent, yeaman and Benjamin Nelson of the Hollin hill in ffrostraw, Batchler, 10/- each. To hold all his lands, houses etc. purchased by him, except a close called Hardcroft (1½ acres) and the pasture adjoining (1½ acres), the mean profits to the use of his wife Elizabeth during life, she educating his late brother James Gosling's son John with meat, drink and apparel to the age of 16, and giving him 40/- yearly till he be 21. Then John is to enjoy the estate, paying his aunt Eliz. £7 a year. At the death of his "Ant" John G. is to pay £48 to James G. his brother and Agnes and Mary G. his sisters or their heirs. And if John die a minor then James G. is to inherit. "And whereas my uncle John Dent at the request of his late wife . . . put into my hands £80 for the use of the children of my late

brother James G. . . . and allowed me to purchase one messuage and tenement therewith, with what the children's mother added, of Thomas Addison, . . . adjoining to my other estate in ffrostra I do give unto A. Greenwood and B. Nelson the said messuage, etc. . . . for the intent that they suffer Catherin Gosling widdow of my Brother James G. to enjoy [it] until my nephew William G. my late Brother James eldest son shall attain the age of 22 years, when he is to enter and enjoy with the two excepted Closes, Hardcroft and the Pasture, chargeable with £24 to his mother and 16/- a year each to his brother James and his 2 sisters." His wife Eliz. to give Sarah Greenwood 6/8 out of the personal estate, and to be "residue legatee" and executrix. Witnesses, James Bland, junior, Christopher Gawthrop junior, John Blaykling.

(15) May 1, 1707.

JOHN SHAW of Spisers, Sedbergh, yeaman; to his son James S. at 18, the messuage at Spisers purchased of John Knewstubb, on condition he pay to his sister Hellen S. £80 when she is 21. If he doe not, then Helien S. to enter on the several closes, above ye yeat, new close, wheat close and Hasley with the old house standing in ye side thereof. To poor friends of Sedbergh meeting at Brigflatt 20/-; the poor of Sedbergh parish 20/-. Item: to John Atkinson of Side in ffrostraw all the messuage etc., except the peathouse, in ffrostraw lately purchased by me of John Knewstubb on condition that he sell it and pay £140 which he now stands bound with me to pay to J. Knewstubb or order, with yearly interest, and what overplus shall remain to pay to my son James S. when he is 18. Executors, John Atkinson and John Airey of Solebanck £2. 10. 0. each. Also whereas John Crowther and myself are obliged to pay legacies left by John and Ann Shaw to the children of Rich. Armistead I devise to John Crowther my messuage, etc. at ffawcett bank in Sedbergh, to sell and pay the legacies and return the overplus to my son James Shaw. Witnesses, Will. Corney, John Brackan, Richard Atkinson. Inventory £82. 4. 2. Owing by the deceased £149. funeral expe. £5.

(16) March 7, 1703.

FRANCIS BLAYKLING of the height of Winder, Sedbergh, yeaman. To his brother-in-law James Greenwood of Gaile garth in Dent, yeaman, John Atkinson of Sid, co. York, yeaman, and James ffell of ye Hag in the Hay, co. Westmerland, yeaman, his

message, etc. att y^e Height of Winder, in trust, for Isabell his wife for her life, charged with legacies to Isabel Greenwood, daughter of James G. £5; Sarah Blaykling dau. of his cousin Tho. B. of Drawell £5; Eliz. Greenwood [ditto] £10; Tho. Willan of Sedgemoor £5; John Airey of y^e Hill £5; his cousin John Holm of Sedbergh £5; Joseph Baines junr. £5; cousin T. Blaykling's children "to each that shall be living att ye end of one year after the decease of Isabell my wife" 5/- excepting Sarah abovenamed, and to brother J. Greenwood children (ditto) 5/- except Isabell and Eliz. above named; Cousin Joⁿ Moor's children yt he had by his late wife Sarah (ditto) 5/-; my farmer at ye Height of Winder, Robert Davis, £5; Cousin John Holm's children of Crosedalebeck (ditto) 5/-." From personal estate, to brother John B. 10/-; cousin Thomas his son 5/-. Residue to Isabell his wife, who is executrix. Supervisors, John Holme of Crosedalebeck, Sedbergh, yeaman, and Samuel Parrott of Girsrigg in Killington, West^d, blacksmith, 5/- each and expenses. Trustees, James Greenwood, John Atkinson and James ffell 10/- each and expenses. Witnesses, Robert Davis, James Bland, John Inman, Edward Wilson.

(17) May 8, 1709.

JAMES GREENWOOD of Gailegarth in Dent, yeaman; his wife Elizabeth to have $\frac{1}{3}$ of his messages, etc. in Dent for life; his son John G. to have Gailegarth, $\frac{2}{3}$ immediately and the remainder on decease of Eliz. but charged with £67. 15. 4. in legacies; his daus. Eliz. £20; Isabell £25; Sarah £20, Rachell £2. 13. 4., Mary £10. 6. 8. Also to his son Thomas G. the lands etc. which he bought of his cousin John Hebblethwaite adjoining Gailegarth, and those he bought of John Trotter; his wife Eliz. enjoying a third during her life; and charged with legacies to his daus. Rachell £37. 6. 8. and Mary £30. Personal estate, two grandchildren John and Isabell Dixon 5/- each. Executors, his wife and 2 sons. Supervisors, his brothers Jacob Morland, Joseph Baines and James ffell, 5/- each. Witnesses, James Shaw, Joshua Hebblethwaite, James ffell.

(18) March 7, 1710.

ANTHONY ROBINSON of Ravenstonedale, yeaman; to his nephew John Robinson 20/- yearly for life at midsummer, £10 at 6 months and £10 at 2 years after my decease "and if my sd. nephew J. R. be not content with what I have herein given him but give disturbance or trouble my executors. . . then he shall have no benefit." Ralph Robinson and John R. sons of my nephew

J. R. the tenant right estate at Dovingill in Ravenstonedale, equally divided, and "the cupboard great table and dishbench allmery and 4 bedsteads or bedstocks." William, Ralph, John, Oswald, Anthony and Jennet Robinson, children of my nephew J.R. £10 each; to John Perkin my servant his messuage, etc. at Wandale in Ravenstonedale of 3/- ancient rent conditionally on his allowing his father and mother to have the mean profits for 3 years; to my servants Isabell Perkin £15, Mary Perkin £6; to Henry Perkin and his sister Margaret P. £4 each. To Isabell Pears 10/-, to Margaret wife of Mathew Breaks £15, and to Maudlin and Ann Breaks £5 equally betwixt them. To James Townson 10/- and to his 2 daus. Isabell and Elianor £5 equally betwixt them. To George Townson 10/-, Isabell Knewstubb 50/-, Margaret Adamthwait 5/-, George Thornburrow of Longdale £3, Wm. Shaw of Mallerstang 3/-. Poor of Ravenstonedale £5 to be added to the poor stock. Executors, Ralph Alderson of Nathwaite, Gilbert ffawcett, John Perkin, all of Ravenstonedale and George Thornburrow of Longdale who are to share the residue equally and to manage what I have given to my nephew's children till they are 21 or married. Dovengill to be let at once and profits put to interest for Ralph and John Robinson or to spend on their education; the two ten pounds I have given them to be employed for their fines when they are admitted tenants at Dovengill, "And I desire them to provide a book and to enter therein all receipts and disbursements," etc. "and I do authorise Abraham Dent and Godfrey Milner yearly . . . to examine y^e said accounts." Witnesses, John Rogerson, Abraham Dent, Anthony ffawcett, John ffawcett.

(19) Aug. 4, 1708.

JOHN AIREY of Hill in Solbanck, Sedbergh, mason; my wife Agnes in lieu of her widdowright one third of the Hill and personal estate, and the tuition of my son John during his minority; and to enable her to maintain him, the mean profits of two-thirds. To my son John A. £80 from my personal estate and if he live to 20 years two-thirds of the Hill, and the rest after my wife's death. To poor Quakers of Sedberge parish 40/-; to the common poor of *do.* 40/-. If my son die without issue and after death of my wife I leave the Hill to John Holme junr. of Sedbergh town, Hardwareman, and Samuel Parrott of Grassrigg in Killington, blacksmith, in trust to sell and pay my sister Isabell Dent £20; her dau. Mary D. £20; James Linsay one of my wife's Relations £20; Hester L. his sister £20; Will. Heblethwaite £10; common poor of

Sedbergh 20/- and residue to poor Quakers of Sedbergh. Executors, my wife Agnes and son John. Supervisors and trustees, J. Holme and S. Parrott, 20/- each and expenses. Witnesses Richard Holme, William Birkbeck. Inventory and debts upon specialty owing to y^e desceasd £145. Sum bonor. £201. 14. 4.

(20) Nov. 10, 1713.

JOSEPH BAINES of Stangerthwaite, yeoman [*sic*]. Trustees and executors (5/- each) Saml. Parrott of Grassrig in Killington, blacksmith, Robt. Willan of Castley, Sedbergh, and Thomas Willan of Sedbergh, merchants, and James Wilson of Abba in Lambrig yeoman, to sell Stangerthwaite, pay debts and give dau. Hannah £10; to granddau. Margaret Eglin £10, when she is 24; to children of dau. Agnes, grandsons 25/- each and granddaughters 20/- each, when each comes to 21 years (this at request of his dau. Mary deceased); and to them except Joseph and Margaret, £12 to be divided equally; to dau. Agnes, wife of Richard Eglin, the remainder of his estate, chargeable with 10/- a year to her eldest son Joseph after he is 21, he to succeed to the remainder after his mother's death; and to Margaret E. £10 when Joseph enters on the estate. If my son-in-law Richd. Eglin sells the lands in Selside, co. York, which he hath the reversion of and pays my Debts, and outlives Agnes, then Joseph shall pay him £4 a year for life. Also to Richard Eglin my fulling mill with all its appurtenances for life, on condition that he let his sons Joseph and Jonathan miln such cloth as they shall make, and after Richard's death the mill to be Joseph's. Of personal estate; to granddau. Margaret Eglin "the bed that I ly upon wth beding sufficient to make up the same;" to Joseph Eglin "all my bedsteads tables chists Arkes," provided he lets his mother Agnes use half of them. To the poor of Killington 10/- and poor quakers of Sedbergh meeting 10/-. Witnesses, Robert Yeats, John Mackreth, John Crewdson. Inventory—

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Goods in the parlour loft	02 : 05 : 00
Goods in y ^e chamber over the fire Room ..	00 : 12 : 06
Goods in a garrett Loft	00 : 05 : 00
Goods in y ^e Kitchin Loft	00 : 10 : 00
A grannary in y ^e Barn	00 : 06 : 08
A mare Sadle and Bridle	02 : 03 : 00

Totū 11 : 07 : 02

Debts owed by ye deceased upon bond	115 : 00 : 00
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118 : 11 : 02

Apprysed the 8th day of Aprill 1714 by us John Wadson
Joseph Baines
Robt. Yeats
William Tyson

[Here ends the series of wills copied in the first and oldest hand.]

(21) Sept. 5, 1716.

CHRISTOPHER MASON of Spicegill in Kirthwaite in Dent, yeoman. To his uncle Anthony Mason 10/-; to Christopher son of A.M. 5/-; to A.M.'s 3 daus. Ema, Melory, and Mary 5/- each; to his mother-in-law Margaret Shippherd 10/-; to his brother-in-law Francis Shippherd 5/-; to his brother-in-law Richard Guy 5/-. To his naturall [i.e. actual] Mother Margaret Mason £2. 5. 0. Item I give 40/- to be added to the money which was formerly given for the Buying of Shifts for the Poor People in Dent, the yearly interest thereof to be Employed, etc. To his wife Agnes all Sikelands (one close called Sike Lands, with dwelling house and barn, another close called Low Hay Land, another called Hell-faw with one parrokk adjoining, etc.) while unmarried; if she marries, to his nephew Thomas, son of his brother Richard Mason, he paying my now wife Agnes 40/- yearly for life; and after her death to hold it, paying my brother Thomas Mason £10 and £10 to his father Richard Mason. Also £20 to my friends Thomas Mason of Stonehouse, William Thistlethwaite of Harbourgill, Thomas and Christopher Mason, sons to my uncle Anthony M. to distribute the interest " to help the children of the Poor called Quakers within Dent to Trades as these Four shall think fit, but in case there be None Desireous of Trades amongst the Quakers in Dent then it is my Will and mind that these Four shall employ the said Interest to put forth other Poor children to Trades upon condic'on that the Poor People be willing to have their children put to our Friends called Quakers and Educated as their own children." If Thomas die before he is 20, without lawful issue, then Sike Lands shall remain to his brother Edward. Remainder to executors namely wife Agnes and brother Richard. Witnesses, Willm. Baines, Robt. Widder, Richd. Burton and Edwd. Sidgwick. Inventory £37. 2. 4. Debitory £24. 14. 5.

(22) Sept. 25, 1713.

ISABEL BLAYKLING of Winder, Sedbergh, widow, being weak

in body (through old age). To her brother James Greenwood son John, 30/- and daughters Eliz., Sarah, Rachel, Mary and Isabel, 20/- each; to John Williamson 10/-; to Robert Davies son Thomas 10/-; to the poor of Sedbergh Parish 20/- and to Christopher Winn 20/- "for the use he knows of." Executor and resid. legatee her cousin Thomas son of bro. James Greenwood. Trustee, her cousin John Holme "to whom I give [blank]." Witnesses, Thomas Shaw, James Shaw, Robt. Burton.

(23) May 27, 1720.

JOHN DENT of Scales in Kirthwaite, Dent, yeoman. To his dau. Agnes Dent £10 when she is 21 and a cupboard and a chist; if she dies before them, this to his wife Ann who is sole executrix. Supervisors, Thomas Masson of Mirehouse and John Haygarth of Hopson's. Signed 'John Dent his mark'; witnesses, Thomas Masson, Thomas Masson [i.e. two Thomas Masons].

(24) Aug. 17, 1726.

RICHARD WILKINSON of Garsdale head, Sedbergh; to his son Richard W. his messuage, etc. of Kundmanning and Ling-gill-close, when he is 21, chargeable with £3 yearly to his mother, and £20 each to daus. Emma and Ann at the end of 2 years after death of Jennett my now wife. To Richard one cupboard and dresser now standing in the forehouse, as also the Closet Loft bed, and 2 meal chists. To John W. my son the estate of Crake-hill in Garsdale, paying £1 yearly to Jennett. Executors in trusts, Adam Harker and George Blaythorn of Garsdale and Thomas Mason of Mirehouse in Dent, yeomen, who shall pay Emma and Ann £40 each and John £20, at age of 21. Trustees, 10/- each and exs. Witnesses, Gilbert Blaythorn, Thomas Dawson, Henry ffawcett.

(25) Aug. 1, 1722.

THOMAS MASON of Spicegill, Dent, yeoman. To his dau. Eliz. Mason his estate of Stonehouse in Dent (Stonehouse and Jane-field) with all chists cupboards etc. in the mansion house, chargeable with £4 yearly to his wife Eliz. for life, and £3 to his dau. Margaret wife of David Harker during the life of his wife Eliz. To his dau. Barbara M. his estate at Spicegill chargeable with £3. 10. 0. a year to his wife Eliz. and 20/- a year to his dau. Margaret, also 2 pair of best Bed Steads, 2 of best tables, 2 of the greatest chists, 1 cupboard and 1 Dresser. His wife Eliz. to have the back parlour at Spicegill to live in if she marry not again. To his dau. Margaret £100 (£60 from Eliz. and £40 from Barbara),

she to give release to them and accept the sum for her child's part: if she refuse to give release she is to have nothing; if she die before her mother, the £100 to be divided among her children. To children of his brother Richard Mason 20/- to be divided among them. £6 to be added to the gift of his uncle John Mason for buying blue coats for the poor of Kirthwaite. To Wm. Thistlethwaite of Harbourgill, Tho. Mason of Mirehouse, John Haygarth of Hobson's and John Burton of Scalegill £10 in trust for poor Quakers in Dent. And whereas his bro. Xfer. M. left £10 to be paid him after the death of Agnes Xfer's wife out of Sykelands, I bequeath the sum to my brother Richard M. if then living or to his children. Sole executrix and res. leg. his wife Eliz. Trustees, W. Thistlethwaite, T. Mason and J. Haygarth, 20/- each and expenses. Witnesses, Thos. Mason, Thos. Archer, Geo. Mason, Jno. Gosling.

(26) March 9, 1726.

JAMES MASON of Hudshouse in Kirthwaite, Dent. To dau. Alice, wife of Wm. Thistlethwaite of Harbourgill £5, and to each child of hers 5/-. To his son-in-law Wm. Thistlethwaite and to his cousin Thomas Mason of Mirehouse in Kirthwaite 20/- [each?]. Item 20/- to add to the gift of John Mason for buying Blue Cloth for the poor of Kirthwaite. To his servant maid Eliz. Lamb the Chest wherein she usually lies her cloaths. To the children of dau. Alice £90 out of his estate of Hudshouse after death of his son Thomas M. if he die without issue. To son Thomas M. his estate of Hudshouse in Kirthwaite, T. M. to be executor and res. leg. Signed with his mark. Witnesses, Richd. Alderson (his mark), Christopher Mason, Jno. Haygarth.

(27) July 8, 1728.

JOHN HAYGARTH of Hobsons in Kirthwaite, Dent. To Son George his estate of Hobson's when he is 21 years old, charged with £30 to dau. Hannah when she is 21, and £10 to dau. Margaret (do.), and 50/- yearly to trustees for maintenance of younger children. To son George his trunk and 2 great chists in the chamber over the fforehouse where I live. To son James, estate of Fletcher's adjoining Hobson's, charged with £20 to Margaret at 21, and 20/- yearly for the younger children. To son Richard, estate of Hallbank in Sedbergh at 21, if my Mother-in-law shall then be dead, save one parcell thereof called Wood which he is to have at 21, charged with £10 to each of daus. Hannah and Margaret. To his wife Eliz. all that my little estate called Lili-garth at Kirthwaite and after her death to George charged with

£5 to each of children. If these sons or daus. die before 21 then, etc. and if all die to heirs of wife Eliz. but charged with £50 to his sister Eliz., and £20 to his niece Eliz., his sister's dau. Executors in trust, his cousin Thomas Burton of Broadmire and Anthony Mason of Lamb Parrock, 10/- each and exs. Executrix and res. leg. wife Eliz. Witnesses John Watson, Robert Dockery, Wm. Thistlethwait. Inventory £110. 2. 6. Debts owing by deceased £68.

(28) June 30, 1725.

MICHAEL DAWSON of Moore rigg in Grysedale, Sedbergh, husbandman. To Jane his wife £40, and £50 for which she already hath a bond. To his sister Catherine Haygarth 10/-, to Wm. Harker of Swaledale 5/-; to John Lambert of Garsdale 5/- "To the poor (reputed Quakers)" of Grysdale and Garsdale 50/- and other poor 50/-. To Richard Wilkinson and George Bleathorn, both of Garsdale, Thomas Close of Studfold in Ravenstone-dale and Thomas son of Edmond Winn of Grysdale £10 equally amongst them, they being executors. Estate at Grysdale to them in trust for granddaus., Elizabeth and Mary Adamthwaite, at 21—the trustees to pay mean profits to Will. Adamthwaite for 'mentainance' of Eliz. and Mary £2. 10. 0 each yearly till they are 21, and if any of the trustees hear "of any hard usage or ill-treatment of my said Granddaughters or either of them by the sd. W. A. their Father, or if that he do not find and afford unto them and each of them Meat, Drink, Apparel, Washing, Lodging, Education and Learning sufficient" etc., the money not to be paid unless he deliver them up to the trustees. Also to Michael Haygarth my nephew 20/- yearly till my granddaus. are 21; and to Margaret Nelson (my neice) the wife of Anthony Nelson 40/- yearly; and to my neice Catherine Haygarth the wife of Richard Haygarth 20/- yearly; and to Margaret now wife of Richard Shaw (eldest) of Garsdale 5/- yearly during the said term. Witnesses, Thomas Capstick, Thomas Shaw his mark, Adam Harker.

[Then follows in Latin probate of will from Wm. Stratford, LL.D. Commissary of Richmond, Jan. 27, 1730, before the Rev. Thomas Lambert surrogate, by G. Bleathorn, T. Close and T. Winn, signed by Jos. Lambert, deputy registrar.]

Inventory, Jan. 23, 1730/1.

Imp ^{rs} His Purse and apparrel	..	..	15	15	0
Item A Chist and Tables	..	..	1	2	6
„ chairs Forms and Stoole	..	..	0	10	0

Item	A Cupboard and a dresser	1	6	8
„	Bedstocks and bedding	4	10	0
„	Wood vessel of several sorts	0	15	0
„	Brass and Pewter and an Iron pot ..	1	2	6
„	Earthen vessel and odd things	0	3	0
„	A Clock	0	12	6
„	Butter Cheese and Beef	0	8	0
„	A girdle, frying Pan, reckon, with all other utensils of Household stuff ..	0	10	0
„	3 cows and Hay and peats	11	0	0
„	Several sorts of Husbandry Geer ..	0	15	0
„	Owing to the dece'd	40	0	0
„	Owing to the dece'd upon Specialty ..	68	0	0
„	Owing to the dece'd questionable ..	81	16	6
„	More questionable	20	0	0
„	More questionable	3	2	6

[ascertained assets; understated]	In all	136	10	2	[sic.]
[doubtful; overstated]	More £i	131	19	0	[sic.]

From Saml. Davies desperate 1 0 0
 Apprisors hereof Adam Harker, John Haygarth, William Adamthwaite, Robert Ackreg.

A Paper of Uses as ffolloweth vizt.—

Memorandum. That the Tenn Pounds given to my Trustees in this my Will, it is my will and mind that the yearly Income thereof be given to a Schoolmaster or Dame for the Teaching of poor Childer in Grizedale; and likewise the Twenty pounds given to my Trustees, provided one of my granddaughters dye before she come to the age of 21 years leaving no issue, the yearly Income shall be Employed to such necessary uses as they with the Meeting shall see meet. June 30, 1725. Michael Dawson.

(29) 29th day of y^e first month [March], 1731.

HENRY FLEMING of Brigflats in Marthwait, Sedbergh, yeoman. To Daniel Weaver of Bircks in Preston Patrick (my wife's sonn) estate of Brigflats w^{ch} I late purchased of Willm. Tyson charged with £12 yearly to my wife Rebeca Fleming and after her death £80 as follows—to Nathaniel, Rebecca and Esther children of D.W., £5 each; Ruth Piper wife of Jonn^h Piper £5; my niece Margaret Fleming £20; my niece Isabel, dau. of my sister Mary wife of John Thompson £20; Sarah Knowles, wife of Henry K. my wife's daughter £15; and to Daniel Weaver son of y^e s^d D.W.

£5. Also £10 to my brother Wm. Fleming if he return into this country, be living at my decease and personally demand it. Personal estate:—to my sister Mary, wife of John Tompson £10; niece Eliz. Moore, wife of Murtough Moore of Plunkett Street, Dublin, £20; Richard Weaver of London (my wife's younger son) £20; Sarah Knowles, £15. Whereas John Burton of Scalegill foot, Dent, owes £20 and interest he is to be discharged from payment. To John Blamer £10; D. Weaver jun^r £5; John Skyrin of Lupton £5; Mary Holme my maid servant 20/-. Whereas I have rec^d £91 from sale of house in Lancaster which I had in marriage, and have placed at interest, my wife Rebecca to have the interest for life, and after her death the principal to D. Weaver. Executors, D. Weaver and John Skyrin. Witnesses, Robt. Tomlinson, David Trotter, James Thompson. Will proved Aug. 14, 1731; Robt. Hebelthwait, dep. reg^r. Memorial of probate registered at Wakefield, Aug. 28, 1731, near Eight in y^e morning (in Lib. D. D. pag. 186, at Num^r. 242). Rd. Bent, dep. Reg^r.

Inventory £319. 4. 6. Pris^{rs} Saml Parrott, Edward Willan, Richd. Willan.

A paper of Uses as followeth:— D. Weaver shall pay £20 to Friends belonging to West Side preparative meeting in Cumberland, the interest of the same for charitable purposes at discretion of meeting. Also D.W. to leave the estate to his son D.W. "upon this condition that the s^d D.W. y^e son shall and do so order his conversation as that by a Circumspect Walking and Dutyfull carriage to his Parents he shall render himself deserving of y^e same." His wife to have such part of household goods as she shall choose and dispose of my wearing apparel. The residue in hands of Exor^s to be placed at Interest or produce given to such Travelling Friends in Low Circumstances as may be caled forth in y^e Service of y^e Ministry at y^e discretion of my exec^{rs} or such other Friends as by y^e Quarterly meeting of Westmorland shall be deputed.

(30) Ap. 4, 1726.

WILLIAM BAYNES of Stangerthwaite in Killington, yeoman; 2 estates at Stangerthwt. formerly in possession of my uncle James B. and my father Joseph B. but now in mine and my Farmer Thos. Holmes occupation, to my brother Jno. Baynes, charged with £15 to my mother Rachel Baynes 'in lieu of her Thirds, widdow right or title of Dower.' To Jno. Burton in y^e head of Dent, £20; James Wilson of Grayrigg Foot £10. My sister Elizabeth, wife of

Jno. Ayrey, £120; my sister Rachel, wife of William Collinson, £150; my cousin Jno. Greenwood, 10/- yearly for life; my cousin Eliza[beth] Pixley, 10/- (do.). Executrixes, my Mother and 2 sisters Eliz. and Rachel. Witnesses, Jacob Morland, James Bland, John Wilson. Proved May 14, 1729, before Tho^s Lambert Surr'. Jos. Lambert, Reg. dep. Inventory £206. 17. 6. Deb^{ty} £4. 7. 0. = £202. 10. 6. Appris^{rs}, Jacob Morland, Jno. Wilson, Jno. Morland.

(31) Jan. 23, 1732.

ISAAC HOLME of White hall, Killington, Tayler. To Mary my wife £5 per ann. and £20 12 months after my decease, and all the money she hath lent out in her own name upon Bond bill or promissory notes, and her wainscot chist and chist of drawers and Close stool, her wainscot chair and the little wainscot cheir and ye large and little Bass bottomed Elbow cheirs, the little square table and ye least turn up Ovall Table, and y^e warming-pan, one Brass kettle, one good double Mettal pan, the least Iron pan, one pair of y^e best tongs, a little Spitt, my best pewther chamber pott, One Corner Cupboard, one milking pail, one good milking piggin and a cann, 2 washing tubs, one good Reckon crook, three best pewther dishes and 3 best pewther plates and one Silver spoon, my best Hoggeback [huckaback] table Cloth, one good Linnien Table Cloth, 3 best Table Napkins, 3 best Carpin [Carpet cloth] cushions, one best bedd stead and brown Shallon [shalloon] Curtains wth a quilt of y^e same, one best feather Bed, 2 best feather Bolsters wth drawers for the same, 3 best feather pillows, with drawers for y^e same, 2 pair of best sheets, 1 pair of best Blanketts, 2 best Ruggs and best chaff bedd and bolster and my Gird-Iron and Brandreth; these goods after her death to be divided between my daus. Jane and Marg^t. Also to my wife half a load of meal and half a load of malt if there be as much of each in y^e house at y^e time of my decease. To my dau. Marg^t Holme £20 as equivalent of the £20 which I gave Jane at her marriage, and one Bedstead marked J.R., 1 new feather Bed, 1 new chaff bed, one pair of Curtaines. To my Wife all the Turfe and Peats etc. After wife's death y^e Interest of £50 to my dau. Mary Sharp, and the principal to be divided among her children after her death provided always that my exo^{rs} shall not be obliged at any time to goe above tenn Miles from their respective habitation to pay either principal or interest. To my granddaughter Mary Sharp £10, at 21 years or marriage; to my son-in-law Barlow Sharp 20/- Public sale of goods and chattels. Exo^{rs} 2 daus. Jane Ashburner

and Margt. Holme, to whom the residue. Witnesses, Bryan Moore, Richd. Branthwait. Proved March 7, 1732, before Thos. Lambert surrogate, Rob^{tus} Heblethwaite Reg. dep. Inventory £278. 15. 6. Apprisors, Samuel Parratt, Thos. Holme, Thos. Moore and Jno. Parratt.

(32) Feb. 17, 1731/2.

CHRISTOPHER WINN of Milthrop, Sedbergh. Lands etc. to his wife Margaret and after her decease to Ephraim Winn his son, charged with £10 to James Shaw of frostraw and John Ayrey of Solbank. To Alice Bradley 20/-. Executrix his wife. Trustees J. Shaw and J. Ayrey. Witnesses, Edmond Jackson, James Bayley, John Richardson.

My will is that the £10 to J. Shaw and J. Ayrey is intended for a school held within Brigflats meeting, that is to say the annual interest thereof, and if no school, to the poor till a school be sett up as abovesaid, this written by my own hand, Christo: Winn.

(33) May 24, 1733.

THOMAS BLAYKLING the younger of Draw well in Bland, Sedbergh, Husbandman. To his father Thomas B. all his messuages etc. at Bland. To his sister Ellinor B. £30; sister Ann B. £15; nephew Daniel Moore 20/-. Supervisors, Edward Willan and James Shaw 10/- each. Exor. his father. Witnesses, Thomas Crowther, Robert Tomlinson, Richd. Branthwaite. Proved June 28, 1733, before Thomas Lambert clerk. Memorial of probate reg^d at Wakefield 5th of 9th, 1733 at 12 at noon, in Lib. ff-ff. page 219 et nom^r 307. R. Bent, dep. Reg.

(34) Dec. 12, 1727.

RICHARD WILLAN of Hill in Marthwaite; Exors. in trust my father Robert Willan, uncle Edward W., friends James Willson and Wm. Williamson, till my sons attain 21. To younger son Lancelot W. at 21, £500, and before 21 £20 a year maintenance. John Burton of Skalegill in Dent £20. Alice Cragg 20/- a year in consideration of her regard to my children in their infancy. James Willson of Grayrigg, exor., my saddlehorse, Bridle and Saddle, my watch and best Hatt. Wm. Baines, John Gosling and John Airey £30, or if either son die before 21, then £20 more to Baines etc., and if both die without issue £150 more. To each exor. a 'Gwina' and exs. To my 2 brothers Ebenezer and Robert Wardell a guinea each. Residue to my eldest son Robert W. failing whom Lancelot; failing whom my brother Robt. W. of London, on condition he pay my sister Eliz. W. £200 and my

brother George W. £10 yearly, and £150 to be divided among George's children and £100 to my nephew Robert Anthony W. Witnesses, Charles Holme, Thomas Thompson, John Inman.

Codicil: John Burton to have only £10, Alice Cragg £3 a year. James Wilson £10 in Lewe of horse etc. Bequests to Baines, Gosling and Ayrey to be void; but to John Ayrey, Thomas Lancaster and James Shaw £20, and if either son die a minor without issue £20 more. If both sons die Eliz. W. to have £50 more, and Mary W. my niece £100. Ap. 9, 1734; witnesses, Christopher Corney, Thomas Tebay, Richard Branthwaite.

(35) Sept. 29, 1731.

ROBERT JACKSON of Crosedalebeck in Bland, Sedbergh, yeoman. To my son Wm. J. messuage etc. at Crosedale Beck and Blands feild, charged with £6 yearly to my wife Isabel, and one Bedstead in the Parlour with bed and bedding, and table and wainscot chist. To my dau. Agnes J. £140 and one oak table in the buttery loft; to my sister-in-law Margaret Bell 20/- Eliz. Blamerd 5/- Exor. my son W. J. Trustees Robert Atkinson of Howgill and John Blamor of Branthwaite, 5/- each. Witnesses, Thomas Lancaster John Inman, John Gosling. Inventory £218. 18. 0. Owing by dec^d £10; funeral exps. £6. 14. 0.

(36) July 9, 1733.

THOMAS BLAYKLING of Drawell in Bland, yeoman. To my dau. Sarah Willson £5; dau. Elinor Blaykling £5; dau. Ann B. £5. Executrix, my wife Mary, to have residue. Supervisors James Shaw and Edward Willan, 20/- each. Witnesses, Thomas Crowther, Richard Backhous, Richd. Branthwaite. Personalty £22. 15. 0. Debts owing by dec^d £200. Apprised 19th of 11 mo. 1735 by Ed. Willan, James Shaw, and John Blamor.

(37) May 17, 1736.

MARGARET SHEARMAN of Loaning in Dent left (among other legacies) £10 for Thomas Burton of Broadmire in Dent for widows and orphans of Brigflats meeting; and £5 to T.B. for his trouble. Witnesses, Wm. Thistlethwt, Jas. Heblethwaite.

(38) Dec. 30, 1736.

ROBERT WILLAN of Castley, Sedber, Hosier. My messuages at Near and Far Castley and closes called Hill closes and lands in Soulbank purchased of Josiah Lambert to my dau. Eliz. Rawlinson, wife of Job Rawlinson of Graithwaite, gentleman, charged with £20 a year to my wife Eliz. in Leau of dower Widdowright or

Thirds at Common Law; to his wife also £10 with my largest silver cup, my less silver Tankard and Silver Cann and six silver Spoons and likewise my best Bedstead and Bed with y^e Hangings and Bedding and ye chest of drawers and other Furniture of y^e Room wherein we lodge and also all y^e furniture of her Closet theirunto adjoining. Messuages etc. at Brigflats in Marthwaite to my grandson Robert Willan, eldest son of late son Richd. W., charged with £160 to my grandson Lancelot W. younger son of same. Messuage etc. at Huthwaite in Dent to my friends and relations Edward Willan, Thomas Lancaster and John Ayrey of Sedbergh parish and James Willson and John Willson of Kendal, in trust to sell. To my dau. Eliz. R. best feather bed, quilt and furniture of my best bed in y^e Parlour loft. My wife and Eliz. my dau. shall take as many of my Books as they shall think proper and the rest to be divided among my grandchildren. To my son George W. £200, and £224 he owes me, interest for the second sum to be paid to exors, till his son Robert is of age; and further debts to be paid my exors.; they to add this to proceeds of Houthwaite and pay to my son Robert W. £10 "having given him largely heretofore"; my grandson Robert Anthony Willan, son of Myles W. dec^d £150; my grandson Robert W. son of George W. £50; granddau. Mary W. dau. of Robert W. £100; granddau. Mary W., dau. of George W. £10; all at 21. Also £20 to my brother Ed. W., Tho. Lancaster and James Shaw. To James Willson and John Blamire of Branthwaite, £10 each; Alice, wife of Ralph Alderson, £5; John Burton of Warescale, Dent, £20; my maid servant Sarah Atkinson, 2 guineas; each exor. 10/- and residue to 3 grandchildren equally. Witnesses John Inman, Charles Holme, Wm. Williamson.

Codicil, 5th of 9th mo. 1737. Revokes legacy of Bed to Eliz. R., the same to be sold for grandchildren; to son-in-law Job Rawlinson one silver Tobacco Box with Coat of Arms and a Corkscrew and Stopper; and to grand daughter Marjory dau. of Job Rawlinson a large Silver Marrow spoon and a Sweetmeat spoon and a Silver Box. John Burton to have only £10 being half his debt to me, the other £10 to be paid by him to my exors. and £5 each only to James Willson and John Blamor. To my brother Edward W. my best beaver Hat and my new black plush breeches with silver buttons and new Russet waistcoat and a pair of large Silver Breeches buttons and one pair of silver shoe buckles and a fine Japan Tobacco Box and one pr. of my best Gloves. To John Ayrey a pr. of gloves and a walking staff and to Eliz. his wife a pocket handkerchief. To Thos. Lancaster my Watch and a cane and a

pair of gloves and Ellwood's History of the New Testament and what other books he pleases to chuse. To Isabel, wife of Tho. Lancaster a Satten Handkerchief; all the rest of my wearing apparel to Robt. Antho. W. and Robt. son of George Willan; also to R.A.W. y^e Screwtore [escritoire] w^{ch} stands in y^e parlour Loft and a fine Aggot Heft [agate hafted] Knife and fork. Also to my dauter in Law Mary, wife of John Inman, 3 large silver spoons, 2 new silver salts; to Thos. and Rich. sons of John Inman, 5/- each. Also to my wife above what I have given before one Silver salt, one pepper box, six silver Teaspoons and tongs, 3 tea pots and 6 china tea dishes and six plaits; after her death all the plate to go to grand^d Mary, dau. of my son Robt. W., who is also to have one silver two lug'd cup and one sweetmeat spoon and a silver Dram Tastor. Also to Sarah my servant one guinea more. The £20 to Ed. Willan, Thos. Lancaster and James Shaw to be void. Witnesses, John Inman, Charles Holme, Richd. Branthwaite. Inventory £84. o. 6.; debts on security supos'd good £250. Debts owing by y^e deceas'd £480. 8. o. Appraiz'd the 26th of 9^{br} 1737 by Wm. Burton, Edward Leece, Charles Holme.

(39) y^e 29: of 10^{br} 1736.

JANE DAWSON of Garsdale, Sedbergh. To my nephew Thomas Mason of Hudshouse 1/-; my nephews Richard and John Wilkin-son of Garsdale 1/- each; to my sister Emma Harker wife of my brother Adam Harker of Garsdale 20/- a year; to my brother Adam Harker of Garsdale and cousin Thomas Mason of Mirehouse, Dent, £5; to Wm., Eliz., Alice and Mabel Raw of Longhouse in Garsdale 2/6 each; Mellory Hodgson wife of Henry H. at Dent 5/-; Emma Knowls wife of Michael K. of Dent 5/-; cousin Christopher Atkinson of Haws 5/-; Cousin Jane Mason, dau. of Christo^r Mason of Dent 5/-; niece Margt. Akrigg, wife of Robt. A. of Garsdale £6; niece Emma Harker my chst and Box; nieces Mary and Emma Harker, Bed and bedding. Trustees to pay interest of £30 to my sister Agnes Facet of Hill and at her decease £8. 10. o. of the £30 to nieces Mary and Agnes Sidswick, daus. of Wm. Sidswick of Pickfould, and £6 to my nephews John and Thomas Winn, sons of Agnes Harper of Whitwalhead in Gridale or if they are dead to their mother; if she is dead to the rest of the children; and £8. 10. o. to my nephew Robt. ffacett, and £6 to my niece Mary Harper. To my nephews Henery and John Guy, son of Robt. Guy, late of Garsdale 5/- each; to their sister Margaret G. 10/-. Executors and res. leg. my nephew Jno. Harker and nieces Mary and Emma Harker. Trustees, my

cousin Thomas Mason of Mirehouse in Dent and nephew Robart Akrigg of Grisdale 10/- each. Signed with her mark. Witnesses, George Bleathorn, Gillbert Bleathorn, Wm. Metcalfe. Inventory £108. 7. 6.; apprisors, George Bleathorn, Thomas Shaw, Wm. Metcalfe. Debts owing by dec^d £17. 3. 4. The legacy to T. Mason and A. Harker was to repair the meeting house in Garstall.

(40) Feb. 25, 1744.

WILLIAM BURTON of Warecale in Kirthwaite, Dent. To my wife Eliz. B. estate at Warecale and after her death to John Burton of Warecale my cousin "together with the Airlooms as my Cupbord a Joyner chist a meal chist two pair of Bedstocks standing in the upper chamber or Loft," charged with £5 to my niece Ann, eldest dau. of brother George B. and £5 to my niece Eliz. dau. of G. B. if living, or among all his daus. To nephew James B. son of G. B. £14; to nieces Mary, Isabel, Agness and Eliz. B. daus. of G. B. £8 each, at 21 if my wife be deceased. To my sister Mary B. £4. To children of cousin John Burton of Warecale 20/- and to children of cousin John Kendall of Wensleydale 20/-; to Children of cousin Ralph Alderson of Ravenstonedale 20/-; to daus. of cosin Christopher Mason of Raiside in Dent 5/-; to children of my brother-in-law Thomas Lund of Dent 15/-. Executrix my wife; exor^s in trust cousin Anthony and Wm. Mason, 15/- each. Signed with his mark. Witnesses, Geo. Greenbank, John Swinbank his mark, James Burton.

(41) 2^d of 2^d mo. 1743.

EDWARD WILLAN of Hill in Marthwaite. In trust to Tho. Lancaster, apothicary in Sedbergh and John Ayrey of Hill near Sedbergh, all my freehold estate in Bland, Sedbergh, called Nether House at Lowbranthwaite, to sell for debts and funeral expenses; to them £10 each. To Robt. Willan, son of nephew Richd. W., £100; to Robert Willan, son of my nephew George W., £10; to Wm., Marjery and Lydiamarria Rawlinson, son and daus. of Job R. of Grathwaite £30; to Thomas, Mary, John, Ruth, Margrat and Alise Dodgson children of George D. the elder of Kendal, £48; to Mary and Ruth Wakefield, daus. of Roger W. of Kendall £20; to John Blamor of Frostray, Sedbergh, £20; James Shaw of ffrostray £20; Mary Willan, dau. of my nephew Robert W. £10; Edward Fisher, son of Ed. F. of Ulverstone, £10 to be paid to his aunt Alis Cragg for his use. Residue to be divided among legatees, share and share alike, except T. Lancaster, J. Ayrey, J. Blamor, J. Shaw and E. Fisher. Witnesses, Chris. Corney, John Bradley, John Holme.

(42) May 18, 1743.

CHRISTOPHER MASON of Rayside in Kirthwaite, Dent. To my wife Agnes M. my dwelling house and two high fields (middle field and High intack) for life, or £3 a year, whether she shall chuse. Likewise 2 beds in the Chamber over the house, a peat cart and a pair of wheels, a cow upon her own choice and all my household goods excepting my dresser, a cupboard, my great meal chist and the remainder of my beds; to her also my cupboard at Gill, which after her decease is for my dau. Jane. To my son William £20 and my clock. Each of my daus. Jane, Margaret and Agnes £20, and household goods after death of my wife. To my son Anthony Mason, estate of Rayside except dwelling house until after death of my wife if she choose it. Exor. Anthony M. Witnesses, Thos. Burton, Wm. Adamthwaite, James Burton. Signed with his mark.

(43) Feb. 20, 1750.

ROBERT AKRIDGE of Grisdale, Sedbergh, yeoman. To my brothers Michael and Samuel A., message of Rounding and Common ffield, charged with £5 a year to my wife Margret A. To her also 1 pr. Bedstocks with a bed of cloths well made up, a chest and a coffer which I got with her and a warming pan, and £50. To my apprentice Isabel Hunter £5; nieces and nephew Ann, Cathran, Mary, Thomas, Jane and Sarah Winn, children of my brother-in-law Thomas Winn, 20/- each yearly till they are 21 for their Edycation, and afterwards £20 each. Exors., M. and S. A. of Dent. Witnesses, Adam Harker, Thos. Mason, John Wilkinson. Codicil, Feb. 26, 1750/1. Exors. to give £5 to poor friends caled Quakers of Garstall and Grisdale meeting.

(44) Dec. 6, 1750.

RICHARD WILKINSON of Garsdalehead, Sedbergh, yeoman. To my son Richard W., message of Kundmaning and Lingill Close, at 21, charged with £40 yearly to his mother Mary, and £40 each to my 2 daus. Jannet and Isabel at 21. To him one cupboard and dresser in the forehouse also the Closet Loft Bedd and 2 meal chests as Heirlooms. Exors. in trust, my brother John Wilkinson and John Harker, both of Garsdale, and Joshua Alderson of Grisdale; they to pay out of personalty £20 each to 2 daus. Jennet and Isabel, and to have 10/- each. Witnesses, Adam Harker, George Bleathorn, John Mason.

(45) July 30, 1749.

WILLIAM ADAMTHWAITE of Cawgill in Kirthwait, Dent, yeoman. To my dau. Eliz. wife of Anthony Mason, message etc. at Caw-

gil, charged with £25 to my wife Agnes; also I give unto my said wife privilege of my Kitchen with the upper room therein to dwell therein . . . with a necessary Turf room in the end of the cowhouse and the goods that belonged to her at marriage; also charged with £4 to my dau. Mary, wife of Thomas Buck, yearly, and after her decease £100 among her children; and to my granddau. Mary Buck £10 at 21 and meanwhile 8/- interest yearly. After Eliz. dies the estate to my grandson Wm. Mason. Exor. Ant. Mason. Household goods to be divided between 2 daus. Witnesses, Edmond Bannister, Richd. Thistlethwait, Wm. Mason. Proved Sept. 29, 1749 before Mark Rumney, Surrogate. Chas Lambert, dep. reg.

(46) Feb. 2, 1753.

THOMAS LANCASTER of Settlebeck, Sedbergh, surgeon and apotchry. To James Shaw of firostr(ay), Jno. Ayrey of Brigfl[ats] and my nephew Samuel Parrets of Kilmington, blacksmith, messuages etc. at Settlebeck, on trust for my wife Isabell and after her death to sell and pay the sum to my brother and sister Chester children i.e. John, Thomas, Edward, Esther y^e daughter of John Chester now [blank], Sarah, Eliz. and Ann Chester. Also to my trustees debts owing to me, to pay the interest to my wife, and if that is not sufficient to afford her a comfortable subsistence, then they are to draw on capital; and after her death divide it among the Chester children, except that Sarah's share is to be paid to Mungoe Hudson, husband of my niece Esther for Esther's use and then to M. H.'s childer. My trustees to provide for Ann Chester out of the principal till she can procure her own mentinance. To my wife £100 to be disposed of at her decease; to my brother John Chester, £20 after my wife's death; to my brothers Nicholas and David Lancaster £20 each after my wife's death if they be living; to my brother George L. all my physick Books and manuscripts and £200 after my wife's death; to Cathrine Bradford dau. of Capton John B. 20 guineas, my Gill with Bayles Dictionry, Pomets history of Drugs, Monroes pious Institution of Youth and my little trunk with the letters T.L. upon it, at 21. To my half brother James L. £20 at my wife's death; to James Wilson of Darlington, Ralph Alderson of Nathwaite, John Blamor of Frostray £10 each, and to my neice Frances Sharp 10 guineas, after my wife's death. To my wife all goods not otherwise disposed of. To my cousin Wm. Hodgson £10 for an use I shall direct. To Giles Speight of Sedbergh £10 with Locks reasonableness of Christianity and the vindication thereof, 2

volumes. Trustees, £10 each. Witnesses, Philip Eubank, Eliz. Barrow, Mathew Barrow.

(47) Feb. 14, 1754.

THOMAS MASON of Mirehouse in Kirthwaite, Dent. To my wife Elinor all my household goods (except a cupbord and 2 large chests, a long table and 2 pair of Bedstocks) and £5, and £5 yearly. To my niece Jane Leighton £5; to my sister Agness Wakefield £2; To my sister Melery Hodgson and her thre children Joseph, Jane and Barbra £5 each; to my sister Emma Knowls £5, and 4/6 yearly, being interest of £5 which I gave her son John to be paid him at his mother's decease; to my nephew Anthony Mason £5; to Isabel Shaw, dau. of Richd. S., £20; to the 3 daus. of my brother Christopher £5 each. To my nephew James Mason, Talor, 20/- a year for 5 years; to John Lamb, son of Georange Lamb, which he had by my neice Elizabeth 4/- yearly during his minority and £5 at 21. Also 20/- to the stock for buying blew cloth for the poor of Kirthwaite. To my nephew Wm. Mason my estate of Mire House, and the residue, making him exor. Witnesses, Richd. Thistlethwaite, James Mason, Thos. Mason.

(48) Nov. 11, 1755.

ADAM HARKER of Crakehill in Gridale, Sedbergh. To my grandson Richard H. the High dwelling House of Low scale, 2 high fields Pasture Prim Calfe Parrock Calfe Gill intack and Buck hill. The mean profits of the rest of Lowscale to my dau.-in-law Margrat until Mayday first after my grandson David attains . . . 12 years and Richard to pay all taxes and £3 a year to his mother till D. is 12 if she remain a widow; after D. is 12, R. to pay her £2. 10. 0. a year and no taxes, which M. to pay till D. is 15. If she marry or fall short of giving her children education to the satisfaction of my daus. Mary and Emme Harker and Trustees, they are to take the land and educate the children, Simon and David; in this case R. to pay her only 10/- a year, but 40/- to Mary and Emme and trustees. "My grandson Richard shall have liberty for his Cattel to go over the land mentioned to his Mother betwixt Tenn days after old Luke day and old mid April, without any disturbance, and it is my wish that my daughter-in-law keep in good repair Houses fences and Stonks such like as she finds them . . . and if she refuses to do what is needfull then my Grand Son Rich^d shall gett it done and if she refuses to pay what my Trustees thinks sufficient . . . Richard shall keep it out of her yearly dowery." When David is 15, Richard to have all Low-scale together with three Beddsteads all nailfast, a Cupbord clock

and great meal chist, a table and dishbink as heirlooms and likewise all my husbandry gear, charged with 10/- a year to his Mother till David be 21, and £10 to each of my 3 grandchildren, Emma, John and Mary H. when D. is 16 and £10 to my other grandchildren, Thomas, Simon and David at 21. When D. is 21 then R. to pay his mother £2. 10. 0. a year, or if she marries, but half so much, and 20/- a year among the rest of my grandchildren during their mother's life. When she dies if D. is 16, R. to pay my grandchildren £10 each. Exors. my daus. Mary and Emme Harker, who are to have all my personal estate and to pay exs. and give 5/- each to my grandchildren. Trustees, my nephews Joshua Alderson and John Wilkinson, 5/- each. Witnesses, Gilbert Bleathorn, William Metcalfe, George Bleathorn.

(49) Jan. (1st mo.) 19, 1756.

DAVID TROTTER of Briggflats in Marthwaite, Sedbergh, gardiner. My messuage (dwelling house Turfe house and garden) at Briggflats to John Ayrey of Briggflats and James Shaw of Frostraw and Samuel Parrets of Grasrig in Kilington, Kirby Lonsdale, blacksmith; they paying my wife Eliz. T. the yearly profits and to live in my said dweling house if she chuse it. Also £60 of which interest to my wife and after her death to children of my brother Alexander T. Exec^x my wife. Witnesses, Nicholas Gibson, Thomas Mason, Eliz. Winn. Signed with his mark.

(50) Aug. 21, 1755.

JOHN BLAND of Hill, Sedbergh. To my 2 brothers Rob^t and James B. and sister Agnes £8 each; nephew John B. son of James B. £8, and his sister £5; to my sister Agnes daughter £5; to Wiliam Huertson living at or near Bentham £4, and his sisters Mary, Ann and Deborah £5 each. George Dodgson of Kendall £4 in trust for Thos. Dennison or his wife to be given as necessary; to James Shaw of Frostray and James Burton of Hill £20. To Eliz. Ayrey of Briggflats £4; John Blamor of frostray and Ralph Alderson of Ravenstonedale, £4 each; my cousin Gilbert Bleathorn and his 2 sisters Ann Mason and Agness Medcalte 40/- each. George Dodgson of Kendall 20/- and Mary Burton of Hill and John Collinson of Briggflats, 20/- each; also 20/- each to Margrat Sandwick wife of Wiliam S. and Ann Spedy, dau. of John Spedy, and Bridget Greenwood wife of Thos. Greenw^d junior. If my wife be with child and the child live to be 21 the above legacies void, and all to the child; but if it die before 21 then the legaciés to be paid. Exec^x my wife Mary Bland. If she marry again not

to my trustees content, $\frac{1}{2}$ to her daughter Mary Thompson at 21; but if M.T. dies then all to my wife. Trustees, J. Ayrey, J. Shaw and J. Burton 40/- each. Witnesses, James Thompson, Mark Thompson.

Codicil, same date, directs that the £20 to trustees is to be employed for the accommodation of Friends at their Monthly Meetings, with consent of the Preparative Meeting of Sedbergh. Signed with his mark.

(51) January, so call'd, 5th, 1755.

JOHN JACKSON of Studfold, Ravenstonedale, Haberdasher. To the wife of Robert Hadwen of Carnforth Sandside and to the wife of William Denny of Over Kellet, Lancs., and to my niece Sarah Pearson, dau. of Thomas P. y^e Elder, and to my niece Sarah Pearson dau. of Thomas P. the younger and to my nephew Thomas P. son of Thomas P. and to John Blamor of Frostraw, woolstapler, and to Thomas Gawthrop of Preston Patrick, webster, and to Margaret widow of late Wm. Tyson, now or late of Giggleswick, £1. 1. 0. each. To Alice, wife of Ralph Alderson of Nathwaite, Ravenstonedale, 20/-; to Wm. A. son of R. A. and to Agnes Ion dau. of R. A., 10/- each. To Simon and John A. sons of R. A. 30/- each and all my wearing apparel woollen and linnen not elsewhere disposed of. To Ann, wife of Thos. Thornborrow, and Ann Handley of Nathwaite, each one handkerchief. The residue of my handkerchiefs and all my neckcloths to my wife Isabel J. with £2. 2. 0. yearly. To my nephew John Pearson, son of Thomas P., £2 and my Horsemans Coat. To my brother-in-law John Hodgson and his wife, each 10/6; to Simon Alderson a box and desk. Exo^r and res. leg. my kinsman James Stansfeild of Booth Town, Halifax. Witnesses, Thomas Close, Thomas Thornborrow, Joseph Handley.

(52) Dec. 16, 1756.

JOHN THIRNBECK of Middleton head, West^d. To John Burton of Broadmire, Dent, and John Ayrey of Briggflats, yeomen, all my money on Bond etc. to pay yearly to my brother Joseph towards his mentinance and after his death to brother Manual Thirnbeck; and at his death to my nephew Rich^d Brother Manual son £11, I having given his brother John before. To the trustees £40, and remainder to nephews Rich. and John. Witnesses, James Burton, James Thompson.

Codicil, same date, directs the interest of the £40 to be given to Publick Friends of Sedbergh monthly meeting or Kendal quarter

meeting when they visit other meetings and need help while away from home.

(53) May 31, 1753.

JOHN HARKER of Lowscale in Garsdale. To my wife Margaret H. the great close chist and round table, a fether bed and all my Bed Lining and Table Lining. To my son Richard Harker the great meal chist, Cupbord and Clock and all my Bedsteads. Exors. my wife and son, to whom I leave the rest, charged with debts etc. and £16 to my sisters Mary and Emme Harker; if my wife and son divide their stock and part into 2 families before my son David be 14 years ould then my son and wife shal pay each of them £8 to my sisters—which sum my sisters shall distribute amongst any of my smal children under 16 for their maintenance or to help them to Trades or Learning. Witnesses, Richard Mason, John Wilkinson, William Mason.

(54) Nov. 1, 1755.

MARY THIRNBECK of Dowbiggin, Sedbergh, spinster. To my brother Emanuel Thirnbeck £5; my nephew John T. £10, a blue Quilt, a brown cover cloth, one pair of sheets, one Huccaback Table cloth, six Table napkins and three pewter plates and a pair of sheets and 2 pillow drawers; to my nephew Richard T. £10, the feather bed that I lye on with the furniture thereof, one diaper table cloth, six table napkins, 3 pewter plates and a pair of sheets and 2 pillow drawers. To Joseph T. son of my nephew John T. my Bible and to my nephew T.'s wife my side sadle and to his daughter Ann my trunk. To James Thompson of Cassley and his Grand dau. Mary T. 5/- each; to Mary Potter 5/-; to Mary Thompson a Hocaback tablecloth; to my brother Joseph T. the bed that he lyeth on and after his death to my nephew John T.; to my nephew Richd. T. my Best Gown and Petticoat a Black Quilt coat, a green Bodice and Stomacher and my Best black hood, a muslin and cambric Handkerchief and a Linshift. To my nephew John T. my best white camblet gown and my Green stays and my Black Quilt coat lind with Blue; and to my nephew John daughter Ann my Broadcloth cloak and my black Hat and White silk hood; to my nephew John's wife a shift and muslin and cambrick Handkerchief and a black hood, a green Gresset [flowered woollen] apron; the rest of my apparel to be divided among my nephews. Exor^s in trust, my Brother John T. of Midleton and James Burton of Hill to whom I give rest of my Personal Estate to be sold, the interest (and principal if necessary) to support my

brother Joseph T. and after his death to my 2 nephews equally. To brother John 40/- and to J. Burton 20/-. Signed with her mark. Witnesses James Spicer, John Carlile.

(55) Nov. 3, 1763.

JOHN ALDERSON of Nathwaite, Ravenstonedale, yeoman. To my wife Alis A., household goods, Utencils of Husbandry, Saddls, Bridls, Mare, Pillion and Grocers Wares. Exor^s my father-in-law Richd. Thistlethwaite of Spicegill, Dent, yeoman, and my brother Simond Alderson of Nathwaite, to whom I give my money, bonds etc. in trust; to sell such goods, chattles, books etc. as they judge may conduce to the Benefit of my wife and children, and pay them the interest, and draw on principal if need be, till my eldest child attains 21 years, when the whole is to be divided equally among wife and surviving children; those under age still to receive the interest only. If my wife marries, she shall be "for ever cut off from all benifit profit payment and advantage by and from this my last will and from the Gardianship of my children" who shall then be in the guardianship of my trustees. If she marries and all my children die young, then my brothers Simon and William and sister Agness, wife of William Ion, to share alike. Witnesses, Simon Thornborrow, Margt. Wilkinson.

(56) Nov. 11, 1765.

JOHN AIREY of Briggflats, Sedbergh. To Isaac Wilson of Kendal, Shearman dyer, Christopher Walker of Hollins, Middleton, and James Burton of Hill near Sedbergh, my messuage etc. at Hill, to pay the rents to my wife Eliz. Ayrey, and after her death the following legacies: £160 to such persons as she shall appoint; £30 to Cousin Thomas Richardson; £60 to James Richardson of Chappel Houses in Grayrigg; £40 to cousin Esther, Thomas Winn wife of Grisedale; £15 each to two sons of James Lindsay of Ravenstonedale dec^d and £10 to their sister; £20 to Rachel, Isaac Wilson's wife of Kendal; £15 to Rich^d Ashburner of Sedbergh; £20 to Robert Willan, D^r Willan youngest son; £10 to Dorothy Lupton, Roger L. wife; £10 to Nathan Leighton or his wife Deborah or if dead to his nephew Joseph Atkinson of Kendal; £5 each to Mary, wife of Xfer Walker, Mary wife of James Burton, Jane Bradley, Joseph Smith, John Harker, Mary Richard Sill's wife, Samuel Routh of Lancaster, and Mary Winn if she be my servant when I die. To my wife all the messuage etc. which I purchased of Robert Willan at Brigflats; she to be exec^x. To James Greenwood and Emma Ayrey £5 each. Witnesses, Charles Holme, John Dobson, Rowland Longhorn his mark.

(57) May 14, 1766.

ROWLAND LONGHORN of Birks near Sedbergh. To my son Wm. L. my tenantright cottage at Millthrop near Sedbergh, and out of my personal estate £5. Exec^x my dau. Eliz. wife of Charles Holme, to whom I give all my money in Bond or Bill etc. Supervisors, James Shaw of Frostray and John Ayrey of Brigflats, 5/- each. Signed with his mark. Witnesses: John Holme his mark, Dorothy Lupton.

[The original with probate May 27, 1767 from John Morgan, B.D., Commissary, W. Bateman D.D. Surr. and C. Lambert, dep. reg. is among loose deeds mentioned in appendix.]

(58) May 28, 1759, "in the 33rd year of the reign of our Sovereign lord George the Second," etc.

PHILIP HANDLEY of Nathwaite, Ravenstonedale, yeoman. To my brother John H. my messuage etc. of tenant right at Wandal in Ravenstonedale. To my nephew Isaac, son of John H. my estate etc. of tenant right at Nathwait which was devised to me by my eldest brother Joseph. To Simon and John Alderson of Nathwait £20. Witnesses, Thomas Thornborrow, Ralph Alderson, Joseph Hunter, Edward Whitehead (all signing with their marks and sworn in Court—John Nicholson, official). Codicil, same date, directs the £20 to be used for "the members of the Quakers meeting, so called, in Ravenstonedale."

(59) Feb. 4, 1767.

RICHARD ASHBURNER of the Town of Sedbergh, joiner. To my wife Mary A. my mansion or dwelling house and shop, garden, wood yard and outhouse, and after her death to her grandson Richard Sill son of Richard S. of Sedbergh, woolcomber. To my sister Agnes Cotton, wife of James C. £20; and whereas my aunt Eleanor left in my hands £10 to Agnes and her dau. Mary, this to be paid. Exec^x my wife. Witnesses, Rowland Longhorn his mark, Agnes Thirnbeck, Christ^r Walker jun. Codicil, Ap. 3, 1767, gives Agnes Cotton £5 only. Witnesses, Eliz. Law, Eliza Atkinson, Jos. Wadson.

(60) Feb. 6, 1760.

WILLIAM THISTLETHWAIT of Harbourgill in Kirthwait. My messuage etc. of Harbourgill with a large Cupboard and Table standing in the parlour, a large ark and bedstead in the Bodystead loft, a large stone Table on the backside of my house and the largest joiner work chist to my son Richard, charged with £240 to my exor^s. To my son John my messuage etc. Lea yeat. charged

with £30. My son Timothy, messuages etc., New Closes and Know Intack, with a cupboard at Lea yeat. My dau. Margaret, wife of Alexander Fothergill £40, the remainder of her portion. My dau. Isabel, wife of Henry Moreland £40 (do.). My dau. Ann, wife of Xfer Thistlethwait £40 (do.). My son Timothy £30 in addition to what I have given him. Exors., sons James and Thos. Witnesses, Anthony Mason, Richd. Burton.

Codicil, May 5, 1766. If Timothy die before me, what I have given him is to go equally to his sons Wm. and John. Witnesses, Wm. Mason, Rd. Burton, Ant. Mason.

(61) May 25, 1766.

TIMOTHY THISTLETHWAIT of Harbourgill, yeoman. To my dau. Alice £80; dau. Mary £70, at 21. Residue to my wife Eliz. who is exec^s, who if she marry again is to have no longer the Tuition of my children but to pay their legacies to my cousin James Burton and brother-in-law John Atkinson, trustees. Witnesses, Richard Thistlethwait, Thomas Thistlethwait.

(62) June 1, 1770.

THOMAS CLOSE late of Studfold, Ravenstonedale, but now residing at Nathwait, yeoman. To my wife Margaret C. one bed of Cloaths and £10 a year, and more if required. To my son-in-law John Thistlethwait the interest of £40 yearly during life or till marriage. To my granddaus. Alice, Ann, Margaret and Isabell £50 each at age of 21. To Edward Smith, Isaac Handley and Simon Alderson 20/- for poor householders at Fell End. To my kinswoman Eliz. Brewer now at Adamthwait in Ravenstonedale, 20/-. To Simon Alderson 20/-. My grandsons Wm. and Thos. Thistlethwaite exors^s and res. leg. Witnesses, Simon Thornborrow, Alice Alderson. Proved Oct. 17, 1770, before John Nicholson official of James Lowther in the Court at Ravenstonedale twon [*sic*].

(63) March 19, 1774.

THOMAS HARKER of Leeygate in Dent. I give all my effects into the care of my brother Simon H. and Richard Wilkinson my cousin; the yearly issues to my wife and dau. Margaret. If my wife marry again, I only give her 5/- but if not $\frac{1}{3}$ and my dau. the remainder. All my apparel to my bros. Simon and David H. To my trustees 1/- each. Witnesses, John Harker, Isaac Bleamire. Probat by Wm. Eden esq. M.A., Commissary in the archdeaconry of Richmond in dioc. Chester. Whereas Thos. H. did not appoint any executor we grant full power to you . . . our

beloved in Christ Simon H. and Rich. W. . . . to administer . . . and depute you, having first solemnly affirmed in due form of law before the Rev. Richard Sedgwick clerk our lawful Surrogate, administrators . . . Ap. 18, 1774. Chas. Lambert, Deputy Register.

(64) June 28, 1777.

ISAAC HANDLEY of Nathwaite, Ravenstonedale, yeoman. To my son Thomas H. my estate etc. called Wandall, now or lately in possession of Anthony Kirkbride, farmer thereof, to have and to hold . . . according to the Custom of the manor of Ravenstonedale; also all my tithes of corn, Grain, Hay, wool, Lambs, calves, Foals, Bees, etc. To my youngest son Joseph H. my estate called Howgill estate consisting of Fall, Fall Parrock, Backside and great Intake or new Intake at Nathwaite, and Tithes etc. To my Brother Edward Smith of Townhead cordwainer, the Building or Meeting House at Street, with a Garth or Burying place at Dovengill Lane Head, also a garth or Burying place at Wath (in Ravenstonedale) and Tithes etc. To my wife Mary H. goods and furniture (except 2 cupboards and a close Press which stand as partitions betwixt different Rooms); also 2 cows and the white horse. To my son John the 2 Cupboards and press. Wm. Buck of Rantree in Grisedale, Sedbergh, Ant. Mason of Cogill, Dent and Ed. Smith of Townhead, Ravenstonedale, yeoman, to be guardians of my 7 children, John, Thomas, Joseph, Ann, Mary, Eleanor and Margaret H. Remainder of personalty to daus. Witnesses, Robt. Howgill, Simon Thornborrow, Ant. Fothergill, Thomas Hunter.

(65) Oct. 23, 1766.

ISABEL JACKSON of Narthwait, Ravenstonedale, widow. To Simon Alderson of Narthwait and John Robinson of High Stenerskugh, Ravenstonedale, £40 for my nephew Nathan Bayliff if he comes into Ravenstonedale to demand it within the time of 21 years, they paying meanwhile £1. 5. 0. a year to my nephew Edmond Bayliffe, and if N.B. does not come, the principal to go to E.B. To John Gosling, John Hodgson, Thos. Close and wife, my brothers and sister, 20/- each; John Thistlethwait his wife and children 20/- each; James and Mary Gosling, son and dau. of J. G., 40/- each; Wm. Richardson's children late of Garthorn Hall and John Thornberry's children late of Ellergill, my nephews and nieces, 20/- each; John Rodgerson's dau. Margaret 20/-. To Margaret, widow of John Rodgerson, Margaret, wife of Thos.

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Dent, Margaret, widow of James Bayliff and Margaret wife of Stephen Dent, 10/- each. To the wife of Edmond Bayliff £5. To George Atkinson and Isabel Overend of Kelleth, Mary, wife of Benjamin Robinson of Crosbygarret, Isabel, wife of Joseph Sayer of Kerkby Stephen, Anthony Fothergill of Marthwait, Isabel, wife of John Banks, Elinor, wife of John Hastwell, Isabel, wife of John Robinson, Ann Thornborough my Landlady, Old Mary Fawcett of Elm pot, Mary, wife of John Holme and Eliz. Fawcett, widow of Cross Hall, 5/- each. To Simon Alderson and Isaac Handley £3 to be put to such use as John Robinson afore-said shall direct them. To the poor of Fellend Angle the sum of 20/-. To Isabel wife of Henry Lickburrow a gown at her choice and her dau. Hannah two of my best caps or headdresses. To my nephew Edmond Bayliff my bonds, bills, apparel and furniture, and he is to be exo^r. Witnesses, John Shaw, Robt. Howgill.

The £3 is to be put out to use and its product to go to the school at meeting house if there be one, and if not, to the poor that belongs the meeting.

(66) " 2nd mo " 16th, 1771.

JOHN BURTON of Dent states that John Ayrey being dead he has the £40 left by John Thirnbeck and " will pay the interest once in 2 years from time to time to the clerk of the monthly meeting at Sedbergh or Brigflats . . . so long as it shall suit me to keep the principal sum in my hands and afterwards to pay up the same to the then clerk of the said meeting." Witness, Isaac Wilson.

(67) 11th mo. 17th, 1747.

THOMAS GREENWOOD of Leniker in Dent, yeoman. To my son James G. my message etc. in Leniker, charged with £4 yearly to my wife Margaret. To my son Thomas G. £40, and £40 after death of his mother. Exo^r my son James, he suffering his mother to have the use of one Bed etc. Witnesses, James Shaw, James Buton [*sic*], John Airey. Proved Nov. 30, 1770, Richard Sedgwick, Surrigate; John Morgan, Clerk B.D.; Chas. Lambert, Dept. Register.

[Then follow a few notes on business matters of the Society, and pages 151 to 162, copied by John Holme 1869; No. 68 from an original lately in possession of Sarah Spedding of Sedbergh.]

(68) March 18, 1728.

CHARLES ATKINSON of Borrard in Marthwaite, Sedbergh, yeoman. To Joseph Speight of Birks that mansion or dwelling-

house formerly the Barn of William Dawson with dunghillstead, and after him to Margt. his dau. To Charles Holmes, son of John H. of Birks, estate wh. I bought from Wm. Dawson of London (except the above said dwelling) with that little house wh. formerly belonged the Poor, at Birks, charged with £6 a year to John Holme my nephew and Isabel, wife of Thos. Lancaster, for John Atkinson my half brother and Agnes his wife. To John Holme my nephew, my messuage etc. called Sars Tenement at Birks, now in his occupation, charged with £20 to his brother Wm. H. and 40/- per ann. to Ann H. his mother. The lands bought by me of the Governors or Feofees of Sedbergh School at Birks, commonly called the Poor Ground, to said John H. charged with £4. 15. 0. to the Govs. of Sedb. School for the use of the poor at the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, being a rent by them reserved. To John H. one gun, one chist and one table at Birks, and £10. To John Atkinson my halfbrother £3 per ann. out of personal estate till the death of either J.A. or his wife. To Richard Borret £60; to the three younger children of Rich. B., Richd., Ann and Jane, £20 each; to Barbary, wife of Mr. Slack, 2 guineas; to Thomas Farrer, son of Geo. F., 8 guineas; to Ann, wife of John Gosling £10; to Henry Blaymire £10; and £5 wh. he owes me; to Joseph Speight £20; to Margaret Speight £10; to Mrs. Mary Morland 3 guineas; to Robert Ratcliffe £4; to Isabell, wife of James Simm 2 guineas; to Agnes, dau. of James Simm, 1 guinea; to Wm. and John Banes, sons of Joseph Banes, each 5 guineas; to Eliz. wife of John Ayrey, 4 guineas; to Rachel, wife of Wm. Collinson, 3 guineas; to Margaret, wife of Richd. Branthwaite, 2 guineas; to Eliz. Pixley 3 guineas; to Richd. Backhouse and his son Robt. each 2 guineas; to Thos. Baxter 3 guineas; to Sarah, wife of Thos. Hutchinson, 2 gs. "To her that [is] caled Ann of Dicks two guineas." To Raph Burton 30/-; Eliz. Mason, shopkeeper, 30/-; two sons of Oliver Becket each [one] guinea; Mary Jackson 40/-; Margt. Bland £10 for Margt. Hadwen her dau.; Christ. Thernbeck 4 gs.; Agnes, wife of John Preston, £10; Richd. Walker 1 g.; Sarah, wife of Robt. Newton 3 gs.; Thos. Winster 1 g.; Margt. Birbeck 10/-; George Siddal 20/-; Ellener Thernbeck of London 6 gs.; Mabel, wife of Thos. Farrer 10/-; Wm. Bracken 1 g.; George Farrer 1 g.; Isabel Thernbeck 40/-; Ann Thernbeck 20/- To Governors of Sedbergh School residing in Marthwaite £30 for poor householders there, and Joseph Speight to have a share during life. To Govs. of Sed. Sch. in Soolbank and Frostrow £20 for poor there; and to those in Cautley and Dowbiggin £16 for do.; the churchwardens and overseers to see the

sums dealt out on St. Thomas day. To Wm. Holme of Hutton Roof £100; Mr. Jno. Banes wife 2 gs.; Katherine Rowlandson, widow, 2 gs. Mad^m Upton, Mrs. Catherine Upton and Mrs. Eliz. Upton, each 3 gs.; Mr. John Upton junr. 3 gs. Jenet wife of Lanclot Farrer and Mary Close her sister, both daus. of Wm. Lickbarrow of Keld, each 3 gs. The Scholars of Sedbergh Free School 1 guinea to be spent at their pleasure. Richd. Branthwaite 1 g.; Thos. Branthwaite 20/-; Agness, wife of John Howgill 1 g.; Isabel Slater 20/-; Margt. Atkinson, widow, 1 g.; Edwd. Yats 2 gs.; Jno. Hadwen of Catthole 1 g.; Charles Cawthorn 1 g.; John Walton, Stappler, at or near Halifax, 5 guineas; Robt. Sharp 2 gs. Sole Exec^x Isabel, wife of Thomas Lancaster Supervisors, Richd. Willan of Hill in Marthwaite, Thos. Lancaster of Borrard, John Holme of Birks and Richd. Branthwaite, £5 each. John Dawson 1 guinea. Witnesses, Wm. Wilson, John Wilson, Richd. Branthwaite. [In the original, which is in the loose papers mentioned in the appendix, the testator signs with his mark]. A memorial of this will was registered at Wakefield, June 16, 1729, in Lib. AA p. 340 et num. 443. Fran. Lindley, Regr.

[The last will in the book is of recent date. Then follows an index, apparently contemporary with the copies and kept going as more were added.]

APPENDIX.

[Loose documents with the book of wills].

(1, 2 and 3) Original wills of Rowland Langhorn (no. 57 *ante*) and Charles Atkinson (no. 68); also copy of the latter.

(4) Deed of marriage. EDWARD ATKINSON of Briggflatts, Sedbergh, weaver, and Agnes Woaby late wife of Henry Woaby* of Langwathby have declared their intention of marriage with each other before severall publick meetings of the people of God called Quakers in the countie of Westm'land (Shee being one of them) and E. A. having declared . . . before meetings . . . in the countie of York . . . These are to certifie that for the full determining of their said Intentions this 13th day of 3rd mo. 1683 they appeared in a solemn and publick assembly . . . at the house of Anthonie Robinson at Dixengill [?] Dovengill] in Ravenstone-dale, etc. . . .

* For 'Walby'? A Henry Walby sent his son to Penrith School in 1708 (*Records of Q. Eliz. Grammar School*, 62).

Thomas Moore	Isabell Rogerson (mark)	Edward Atkinson
Thomas Holaday	Isabell Holliday	Agnes Atkinson
William forness	Elizabeth Kniwstopp (mark)	
John Blayklinge	Ellen Robinson	
Isack hadley	Elin ffawcet (mark)	
Tomas ffaugett	Mary ffawcett (mark)	
John [Knewstopp ?] (mark)		
Thomas []es		
Richard Adamthwaite		
John Rogerson		
James [ffawcet ?]		
Willim ffawcet		

(5) Deed of marriage, THOMAS HANDLEY of Edgworth, Bolton, Lancs., son of Isaac H. of Narthwaite, Ravenstonedale, yeoman dec^d and Mary his wife, and Tabby Thomasson dau. of Thomas T. of Edgworth, yeoman, dec^d and Margaret his wife. 19th of 2nd mo. 1798; At the meeting house in Edgworth. Witnesses, Margt. Thomasson, Joseph Handley, Thos. Thomasson, Peggy Thistlethwaite, John Thomasson, Isabel Ashworth, Jno. Ashworth, Mary Thomasson, William Thistlethwaite, Daniel Binns, Margaret Binns, Joseph Binns, James Binns, Michael Smith, John Binns, Richard Binns, Geo. Binns, Philip Kirkbride, Sarah Binns, John Binns, Benjamin Binns, John Wood, junr., Joseph Dougill, John Head, [Katherine ?] Thistlethwaite, Peggy Horrocks, Joshua Wood, William Brown, Elizabeth Wood, Joshua Beane, Margaret Wood, Betty Holt, Ralph Longworth, Sally Horrocks, Jane Knowles, Ann Rothwell, Jenny Bentley, Mary Knowles, Ann Holt, Kitty Longworth, Mary Bentley, Martha Haworth, James [Broadwood ?], James Palmer, Sarah Tipping, Betty Horrocks, Jane Thomasson, John Knowles, John Bentley.

Endorsed:—Tho. Handley senior died 21-6-1840, buried on the 25 at Brigflats. Thos. Handley senior born 2-3-1769. Mary H. born 25-12-1800. Thos. H. junr. born 10-11-1804. Wm. H. born 25-10-1813. Joseph H. born 5-3-1809. John H. born 2-9-1811. Margt. H. born 14-10-1802. Sarah dau. of Isaac H. born 24-11-1826. Tabitha H. ditto. 22-8-1829.

(6) Probate of the Will of JONATHAN WEARING of Kendal, innkeeper. To Gilbert Askew, John Johnson, hosier and Richard Clementson horn comb maker, all of Kendal, exors. All my personal estate, for Eliz. my wife to take such part as necessary for house-keeping; the rest to be sold and interest given to wife. To dau. Martha and son Thomas £20 each and rest to dau. Eleanor, wife of Thomas [Hillington ?], Mary, wife of Thomas Wharton [?], Betty the wife of Thomas Gibson Askew, Martha and Thomas, equally. Signed with his mark, Dec. 14, 1810. Witnesses, Tobias

Hutchinson, Isaac Wilson. Proved before Rev. Matthew Murfitt, M.A., Surrogate; George Markham D.D. commissary; John Dowbiggin dep. reg. May 12, 1813; under £420.

(7) Probate of Will of RICHARD BREAKS of Camsgill, Preston Patrick, cordwainer. To my son Wm. B. of Kirkby Kendal, cordwainer, and Samuel Parrat of Deer Park, Preston Richard, yeoman, my messuages etc. at Camsgill and at Whetstone, Preston Patrick, and my Close called Flatend, also goods, stock-in-trade etc. making them exors. on trust to sell etc.; the interest to my wife Elizabeth B., and after her death to son Thos. B., son William, and daus. Esther Labrow and Sarah Waterhouse. Signed May 28, 1803. Witnesses, Thomas Harrison, Thomas Inman, Jonathan Farrer. Proved before Rev. M. Murfitt, Ap. 14, 1808; under £460.

(8) Probate of Will of WM. BREAKS of Kendal, cordwainer. To Wm. Ferguson, manufacturer and John Johnson, hosier, both of Kendal, as trustees of my son Richd. B. till he be 24, with remainder to sisters Esther, wife of William Labrey and Sarah, wife of Henry Waterhouse and brother Thomas B. Signed Sept. 16, 1809; Witnesses Thomas Hamilton, John Williamson. Codicil, Dec. 16, 1809, Witnesses, Mary Berket, George Brown. Proved before Rev. M. Murfitt, Nov. 29, 1810 [same commissary and dep. reg.; all the exors. were Quakers and affirmed].

(9) Deed of Feoffment of House etc. at Birks, consⁿ £10; Robt. and Margt. Newton to Charles Holme May 14, 1764.

The house and ground at Birks in Marthwaite was left to Margt. dau. of Joseph Speight by Charles Atkinson of Borrard, yeoman.

Witnesses, Giles Speight, John Gosling [Margt. signs with her mark].

(10) Copy of letter from Samuel Winn, H.M.S. Majestic at sea off the Island of Sicily, Sept. 7th, 1798, to his mother mentioning John and James his brothers and Eleanor and Betty his sisters, and describing the battle of the Nile in a graphic manner. He concludes "our Captain one Westcott was killed in the action and was greatly lamented for he was a good man."

(11) Deed of association to prosecute offenders, Sedbergh, April 12, 1819.