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JOSEPH FIRTH OF BANK TOP

Will: 10th August 1801 ***Inventory: 14th May 1810***

Probate: 30th May 1810 *Date of Death: 7th May, year unknown, probably 1810*

Probable burial: Joseph Firth of Banktop, 10th May 1810, aged 81, at Marsden St. Bartholomew's[1]

Borthwick reference: Joseph Firth of Banktop, Marsden, clothier, May 1810, Will and Inventory; Box 1781-1820, No.31

Will

10th August 1801

Size 16⅛" x 13¼", folded in two vertically *Material: Bluish paper*

Folio 1 recto – will

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Firth of Banktop in Marsden in the County of York Clothier being of sound and disposing mind and Memory (praised be God) do this tenth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and one make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following First I will and order that all my just Debts and funeral Expenses shall be paid and satisfied out of my personal Estate by my Executor hereinafter named. I give and devise to Ann my loving Wife and her Assigns for and during the Term of her natural Life All my real Estate at Banktop And also the Use of All my Houshold Goods Stock of Cattle Husbandrygeer and of all other my personal Estate But I will and order She shall not reduce the same nor make any Alteration therein except what is usual in the Course of Farming I give and devise to my Brother John Firth and his Assigns during the Term of his natural Life the House wherein he lives with the Appurtenan[ces][2] I also give to him two Shillings a Week during the Term of his natural Life to be paid to him weekly by my Executor out of my personal Estate but if it fall short the residue to be paid out of my real Estate and I do hereby charge the same with the true payment thereof. I give and devise All my said real Estate to John Dyson who now lives with me and his Assigns during the Term of his natural Life To hold to him from and after the Death of my said Wife. I also give to him All my personal Estate whatsoever absolutely and I desire that He will take Care to provide proper Necessaries for my Wife during the remainder of her [Life][3]

Folio 1 verso – will

after my Death and I desire He will make it as comfortable to her as he can And from and after the Death of the said John Dyson I give and Devise All my said real Estate to Joseph Dyson Son of the said John Dyson and his Heirs for ever I having surrendered all my said real Estate into the Hands of the Lord of the Manor of Marsden according to the Custom of the

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1 recorded in register of St. Bartholomew, and of parish of Almondbury (Marsden burials)
2 these letters inserted above the line (to fit into end of line)
3 this last word is squeezed in below the last line

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said Manor To and for such Uses as I should declare in and by my last Will and Testament concerning the same. I give and bequeath to James Gledhill of Hilltop to Luke Gledhill and Elizabeth Gledhill of the same place and to Mary Wife of John Roebuck of Great Clough Ten pounds apiece and to Joseph Firth of Banktop five pounds to be paid to them severally at the end of Six Months next after the Death of the Survivor of me and my Wife All which Legacies I will shall be paid out of my personal Estate Yet if it fall short I will the residue shall be paid out of my real Estate with the payment whereof I hereby charge it. All the rest and residue of my personal Estate I give and bequeath to the said John Dyson whom I appoint sole Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first before written

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 and at his request have subscribed our Names as Witnesses } his Mark Joseph + Firth and Seal [4]

Mary Crosland
Sarah Berry
Ja[me]s Crosland[5]

Folio 2 verso – will

Died 7th May

Written at 90⁰:

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Joseph Firth's Will

proved 30th May 1810

Written at 180⁰:

John Dyson of Bank Top Clothier
Sworn to Per[*sona*]l Est[*ate*] under 100L [*£100*]

To be admitted

See below

[4] large oval red wax seal with a portrait bust
[5] signature followed by a flourish which may denote 'attorney'
[6] this number, in maroon ink, may be Manor of Marsden numbering

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Inventory

14th May 1810

Size 15⅛" x 13⅜", folded in two vertically *Material: Bluish paper*

Folio 1 recto – inventory

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattles of the Lately Deceased Joseph Firth of Banktop in the Township of Marsden and Parish of almondbury And County of York taken this 14th Day of May 1810

	£	s	D
In the House			
Purse and Apparel	0	10	6
Clock and Case	1	5	0
2 Chests	0	15	0
Cupbard	0	8	0
Pewter Pots and Pewter Case	0	10	6
5 Chairs and 3 Stools	0	10	6
Range and fire Iorns	0	8	0
Cans Pots and Sundries	0	8	0
2 Tubs and Churn and Kneading Tub	0	10	6
2 Barrels &c [*etc*.]	0	7	0
In the Chamber			
One Pair of Looms	0	13	0
2 Beds and Bedding	1	5	0
One Ark	0	8	6
One Chest	0	2	6
Saddle and Sundries	0	11	3
In the Barn and Shippon			
Hay Sledge	0	5	6
Drum Sled	0	9	6
Stone Sled	0	2	0
Old Harrow	0	2	6
2 Wheels	0	4	0
Load Saddle	0	2	6
Brought over £	9	19	3

Folio 1 verso – inventory

	£	s	d
Farming Utensils	1	1	0
One Cow	5	3	6
One Cow	2	12	6
One Galloway	3	4	6
	12	1	6
Brought forward	9	19	3
£	22	0	9

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[7]John Wood
Sam[*ue*]l Whitehead
Thomas Parkin
Sam[*ue*]l Firth

Folio 2 verso – inventory, written at 90^{0}

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[7] all these names are in the same hand so are not signatures; this is probably a fair copy of the inventory
[8] this number, in maroon ink, may be Manor of Marsden numbering