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John Sutcliffe of Stansfield, 1623

Will: 20th February 1623 ***Probate: 27th February 1623***

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In the name of God Amen the one and twentieth day of Februarie Anno domini one thowsand sixe hundredth twentie and three I John Sutcliffe of Eastwoodlee in the towneshipp of Stansfeild Sicke in bodie but of good remembrance the lord be thannked do declare so do wite[1] and make this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Following First and principallie I give and bequeath my soule into the handes of Almightie god my maker trusting to to be saved by the death and passion of jesus christ myne alone Saviour and Readeamer And my body I Comitt to the earth from whence it was made And as Concerneing those worldlie goods where with the lord hath blest me withall both Cattles Chattells and legacies which was given and bequeathed unto me by the last wills and testaments of my Uncle John Sutcliffe and of William Sutcliffe my brother late deceased I give and bequeath unto Edward Sutcliffe my naturall father five poundes I give unto Marie Sutcliffe my naturall mother five pounds I give unto David Sutcliffe five pounds I give unto Mary Sutcliffe wife of Richard Sutcliffe [fiv] twentie shillinges Item unto two childrenn which I am godfather to ether of them twentie shillinges Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Sutcliffe and William Sutcliffe of the wood haose either of them twentie shillinges Item I give and bequeath unto the pooer of Stansfeild Fortie shillinges to be disposed by [Abraham] Edward Sutcliffe and Abraham Clegge Item I give unto the pooer of Langfeild Fortie shillinges to be disposed by Edward Sutcliffe my Father and Robert Farrer Item I give and bequeath unto Abraham Clegg twentie shillinges Item I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods Cattles and Chattles to Edward Sutcliffe and Robert Sutcliffe my naturall brothers to be equallie devided amongst them and I make and appoint Edward Sutcliffe my naturall father sole Executor of this my present testament trusting that he will see it truelie executed as my trust is in him reposed And in testimonie thereof I have setto my hand and seale the day and yeare above written Sealled in the presence of these names hereunder written by me Abraham Clegg Henrie Lee John Grime John Leigh and Abraham Sutcliffe.

Et vicesimo septimo die mensis ffebruarij Anno domini Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo tertio Probatum fuit huiusmodi testamentum per testes nominatos iuratos Comissaque fuit administratio bonorum eiusdem defuncti Edwardo Sutcliffe patri eiusdem defuncti ac soli Executori in eodem testamento nominato prius iurato Salvo iure Cuiuscumque etc.

And on the twenty seventh day of the month of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty three this man's will was proved by the testimony of the witnesses named and sworn. And administration of the goods of the same deceased was granted to Edward Sutcliffe, father of the same deceased and sole executor named in the same will, first sworn, saving the right of whomsoever etc.

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[1] This word looks like wite but only the first and last letters; w and e are clearly legible.

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