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Thomas Houghton of Stansfeild, 1630

Will: 12th July 1630 ***Probate: 11th October 1630***

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In the name the twelveth day of July Anno domini One thousand six hundred and thirty I Thomas Houghton of the Eastwood in the Townshipp of Stansfeild in the County of Yorke yeoman, beinge att this present somewhat sicke and Craisie of body but of good and perfect memorie thankes bee to god to the end that amity love and concord may bee preserved and kept amonge my freinds and kins folkes after my decease doe publish and declare this my present last will and testament in writinge revokinge both in Deede and in lawe all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in manner as followeth that is First I give and Commend my soule into the handes of Almighty god my Creator Assuredly trustinge and faithfully beleivinge to have all my sinnes and offences pardoned, in and by the merrittes of Jesus Christ my alone saviour and blessed redeemer, and my body to the earth whereof it was made in sure and certaine hope of the resurreccion unto eternall life. And as concerninge my worldly estate my will and mind is that all my true and lawfull debtes bee First paid & my Funerall expences discharged out of my whole goodes. Then my will and mind is that Aice my wife shall have her right out of my said goodes accordinge to the coustome of the province wherein I dwell. And I give and bequeath unto my sonne Michaell Houghton One paire of loomes, one Chist, two of the best sheepe att his owne election the residewe of all my goodes & Chattells, I doe hereby give devise and bequeath unto my daughters Susan and [blank] equally to bee devided between them. And whereas I have in possession of this present two acres and three roodes of land late taken in and inclosed from the Commons or waistes of Stansfeild aforesaid my will and mind is that if my sonne Michaell Houghton doe well and truly pay or cause to bee paid unto my said two daughters Susan and Grace their heires or Assignes or some of them the somme of Twenty Fower poundes of lawfull money of England, in six yeares after my decease that is to say the some of Fower poundes, in a yeare either [a.t..] of them Forty shillinges at the Feastes of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishopp in winter by equall portions. That then the said two acres and three roodes of land shall discend remaine and bee to the said Michaell my sonne his heires and Assignes for ever. But if default bee made in payment of the severall sommes of Fower poundes in a yeare for six yeares after my decease att the Feastes aforesaid to them the said Susan and grace my said daughters. Then my will and minde is that they the said Susan and Grace shall enter to the said two acrres and three roodes of land with thappurtenances to the sole and proper use and behoofe of them the said Susan and Grace my daughters and of their heirs and Assignes, for duringe and untill they the said Susan and Grace my said daughters have received the said somme of Twenty Fower poundes by equall portions as is above expressed. And I nominate make and appoint the said Aice my wife sole and whole executor of this my last will and testament accordinge to my mind herein contayned. In wittnes whereof to this my present last will and testament I the said Thomas Houghton the testator have putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Witnesses hereof Joseph Wood Henry Lee Samuell Eastwood and [blank] One thousand six hundred and Thirty Et undecimo die mensis Octobris Anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo tricesimo dictus decanus decanatus certificavit de probatione huiusmodi testamenti per testes

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nominatos iuratos Comissaque fuit Administratio bonorum dicti defuncti soli executrici in eodem testamento nominate iurate. Salvo iure Cuiuscumque.

And on the eleventh day of the month of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and thirty the said dean of the deanery certified the proving of this man's will by the witnesses named and sworn. And administration of the goods of the said deceased was granted to the sole executrix named in the same will and sworn, saving the right of whomsoever.