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Richard Mychell of Feldheade 1581

Will: 22nd September 1581 ***Probate: 1st November 1581***

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Testamentum Richardi Mytchell Defuncti

In dei nomine Amen The xxijtid day of September In the yere of our lord god 1581 I Rycherd Mychell of feld heade in the parishe of Heptonstall and in the countie of york syck in bodye and of good and perfyte remembrance thankes be to god doo ordeane and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing That is to say first and principallye I gyve and bequeth my soule into thandes of almightie god my maker and redeamour, trusting and faithfullie beleving to have full and fre remissyone of all my Synnes and offences throughe the mooste precious bloodeshedding of our Saviour Jesus Chryst And my bodye to be buryed in the church at Heptonstall emonges the bodyes of other faithfull people of Christ And to the Vycar thereof one mortuarye according to the statute in that case provided Also my Will is that all my dettes which I do owe to any maner of persone or persons What soever be first paid and Discharged of my whoole goodes And then Elizabeth my wyfe to have hir full and lawfull right boothe of landes and goodes atccording to the custome of the cuntrie Also my will ys that after my whoole dettes be discharged Then all my whoole goodes to be devided into thre partes whereof the said Elizabeth my wife to have one parte for hir right as is said The secounde parte to be equally distributed emonges Grace Mytchell Marye Mitchell and Martha Mytchell my thre daughters And of the third parte my mynde and will is first to be honestlye brought forthe And the rest of the third parte to be gyven and Distributed emonges my said daughters according as my executors and overseers or the greter parte of theim shall think meete and appoint at their discrecyons Provided alwais and my will is that if the said Elizabeth (or the greter parte of theim shall think meete and appoint[1]) now my wife be conceaved with child ether man childe or waman childe that the same shall have that parte and porcione of goodes equallie with my said daughters in all respectes And if any of my children die before the come to their lawfull age or be maryed then my will is that their parte and porcione shall remain and be eqallie distributed and devided emonges thother being lyving Also as concerning the gyving of all my messuages landes tenementes rentes revercions and Services with their appurtennances in Stansfell osset manningham in Bradford or els where shall remain for ever in maner and forme as hereafter is expressed and declared That is to say fyrst my mynde is and I will and gyve theim all to the use behafe and bringing up of all my children untill gregorie Mytchell my eldest soone and heire and Richerd Mytchell my younger sone shalbe of the full age of xxj yeres except theim that shalbe maryed before the said gregorye and Richerd do come to the age of xxjtie yeres And then my will is and I gyve unto the said Rycherd Mytchell my sone and the heirs male of his bodye lawfullie begotten for ever in consideracione that he shall not challenge or clame any parte or porcione of my goodes thoolde house and the moytie and one half of all my landes tenementes medows and pastures with their appurtennances called feildheade within the townshipp of Stansfeld aforesaid now in the tenure and

[1] Use of parentheses by clerk seems to indicate a mistake in the copying these words which repeat a phrase written a couple of lines previously

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occupacion of me the said Richerd Mytchell or myne Assignes bi the service thereof dew and of right accustomed And for defalt of suche yssew to remaine to the said gregorye Mytchell and theires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten for ever The rest of all my said messuages landes tenementes rentes revercions and services with thappurtennances whatsoever in the said Stansfeld osset maningham or els where in whoos tenure or occupacione so ever thei be I gyve and will unto the said Gregorie Mytchell and the heirs males of his bodye lawfullie begotten for ever And for defalt of suche Issue then all the said premisses with appurtennances to remayne to Richerd Mytchell my youngest sone and the heirs male of his bodye lawfullie begotten for ever And for defalt of suche yssew to the right heirs of the said gregorie and Rycherd forever Provided alwais and my will is that if my Executours and overseers or the greater parte of theim shall dyslyke of the behaviour and trade of lyving of the said gregorye and Richerd or ether of theim when thei shalbe and come to the full aige of xxj yeres That then my said executours and overseers or the more parte of theim shall receave and take the rentes of all the premisses untill my said sones come to thage of xxiiij^{tie} yeres allowing to theim a competent reasonable and sufficient some of money towardes their keping and the overplus of the said rentes to be gyven and be bestowed upon the said Rycherd and gregorie or upon my other children at the discretione of my said Executours and overseers or the maior parte of them any thing in this my presente last will and testament before rehearsed to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding further my will is that my executours shall have the tuycione and governement of my said children and their filiall porcions untill thei come to their lawfull age or be maryed ordering them and their porcions as shalbe thought mooste profytable and comodious for theim at the discrecione of my said overseers or of the maior parte of theim Also I do ordein and make Johne grenewoode my brother in law and Elizabeth my wyfe my trew and lawfull executours of this my last will and testament And over theim I do nominate apoint and desyre Anthonie Bentley Rycherd Mytchell of Slatering Rycherd Mytchell of Stryndes senior and Rycherd Mytchell Junior supervisours and overseoers to se this my last will and testament trewlye and faithfullie executed and performed according the trew Intent and meaning thereof Thes being wytnesses Sir William Mytchell Clerk Thomas grenewoode of Colden Christofer Mytchell And Johne Hanley curat at Heptonstall Anthonye Bentley and Richerd mytchell Junior

Et primo die Novembris Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo Octogesimo Primo decanus de pontefracto certificavit se dictum testamentum per duos ultimos testes in eodem nominates et iuratos probasse Executionemque eiusdem executoribus in eodem nominatis primitus in forma iuris iuratis commisisse Salvo Jure cuiuscumque.

And on the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eighty one the Dean of Pontefract certified that he had approved the said will on the testimony of the two last witnesses named in the same will and sworn, and that he had granted execution of the same to the executors named in the same, they first having been sworn in legal form. Saving the right of whomsoever.