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William Greenwood of Howgate, 1641

Will: 6th May 1641 ***Probate: July 1641***

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In the name of God Amen Maie the vjth Anno Domini 1641. I William Greenewood [..] of Howgate in Stansfield in the Countie of yorke Husbandman sicke in body but of sound memorie I thanke God doe make and ordaine my last Will and Testament as followeth. First I commend my soule into the handes of Almightie God my loving Father: trusting assuredly to have full and free remission of my sinnes by the Death and Passion of Christ Jesus my onely Saviour and Redeemer, and my bodie to the earth in stedfast hope of a ioyfull Resurreccion to eternall life at the last daie. And as concerning my worldly Goodes wherewith God hath blessed [my] mee, my will and mynd is that I be honestly and decently buryed according to my Calling, and that my Funerall expences and Church dues be payd and discharged out of my whole Goodes. Item I give unto Marie and Anne Shepheard my grandchildren xx^{s} that is to say unto either of them x^{s} payable at one whole yeare end after my deceasse and I have Attorneyed and authorised John Fielden to pay it them at the tyme afforesayd, out of the summe of xl^{s} which I have Attorneyed and authorised him the sayd John Fielden to receive for me at the handes of James Shepheard their Father: which he oweth mee. Item I lend unto my executors hereafter in these presents named, the summe of xxx^{s} out of my Goodes and Chattells untill Susan Samuel and Sara Greenewood my grandchildren shall respectively and severally accomplishe the age of xxj^{tie} yeares and then my will is that the sayd xxx^{s} and xij^{d} the pound Interest per annum be equallie severally and respectively payd by my sayd executors to my sayd 3 grandchildren, or to so many of them as shall live to the sayd Age, always provided, that the living have the advantage of the dead if any of them three die before that age. Item I lend unto my sayd executors xx^{s} untill my grandchild Elizabeth Clegge accomplish the age of xv^{een} yeares and then my Will is that my executors paie unto her the sayd summe of xxs with xijd the pound Interest per annum. Item I give unto William Greenewood sonne of Ambrose Greenewood my sonne the summe of nyne poundes of which nyne poundes I appoint his Father Ambrose Greenewood and his mother Marie ioynt Tutors and I appoint by this my Will that A quittance From Ambrose Greenewood my sonne or from Marie his upon the Receipt of this 9^{li} shallbe a sufficient Discharge to my executors provided alwayes that unles Ambrose my sonne seale and Deliver to my executors a generall release of all Clayme further unto my Goodes and Chattells, this legacy to his Child not to be payable. Item I give unto John Greenewood my sonne one of my three Arks at his owne choyce, and xxx^{s} in money

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expence costs Charges lab.....and disbursments as t..y shalbe put unto by reason of their being my executors. And after they be so discharged of [any][all]and every such Charges, then my Will and mynd is that what shall remaine in my executors hands be distributed un.. such and so many of my poorest and most needfull kinsfolkes as in my executores in their charitable iudgent and discretion shall thinke fit and so cause for without any controllement or compulsion and to be accomptable to the Overseers for xij[d] the pound grace whilest they keep it the tyme afforesayd Item I give unto our preacher at [our]Chappell at Crossestone vj[s] desiring him there for to preach at my buriall

And of this my last will I ordaine and nominate Edward [jurat]Barker and William [jurat]Crosley my ioynt executores and Jonathan Scolfield and James Gibson to be supervisors, that the same may be faithfully discharged as my trust is in them all reposed and they likewise to be discharged of any Costes and Charges they shall be put unto by their paynes and labour to see this my last will executed. lastly I hereby make voyd all former wille. ... me at any tyme heretofore made by word or writing

The testators marke X

Sealed and signed and also declared to By my last will in the presence of Abraham[jurat]Clegge Jonathan Scolefield.

Verso:

William Greenwood 40[li] Radcliffe cert July 1641

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[1] probably discretion but, as in the case of the three lines above, the top left and top right corners of the sheet are missing and only the first few letters and the last are present in this word..