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John Stainsfeild of Stansfeild, 1587

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Testamentum Johannis Stainsfeild

In the name of God Amen the xxviijth day of october Anno domini a thousand five hundrethe eyghtie seaven, I John Stainsfeild of harteleyroyd in stansfeild in the Countie of yorke yeoman, Consideringe the uncertainetie of mans lyfe for quietnes to be had amonges my Wife and Childrien after my decease do ordeyne and make this my present testament conteyninge herein my last Will as Followethe, That is to say First and principallie I give and Commend my soule into the handes of almightie my lovinge and mercyfull father assuredlie belevinge to have full and sure remmission and forgivenes of all my synes and offences throughe the most precious deathe and passion of his sonne Jesus Christ my alone saviour and redeemer, And my bodie to be buried in the Churche or Churche yeard at heptonstall amonges the bodies of the faithfull. Faithfull ther buried trustinge with them to have a Joyfull resurrection And to the vicar therof one mortuarie accordinge to the statute in that Case provided. Also concerninge the giveinge and dispossinge of my goodes, First my Will is that all my duties and lawfull dettes be therof deducted and paid, And then Agnes my Wife to have her lawfull Righte therof, That is to saye, one Full third parte therof to be taken upe First of suche goodes as are nowe in my possession, Also my Will is And I do give unto John Cleaton and gilbert Baristall thirtie poundes which Edmond Stansfeild dothe owe unto me equallie betwixt them. Provided that nycholas Feilden shall have twentie markes of the said thirtie poundes in his hands untill the full end of sexe years next after the day of my death and the said money paid, And then to paye the same unto the said John and gilberte ther executors or assignes equallie betwixt them as is said, Also I give unto nycholas Feilden and his heires for ever one parcell of land called Knottes and all my Ryghte and title in the same, Also I give unto the said nycholas Feilden all the Right title and intrest which I have in that tenement called wewley. Also my will is that yf my goodes and dettes will not extend to paye my Wyfe her Right. And the said thirtie poundes unto the said John Clayton and Gilbert Baristall the everye one to rebaite porcion and porcion licke, And yf yt extend to more the some to remaine to my executor, Also I give unto Richard Crosley all suche Rates as henrye Stansfeild haith yet to paye Also my Will is that william mychall clarke shall have the best tree within my woode, Also I will and my mynd is to be honestlie brought furthe of my said goodes accordinge to my Callinge Any thinge afore rehearsed to the Contrarye not withstandinge, Also I do nominate and appoynt nycholas Fielden to be executor of this my said last will and testament, And I do desyre and appoynt mr James Stansfeild of Stansfeild to be oversere and supervisor of this my said Will to se yt trulie executed and fulfilled accordinge to the true meanyinge therof, And to have his Costes borne of my goodes as ofte as he takes paines ther aboutes. These beinge Witnesses Thomas Brigge, Edward Brigge and William mychell.

Et vicesimo secundo die mensis Junij Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo octavo decanus de Pontefract certificavit de appobacione huiusmodi testamenti per testes in eodem testamento nominatos iuratos etc Commissaque fuit administracio bonorum eiusdem Agneti relictæ dicti defuncti cum solvendo debita et legata dicti defuncti iuxta iuris

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exigentium etc in forma iuris iuratæ etc Salvo iure cuiuscumque Nycholao Feilden coexecutore *(sic)* in eodem testamento nominato onus executionis dicti testamenti in se suscepise penitus et expresse renuntiante.

And on the twenty second day of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and eighty eight the Dean of Pontefract certified his approval of the will of this man on the testimony of the witnesses named in the same will and sworn etc and administration of the goods of the same was granted to Agnes relict of the said deceased making payment of the debts and legacies of the said deceased according to the requirement of the law etc she having been sworn in form of law etc Saving the right of whomsoever. Nycholas Feilden coexecutor (sic) *named in the same will honestly and expressly renouncing the burden of execution of the said will which he had taken upon himself.*