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Abraham Mitchell of Stansfield 1593

Will: 20th April 1593 ***Probate: 25th September 1593***

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In the name of god amen. the xx^th^ daie of Aprill Anno domini 1593 and in the xxxv^th^ yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Ladie Elizabethe by the grace of god Queene of England Frannce and Irelande defender of the faithe etc I Abraham michell of Thestwoode in Stansfeild in the parishinge of heptonstall and countie of yorke yeoman beinge of good and perfecte memorie thankes be to god notwithstandinge some weaknes and imbecillitie of bodie do make ordeine and declare this my presente Testamente conteininge herein my laste will as well touchinge my landes tenements possessions and heriditamentes as also concerninge my goodes and chattels in manner and forme followinge that is saie Firste and principallie I commende my soule into the handes of Almightie god my moste lovinge and mercifull Father assuredlie belevinge to have full and fre remission and forgivenes of all my sinnes and offences throughe the deathe and passion of Jesus christe his sonne my alone Saviour and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the parishe churche or chappell at heptonstall afforesaid amongste the bodies of the faithfull there buried trustinge withe them to have a ioyfull resurrection And as concerninge my messuages landes, tenementes and hereditamentes it is my will and minde and by this my presente Testamente I do will, give grante, devise assure and confirme all those my messuages or tenementes houses edifices barnes buildinges gardens landes tenementes medowes, closes pastures and hereditamentes with appurtenances whatsoever in the said Estwoode now in the severall tenures and occupacions of me the said Abraham michell and John deane unto Margaret now wife of me the said Abraham and to her assignes for and duringe the tearme of her life naturall, for and in the name of all her thirde righte and dower of all my said landes and tenementes she the said Margaret and her assignes yeildinge and payinge therefore yearelie duringe the said tearme of her life viij^s^ of cheife rente, ij^s^ vj^d^ of tiethe silver and iij^s^ ij^d^ of chappell wages. And after the decease of the said Margaret I do will give grante devise assure, and confirme all the same messuages or tenements and other the premisses with appurtenances in Estwoode afforesaid nowe in the tenure and occupacion of me the said Abraham Michell and the said John deane unto Alice michell my Eldeste daughter and to the heires of her bodie lawfullie begotten and to be begotten and for defaulte of suche issue the remainder thereof unto Anne michell and Elizabeth michell my two youngest daughters and to the heires of the bodies of the said Anne and Elizabeth lawfullie begotten and to be begotten the remainder thereof for defaulte of suche issue to the use of the righte heires of me the said testatore for ever. And I do rate and Apportion that the foresaid viij^s^ of cheife rente ij^s^ vj^d^ of of tiethe silver and ij^s^ ij^d^ of chappell wages shalbe yearelie paid furthe of the said messuages landes tenementes and premisses to the cheife lordes of the fee and righte owners thereof for ever Also it is my will and minde and by this my presente testamente I do will, give grannte, devise assure, and confirme all other my messuages or tenements houses edifices barnes buildinges gardens, landes tenementes medowes closes pastures and hereditamentes with appurtenances whatsoever by what name or title soever theie be called in Stansfeilde aforesaid and in

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Oulton now in the several tenures or occupacions of Edmunde Barker Robarte Chadwicke John Michell John Turner John Crabtree John Stansfeilde and Alice michell widowe there or anie of their assigne or assignes or undertennantes or of anie other personne or personnes whosoever, with all their Rightes members and appurtenances in the saide Stansfeild and Oulton unto the said Anne michell and Elizabethe michell my younger daughters Equallie betweene them to be devided To have and to houlde the same tenementes and premisses to the said Anne and Elizabethe my daughters and to the heires of their severall bodies lawfullie begotten and to be begotten and for defaulte of suche issue the Remainder thereof to the said Alice michell my eldest daughter and to the heires of her bodie lawfullie begotte and for defaulte of suche issue the remainder and Reverter thereof to the righte heires of me the said testator for ever of the whiche my said messuages tenementes and hereditamentes in Olton beinge of the nature of coppie houlde landes I have given uppe a surrender into the handes of James Greenewoode of Greenewoodlee and John Stansfeild being customarie tennantes there to make writinge thereof accordinge to the custome of the mannor to the use of my said younger daughters accordinge to the true intente and meaninge of this my presente testamente And it is my will and minde that the said tenementes and premisses to the said Anne and Elizabethe my daughters in forme aforesaide bequeathed shalbe chardged and chargeable with the residue of all suche free Rentes tiethe silver and chappell wages as in anie wise are and shalbe due and payable for my said landes and tenementes afforesaid Provided alwais and it is my full will and minde that if the said Margaret my wife shalbe with childe at the time of my deathe withe issue male whiche do happen to live, that then my said daughters shall have everie one of them one hundrethe poundes to be taken uppe and Received of the firste issues and profites of all my said messuages or tenementes and premisses withe appurtenances in Stansfeilde and Oulton exceptinge and reservinge yearelie out of the said issues and profittes everie yeare v^{li} onelie towarde the educacion and bringinge uppe of suche issue male untill everie one of my said daughters shall have received c^{li} and afterwardes I give and bequeathe all the same my said landes and tenementes to my said issue male his heires and assignes for ever Provided also and it is my minde and will that if the said Margaret my wife happen to be with childe with issue female at the daie of my deathe then my will and minde is, and I do by this my presente laste will and testamente give and devise all my foresaid messuages landes, tenementes,and hereditamentes with appurtenances whatsoever in Stansfeild and Oulton afforesaid to be equallie parted and devided amongste all my foure daughters at the discrecion of the supervisores of this my said laste will and testament and it is my will and minde that all the Rentes issues and profites of all my said messuages landes and tenementes shall remaine equallie amongste my said daughters duringe the tearme of the life of the said margaret my wife Savinge that everie one of my said Daughters shall have no more but everie one of them five poundes in a yeare of the said profites and issues of the said premisses towardes their bringinge uppe and the residewe of the said issues to be put to profitte at the discrecion of my said Overseers Duringe their minoroties anie worde gifte grannte clause sentence, thinge or thinges whatsoever before herein rehearsed to the contrarie in anie wise notwithstandinge and as concerninge my worldlie goodes and chattels ^{it} is my will and minde and by this my presente testament I do will and devise that all suche dettes and duties as I owe in righte or conscience to anie personne or personnes be firste paid and dischardged of the same and then my said goodes to be devided into three equall partes

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whereof the said margaret my wife to have one parte the seconde parte to remaine Equallie amonste my said daughters and of the thirde parte (after that I be honestlie brought furthe of the same and my funerall expences dischardged) I do give unto Jennet greenewoode my aunte xx^{s} Item I give to Anne Barker one Cowe or xl^{s} Item I give to John Crosley sonne of Abraham Crosley x^{s} Item I give to Robart michell xx^{s} Item I give to Edmonde Barker my Godsonne my little meare and to Robart Farrer x^{s} Item to henrie Brockdenn x^{s} and to Abraham Crosley and Abraham Shepperde either of them vj^{s} viij^{d} Item I give to Abraham Barkar x^{s} and to willim Barkar x^{s} Item I do give to my tennant John michell and the wife of willim Michell either of them xl^{s} to be taken and set uppe of there rentes the firste yeare after my decease And ^{it} is my minde and will that if my goodes will not extende to pay my dettes and these giftes and legacies and to bringe me furthe honestlie accordinge to my callinge That then the same shalbe taken uppe paid and dischardged of the firste issues profites and Revenewes of my landes and tenementes after my decease, anie thinge before rehearsed to the contrarie notwithstandinge And I bequeathe and Devise the rule and governmente of the said Alice Anne and Elizabeth my daughters and of my sonne or daughter hereafter to be borne unto the said margaret my wife duringe their severall nonages if the said margaret do so longe live and keepe her selfe sole and unmaried And also I do will that the said Margaret my wife duringe the tuicion and custodie of my said children in forme aforesaid to her bequeathed shall have the whole lettinge settinge and orderinge of the said messuages landes and tenementes to my said children in forme aforesaid devised upon condicion and her accomptes therefore to be made unto the supvisores of this my said will and Testamente to the use of my said children and so as the same be ordered and disposed by and withe the advise and consente of the said Supervisours. And if the said Margaret my wife happen to die or marrie againe before my said children shalbe and accomplishe their severall full ages or be maried Then I do will give and devise the custodie Rule and governmente of all my said children (excepte the said Elizabethe my daughter) and of theire said messuages landes and tenementes from the daie of [my o] the deathe or seconde mariadge of my said wife and from whether of them as shall firste happen unto my trustie and lovinge Freindes James Stansfeilde of Stansfeild Esquire Edmunde Barkar of thilhouse my Father in lawe and James Greenwoode of Greenewoodlee gentleman by them to be Ruled governed and directed duringe the time of their severall minorities and the said margaret my wife to have the rule and governmence of the said Elizabethe and of her porcion of landes and goodes untill she be maried if the said margaret live so longe, and if she die then the said Elizabethe to be at the appointemente of my said Supervisours. And I do constitute make and ordeine the said margaret my wife and Edmunde Barkar my father in lawe, Executours of this my presente testamente trustinge them with thexecution hereof, also I do nominate make and appointe the said James Stansfeilde Edmonde Barkar and James Grenewoode supervisours of this my said laste will and testamente wife and children, desiringe them to be aidinge and assistinge herein and se my will perfourmed accordinge to the true meaninge hereof. And I will that all the costes, chardges, and expenses, of my said supervisours in all the needfull actions touchinge my said wife and children shallbe supported and borne of my goodes and chattels and furthe of the issues and Revenewes of my said landes and tenementes, In witnesse whereof unto this my presente Testamente I ^{have} subscribed my name or marke and set to my seale the daie and yeare above said in the presence of these witnesses Followinge. Gervase Tatersall, william Calverley Edmunde Barker and william michell.

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Et vicesimo quinto die Septembris anno domini 1593 probatum fuit huiusmodi testamentum [et] per testes supra nominatos iuratos etc Et comissa fuit administracio bonorum eiusdem defuncti margarete vidue Relicte eiusdem defuncti Et Edmundo Barker coexecutoribus in eodem testamento prenominatis iuratis etc Salvo iure etc.

And on the twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord 1593 the will of this man was proved [*and*] *on the testimony of the witnesses above named and sworn etc. And administration of the goods of the same deceased was granted to Margaret, widow and relict of the same deceased and Edmund Barker coexecutors, previously named in the same will and sworn etc. Saving the right etc.*
