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Richard Horsfall of Stansfeild, 1595

Will: 18th January 1594 ***Probate: 2nd October 1595***

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In the name of God amen the xviijth daie of Januarie anno domini 1594 I Richard Horsfall of Radwalhead in Stansfeild within the parishing or chapelrie of Heptonstall in the countie of yorke yoman sick in bodie but of good and perfect memorie thanckes be to god for the same do ordeine and make this my present testament conteyning herein my last will as followeth. That is to saie First and principallie I commend my soule into the handes of allmightie god my most loving and mercifull father assuredlie beleeving to have full and free remission and forgivenes of all my sinnes and offences by the death and passion of Jesus christ his sonne my alone saviour and Redeemer and my bodie to be buried in the church yard at Heptonstall aforesaid amongst the bodies of the faithfull there buried trusting with them to have a ioyfull resurreccion Also concerning the giving and disposing of my goodes First it is my will that all my due and lawfull debtes be thereof deducted and paid and then my said goodes to be devided into two equall partes whereof I do will and give the one half unto Simeon Horsfall my youngest sonne. And the other half of all my said goodes (after that I be honestlie brought furth of the same and my funeral expenses discharged) I do give and bequeath unto Richard Horsfall my second sonne And I do constitute appoint and make my cosin John Horsfall underbanck executor of this my last will and testament trusting him with the due execution hereof to thuse and commoditie of my said two sonnes And I do devise appoint and make the said John Horsfall tutor and gardnier of my said sonnes. Richard Horsfall and Simeon Horsfall and of their childes porcions of goodes during their minorities and to have all his costes and charges borne of my said sonne Richards part of goodes in all needfull actions touching the premises. These being witnesses Richard Horsfall of Popples James Crosley and william Michell.

Et secundo die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo Quinto decanus predictus decanatus de Pontefract certificavit se probasse huiusmodi testamentum per testes iuratos etc Commissaque fuit administracio bonorum eiusdem defuncti, Johanni Horsfall executori in eodem testamento nominato primitus in forma iuris coram dicto Decano ut certificavit iurato Salvo iure cuiuscumque.

And on the second day of the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and ninety five the aforesaid Dean of the Deanery of Pontefract certified that he approved the will of this man on the testimony of the witnesses sworn etc and administration of the goods of the same deceased was granted to John Horsfall, executor named in the same will and first sworn in legal form in the presence of the said Dean as he certified. Saving the right of whomsoever.
