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John Utley of Rawtonstall, 1619

Will: 20th September 1619 ***Probate: November 1619***

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In the name of god Amen, The xxth day of September in the xvijth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord king James of England Fraunce and Ireland &c and of Scotland the liijth Wittnesseth that I John Utley thelder of Rawtonstall in Stansfeild in the Countie of yorke Husbandman being sick in body but of good and perfect memory thankes be to god for the same, Doe Publish Declare and sett Downe this my presente Testament Conteining herein my last will as followeth (videlicet) First and principally I give and Commend my soule into the hands of Allmightie god my Creator assuredly trusting and faithfully beleeveing to have full and free remission and forgivenes of all my sinnes and offences by and through the Meritorious Death and passion of Jesus Christ his sonne my allone saviour, and blessed redeemer and my body I Committ to the Earth whereof it was made in sure and certeine hope of a ioyfull resurrection unto Eternal life. And as Concerning my wordly goodes First it is my will and mynd, that all my true and lawfull Debtes be first hereof Discharged and paid and that all my funerall Expences and all Ecclesiasticall Duties be likewise paid and Discharged of the same, after which done it is my will and mynd and I Doe hereby give and bequeath to Christabell Wadsworth now Wife of Richard Wadsworth my Daughter one great pann and one Cowe and one Calfe or iij^{li} vi^{s} viiij^{d} in money whether she will, Item I give to John Utley my sonne one horse withall the furniture to him belonging. The rest and residue of all my goodes, Cattels Credittes and Debtes both Moveable and unmoveable whatsoever I give and bequeath to Christabel my wife, Item I nominate make and appoynt the said John my sonne sole Executor of this my presente will and Testament trusting him with the true and faithfull Execucion thereof as my trust is in him reposed In testimonie whereof I the said John Utley the testator have here unto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written 1619 Witnesses Abraham Michell William Wadsworth John Greenewood and John Sutcliffe Et eisdem die et anno dictus decanus certificavit de probacione huiusmodi Testamenti per testes nominatos iuratos Commissaque fuit administracio bonorum eiusdem defuncti Johani Utley filio naturali et legitimo dicti defuncti ac soli Executori in eodem testamento nominato prius iurato salvo iure Cuiuscumque etc

And on the same day and in the same year the said dean certified the proving of this man's will by the witnesses named and sworn. And administration of the goods of the same deceased was granted to John Utley, natural and lawful son of the said deceased and sole executor named in the same will and first sworn, saving the right of whomsoever etc.