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Frauncis Holt of Stansfield, 1623

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In the name of god Amen the sixeteenth Daie of October in the one and twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soverainge Lord King James of England Fraunce and Ireland etc and of Scotland the seaven and Fifteth 1623 I Frauncis holt of Mutten hoile in Stansfeild in the Countie of yorke gent beeing at this present sicke in bodie but of good and perfect memorie thankes bee given unto Almightie god for the same doe publishe declare and sett downe this my present testament conteining herein my last will in manner and forme followeing hereby renouncing disanulling and makeing voide all former willes heretofore by mee made. That is to saie First and principallie I commend and give my soule into the handes of Almightie god my Creator assuredly trusting to have full and free remission of all my sinnes and offences by and throughe the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ his sonne my alone saviour and Blessed Redemer And my bodie I committ to the Earth whereof it was made in sure and certaine hope of a joyfull resurrecion unto eternall life And as concerning my worldlye goodes First it is my will and mynd that all my true and lawfull debtes, Funerall expences Ecclesiasticall duties and the probacion of this my will and testament bee first discharged and paid out of my whole goodes After which done it is my will and mynd that Isabell now my wife shall have the one moyetie or halfe of all my goodes, Cattells Creditte and Debtes in full liew recompence and satisfacion of such right as to her ought to befall, by and according to the Custome of the Province of yorke. Item I give devise and bequeath And confirme to the said Isabell my wife and her assignes all such right title intent terme and number of yeares as I have to come and expend in one house and one garden with thappurtenances in Rachedale nowe in the tenure of one Edmond Holt, and which said house and garden I have to mee and my assignes of the Assignement and graunt of one Richard Stocke of Rachdale aforesaid for dyvers yeares yett to come and expend in the same Item out of the other moyetie or halfe part of any said goodes which I reserve to myselfe, I give to Marie Hardcastle my Sister wife of John Hardcastle Five poundes which I will to bee bestowed upon a gowne for her if shee bee liveing at the time of my death if not then I give the said some of five poundes to the Children of the said John Hardcastle equallie. Item I give and bequeath to Dorothie Hanson my Sister wife of Abraham Hanson tenn shillinges Item I give, bequeath, assure and confirme to Ann Holt (to whome I am godfather) daughter of Edward Holt my brother all my right, tytle, interest, claime and demaund of in and unto one percell of wast ground or Mosse which I holde of Mr Radcliffe of Langley gent lying on Castleton Moore called long edge with the appurtenances together withall writinges, conveyances, assurances and bondes concerne the same, And I give unto her the said Ann twentie shillinges more as Legacie Item I give and bequeath unto the poore people of the parrish of Rachedale twentie shillinges and to the poore people of the parish of Heptonstale twentie shillinges to bee distributed by the severall Churche wardens of either parrish to the most needfull poore within the said parrishes as they shall thinke most meet Item whereas my brother Isacke Holt is indebted unto mee the testator in divers somes of money as by divers writinges thereof unto mee made under his hand will appeare It is my will and mynd

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That if hee the said Isacke will paie Fortie shillinges to my Executor hereafter named within one yeare after my death that then I forgive unto him all the other debtes, reckonings and Accomptes between us and that Fortie shillinges soe paid as aforesaid to stand in full payement and discharge of all demaundes. But if hee the said Isacke will not bee bee contented peaceablie and quietlye to paie the said some of Fortie shillinges within the tyme before lymited for the payement thereof, then it is my full will and minde that hee the said Isacke shall paie all and everie such debtes and somes of money as by anie waye or meanes hee owith unto mee the said Testator the residue rest and remainder of all my said goodes Cattles, Chattles and debtes hereby not before bequeathed I give and bequeath the same unto Isabell my wife aforesaid and Martha my daughter equallie. Item I nominate make and appoint the saide Isabell my wife sole executrix of this my present testament trusting that shee will see the same trulie performed and faithfull executed as my trust is in her reposed and I desire my loveing brother Edward Holt to bee supervisor and overseer of this my said will and to be aiding and assisting to my said Executrix in the due Execucion of the same In testimonie whereof I the said Frauncis Holte the Testator have hereunto sett my hand and seal the daie and yeare abovesaid. Published read and sealed in the presence of theis witnesses John Horsfall, John Holmes William Hindle. Eisdem die et Anno dictus decanus decanatus predicti certificavit de probacione huiusmodi testamenti per testes nominatos Iuratos Comissaque fuit Administracio bonorum etc dicti defuncti Isabellæ holt relictæ ac soli executrici in dicto testamento nominatæ prius iuratæ etc salvo Iure Cuiuscumque etc.

On the same day and in the same year the said dean of the aforesaid deanery certified the proving of this man's will by the witnesses named and sworn. And administration of the goods etc. of the said deceased was granted to Isabell Holt, relict and sole executrix named in the said will and first sworn etc., saving the right of whomsoever etc.