**The will of David Yates**

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**In the Name of God Amen** I David Yates of Rilston in the parish of

Burnsall in Craven in the County of York Gentleman being in my declining years but of sound and perfect

mind and memory praise be God for it do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following first and

principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting assuredly through the merits of Jesus Christ my

Redeemer to have full and free pardon for all my sins and my body I commit to the Grave to be decently interred at the discretion of my

Friends and Executors hereafter named And as to such Temporal Estate as God of his great Mercy has Blessed me with I give and

bequeath the sums as followeth, Item I give and bequeath the same as followeth in the first place I give unto my son Richard Yates

fourteen pounds a year of Lawful monies of Great Britain during his Natural Life to be paid him by my Executors hereafter named

that is seven pounds at May day and seven pounds at Martinmas yearly within forty days after either of the days before mentioned

for payment without any deduction~~s~~ or abatement~~s~~ in Respect of any taxes whatsoever Item I also give unto my son Richard Yates ten

pounds to be disposed of at his death amongst his Relations as he shall see Cause appointing my Executors to pay the said Item I also

Give unto my son Richard a Tester bed with Suitable furniture belonging the Same and for want of the payment of the said sum

above mentioned at the days appointed it may be Lawful for my son Richard to enter into some of the premises belonging Lainger

house to distrain and the distress there found to take away and to dispose thereof as the Law of this Kingdom directs and further

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Susanna Yates all my Messuage and tenement commonly called Lainger

house Lying and being in the Lordship of Bordley with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging during her Life natural And

after her decease I Give the same unto my two daughters Frances and Sarah and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever equally to be

divided betwixt them They paying to my Daughter *Floynton* five pounds within twelve months next after my decease and five

pounds more at the two years and after my death if the said Susanna *Floynton* be then Living if departed this Life then the said

five pounds to be divided amongst her children then living, And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Loving

wife Susanna Yates with my two daughters Frances and Sarah Joint Executors of my will hoping they will take care

to see the same faithfully performed and all my personal estate which I shall have at the time of my death I do hereby give and

bequeath the same unto my said Executrixes before named equally to be divided betwixt them Andi I do bequeath my son Michael

Yates to be taken care of by them after the best manner And I do hereby make void all former wills by me heretofore made And

do here publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament only. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

Seal Third day of April 1732 David Yates Sealed Signed published and declared to be the last will of the testator In the

presence of us Thomas Bolton, George Burton , John Kighley \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ put under Seal 16 April 1733

From Parish register

David Yates of Rilston, yeoman buried by the Revd John Alcock Feb 23rd 1733

- Susannah Yates of Rilston, widow buried by the Revd Peter March 10th 1733