Will of Thomas Ripley of Rylstone. July 4th 1681

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In the name of God amen The fourth day of July in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty and one, I Thomas Ripley of Rilleston in the County of York

Butcher knowing death to be certain and the hour thereof uncertain, being of good and perfect memory Do proceed to the making of this my last will and testament in

manner and form following, First I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping by the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ

my Saviour and Redeemer to receive full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins. And for my body I will shall be buried in the Christian burial in the chapel yard of

Rilleston in such place there as my executors and friends then present shall think convenient, and for my temporal estate which it hath pleased God to

 Possess me of I dispose thereof as followeth Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Ripley my now wife and to her heirs and assigns forever One

Cattlegate on Rilleston Fell and Borch which was purchased of Simon Ibbotson and all my right and tithe thereto with my deeds and …… belonging

the same and I give and bequeath unto the said Margaret my now wife all my bills bonds and *specialties* with my money thereby due Item I give and

 bequeath unto her the said Margaret my wife the sum of eleven pounds to be paid to her within twelve months next after my death by my son

John Ripley or else I will my said son shall pay and discharge my funeral expenses and pay my said wife the sum of six pounds at the time aforesaid

But if my son refuses to pay my said wife the sum of eleven pounds or to bear all the cost of my burial and pay the sum of six pounds that then I give

to my wife the half of all my lands and houses within Rilleston aforesaid during her life and that I havepurchasedalthough there be a deed

thereof to him by me made I do hereby ….. and declare that that deed was by me executed when I was *drunk* and not of perfect memory

*As* also I … my *inter* marriage with my wife. Item I give and bequeath unto my said wife Margaret all my goods both…and dead moveable and immoveable

And personal estate whatsoever, and make the said Margaret my wife sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby red..ing and

Dis…ing all wills whatsoever by me formerly made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid written

Thomas Ripley my mark Sealed Signed published and Declared in the presence of Lawrence Gregson Henry Gregson W: Blagborne