

THE WILL OF ROBERT HOLT OF STUBLEY ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The xvijth daye of Decembre in the yere of oure Lord God m cccc liij and in the ffyrste and secounde yeres of the reignes of oure sovayrygne lord and lady Phyllippe and Mary &c. I Robert Holt of Stublaye in the countye of Lanċ esquier sycke in body nottw^tstandynge in pfecte mynde and holle of memory thanks be to God therfore consyderynge the mysarable estate of mā the daye and howre of deathe to be uncerten do orden and make this my p^sent testamente conteynynge herein my laste wyll in manⁿ and forme folowynge ffyrste and pryncypally I gyve and hollye bequethe my sole to the eternall lyvyng God the only maker and redemer of mankynde and my body to be buried in the chauncell in the parysshe church of Rachedale nere wheare my father was buried that ys to saye my fete to lye nere wheare as the head of my wyffe lyethe in as shorte a tyme as any honeste pvysyon can be convenyentlye made for my entyrement The expenses costes and charges towchyng my said entyrement to be levyed of my goodē by the descresyon of myne executor hereaft⁹ to be named Iĥm to Elizabeth Holt xl^s to be payed at suche tyme as she shall goe frome my nephu Robert Holt or be maryed Iĥ to S^r Robert Turnagh preiste xl^{os} to be payed unto hym in thre yeres Iĥm to Thomas Goreld xx^{os} Iĥm to Aleĥ Brydge xx^{os} and the colte whyche I had of

¹ His post mortem inquisition was taken 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, and his nephew and heir was Robert, son of William Holt Gent. by his wife Alice, daughter of Sir John Savile of Newhall in the county of York Knt. and of the age of fifty years. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xiv. p. 118. According to Glover's Visitation in 1567, his daughter, Margaret Holt, married John Mirfield of Tong Hall in the county of York Esq. "liv. 8 Edw. IV." (which date must be erroneous.) He bought abbey lands, rebuilt his house of Stubley, conformed to the Reformation, promoted its extension in the parish of Rochdale, and was an influential Justice of the Peace.

hym whyche was of his mare Iſm to Edmunde Mylne xl^{os} to be payed in thre yeares Iſm to Rychard Holt xl^{os} to be payed in thre yeares Iſm to Roger Holt xiijs^s iiij^d to be payed in ij yeares Iſm to my nece Jane y^e wyffe of Edward Butt^oworth¹ one heffer Iſm to my cosyn Robert Butt^oworth one gowne lyned w^t damaske Iſm to Rychard Holt a saten dublett Iſm to Edmund Mylne a saye dowblett Iſ to John Copp a kelter coote Iſm wheare as y^e said Rychard Holt haitha a lease of y^e grāⁿnte of me and my said nephu of one certen tenement called Breers Depelaychehyll nowe in the holdyng of Edward Brerelye yt ys my wyll yf the said Edward be so cōtēted that y^e said Rychard Holt shall haue and occupy y^e one halff of y^e said tēnet duryng so many yeres as the said Edward haitha yet to expyre And then after that y^e said Edward and Isabell his wyffe to haue and occupye y^e halffe of y^e said tenemente durynge so many yeres w^tin the lease of y^e said Rychard as the said Rič shall occupye w^t in theyr lease yf eyther y^e sayd Edward or Isabell shall so lonnge lyve And yf y^e said Edward wyll not thus be contented then yt ys my wyll that yf y^e said Edward or Isabell haue comytted or hereafter shall comynytt any acte or actē wherby y^e said tenemente or any pcell therof shalbe forfeited eyther by fallynge of wooddē or lettyng downe of howses or any other wayes that then and immediatlye evy suche forfeiture shall growe and come to y^e use pfyte and behove of y^e said Rychard Holt And then he forthew^t to entre upon the same and yt to occupye accordynge to the effecte of his lease And yf no forfeiture be made then the said Rychard to entre upon y^e holle tenemente immedyatly aft^o y^e determyna^on of the said his lease Iſm to my said nephu Robert Holt y^e warde and maryage of Emme Goye nowe beyng my ward w^t all suche leases and tackē of groundē and tythes of corne or any other whatsoev^r they be as I have of any pson or psons Iſm to James Holt iijs^s iiij^d Iſm to Edward Wardell iijs^s iiij^d Iſm yt ys my wyll

¹ Of Belfield.

that all suche dett^e as I do owe aswell those that I haue not sett uppon my wyll yf any suche can be duly pved as those y^t I haue caused to be wrytte herin shalbe truly payed unto who so evⁿ I do owe any I^{fm} I wyll that iij of my gretteste brasse pott^e ij garnysse of pewter vessell iiij fetherbedd^e w^t all thyng^e therto belongynge shall remayne att Stubble as heire lomes The resydue of all my good^e my funerall expences legacies and dett^e payd I wholly gyve to the said Robert Holt my nephu whome I do orden &c. my sole and lawfull executor &c. In wyttnes &c. These beyng wyttenes Robert Turnāgh preiste Rychard Holt Henry Holt Edmund Mylne and others.

From the debts owing by the testator "to my syst^r Angnes Barton wydowe and her dowghters xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d." From debts owing to the testator, "of Nycholas Sayvell vj^{li} xiiij^s viij^d wherof I wyll that iiij^{li} shalbe gyven toward^e the mendyng of the church of Rachedale and byenge of ornament^e to y^e same And liij^s iiij^d to be gyven to pore folkes for my sole and for the sowle of Renolde Lighe."

Endorsed as proved before the Dean of Blackburn, but no date of probate.

THE WILL OF ELENOR WIDOW OF ROBERT LANGLEY OF AGECROFT ESQ.¹

.....no Dñi m^{lmo} D^{mo} tricesimo secūdo desimo die
mēsis Maii ego Elenora Langley vidua compos et

¹ No date of probate. Eleanor daughter of William Radclyffe of Ordsall Esq. married (covenants dated 17th Edward IV. Dodsworth vol. 87, fo. 164.) Robert son and heir of John Langley of Agecroft Esq., by whom she had Thomas Langley her son and heir, who died in his father's lifetime; William, Rector of Prestwich and executor of his mother's will; Edmund and Laurence, both dead in 1568; and Anne, wife of John Greenhalgh of Brandlesome Esq.