

"In the name of God Amen the xxv<sup>th</sup> Daye of Marche in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord god 1588 I Elizabeth Wasshington of Warton wydow sicke in body but whole and pfect of mynde and remembrance prayed be god. Do ordayne And make, this my last Will and Testament in man [manner] and forme following / First I gyve and bequeath my Sowle into the mercifull hande of Almighty God my Maker and redeemer, trusting throughe his death and passion to have forgyveness of all my synnes, and my body to be buryed wythin my parrisho Church of Warton / Itm I gyve to my Dowghter Mary Fourtie pownde in p<sup>e</sup> ferment of her Mariage and in full payment of her childe part [child's part] and porcion of goode dew to her from her father or me, if she follow the advice and counsell of my brother Willm and other her frende [her other friends], Otherwise my Will is she shall have but fourty Marke, Itm I gyve vnto my said dowghter Mary the blacke clothe w<sup>th</sup> my brother gave me and to my Dowghters Jane and Eleene eyther of theym a gowne. Itm I gyve unto eu<sup>e</sup>y one of my dowghters children III<sup>s</sup>. III<sup>d</sup>. a peece and to my sayd dowghter Jane one girdele w<sup>th</sup> Penn<sup>ts</sup> of Silver, Itm I give vnto my sayed dowghter Eleene xx nobles in mony at such tyme as my sonn Robt shall thinke good / Itm I gyve to eu<sup>e</sup>y of my s<sup>e</sup> vaunte XII<sup>d</sup>. a peece and to my dowghter Margaret one of my best kerchers / Itm I gyve unto Margaret Hudson one kercher And one three quarters and to John Hudson a bussell of Barly / All the residew of my goode and cattelle unbequeathed I gyve unto my said sonn Robt whom I make my whole execut<sup>r</sup>: of this my last Will and Testament he discharging my Debit legasies and funerall expence Itm I give unto Eleene Johnson one Arke standing in the Midle Chambre, And to my dowghters Jane and Mary my best paire of beade to be equally devyded betwene them / Also I desire my brother<sup>s</sup> Mr. Willm Croft and Mr. Edward Croft to be Sup vyso<sup>rs</sup> of this my last Will and Testament to se that yt be fulfilled in all thinge as before said / Wytne<sup>s</sup>: herof Willm Croft gent. John Hudson Margaret Blackburne and Mary Wasshington wyth others."

Then follows a declaration that the will was probated on the 3rd of January, 1588, at Kendal.

I also have before me the copy of another will, that of Michael Washington, probated 16th September, 1532, at Kendal. I cannot find the name Michael in the pedigrees of the Washingtons of Westmoreland, but in the will there is mention of one Robert Kitson among others as one of the executors of it, and he was probably one of that family, with which John Washington, of Tuwhitfield, connected himself when he married "Margaret, daughter of Robert Kitson, of Warton, co. Lancaster, and sister to Sir Thomas Kitson, Knt., Alderman of London."

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