

WILL of Thomas Lister of Arnoldsbiggin, Gisburn 1707

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Thomas Lister Esq.

To be buried at Gisburn church where the rest of my family has been interred. Debts and funeral expenses of my personal estate. To my daughter Mary when she is 21 or marries £2000 out of all my lands and tenements in county York and Lancaster except the lands to be settled in jointure for Elizabeth my now wife. To my daughter Mary £60 for her maintenance yearly after the age of 16. To my son John Lister £1000 when he is 21 and out of my lands as above; if he is put forth as an apprentice then a further £200; if he goes to university or the Inns of Court then £50 per year until he is 21. To my sons Henry Lister and Charles Lister £1000 each when they are 21; if put forth as apprentices then a further £200 each; if they go to university or the Inns of Court then £50 per year until they are 21.

Whereas Christopher Lister late of Thornton Esq gave unto my son Christopher £200 which is out at interest until he is 21 -- I give my son Christopher £600 when he is 21; if he is put forth as an apprentice a further £200; if he goes to university or the Inns of Court then £50 per year until he is 21.

If I die before any of my children are put to trade or university then my executors are to raise sufficient for their maintenance until that time. If any of my sons dies before the age of 21 then £500 of his portion to my daughter Mary when she is 21 and the remainder to cease; if any more die before the age of 21 their portion to cease. If Elizabeth my wife is with child at the time of my decease be it boy or girl then £1000 to it when it is 21 and the child's care during its nonage to my trustees.

Trustees -- Charles Lister of City of London gent my brother; Edward Parker of Browsholme Esq; and my wife Elizabeth. To Charles Lister and Edward Parker my trustees £20 to buy them mourning each and 20 shillings each to buy a ring. To my wife Elizabeth £50 to be paid her within two weeks of my decease. My eldest son Thomas Lister sole executor
signed 29th of May 1704

Witnesses Brigett Pudsey Jane Parker Edward Parker