

WILL of GEORGE WHITELOCK of DOWNHOLME 1718

In the Name of God Amen I George Whitelock of Downholme in ye County of Yorke yeo being in health of Body and of sound and perfect mind and memory, Praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say first and principally I commend my soul into ye hands of Almighty God hoping through ye merits Death and Passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting Life and my Body I commit to ye Earth to be decently buried at ye discretion of my Executor hereafter named, & as touching ye Disposition of all such temporal Effects as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth

I give unto my son in law Mathew Hagston ye sum of Ten Pounds
I give unto my son in law Edward Elerton ye like sum of Ten Pounds
I give unto my son in law Gyles Elerton ye like sum of Ten Pounds
I give unto my daughter in law Mary Whitelock ye sum of Five Pounds
I give unto ye Poor of Downholme ye sum of Five Pounds to be paid yearly by my Executor or to pay it in when he thincks convenient
I give ye Residue and Remainder of my Goods and Chattels and all Effects whatsoever unto my son Christopher Whitelock & make him sole Executor of this Last Will & Testament

As witness my Hand & Seall this fifth day of March 1716

Sealed signed & delivered in presence of

George Whitelock his marke

.....Gill
John Gill his marke
Simon Hutchinson

Page 2 The stylized writing on this page is extremely difficult to read although the copy is good.

There is a paragraph in Latin which I cannot translate, dated 16 August 1718

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above...Christopher Whitelock do well and truly execute observe perform fullfill & this last Will & Testament of George Whitelock his late father in paying his debts & legacys so far as his goods will extend and Saw .. all binds him if also he sointo the Consistory Court at Richmond a Inventory of all & singular the goods Chattels and of the deceased.....

11 lines in total

Signed
Thos Thwaites
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Chr Whitelock mark

Giles Ellerton

George Whitelock was buried at Downholme on 7 Aug 1718

Transcribed by Jennifer Oswald-Sealy RD/AP1 115/108 received from West Yorkshire Archive Service

Our thanks to Jennifer for the transcription of this Will. George Whitelock heads the WHITLOCK21 family and we would estimate he was likely born in the 1630's and married his wife Elizabeth in the 1660's. We assume George was the first of this family to settle in Downholme and we have not yet been able to connect George with any of the other Whitelock families in Yorkshire and determine who his parents may have been.

The name George shows in the Thirsk, Rainham and Topcliffe Yorkshire families at this time and they are the most likely connections. George Whitelock bp Jan.25,1627 at Thirsk seems a likely candidate, particularly as the names Christopher and Francis are names used by both these families. Hopefully additional research will allow us to connect the Downholme Whitelocks with one of these families.

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