

The Will of **JOHN HOLT** born around 1757 died 1810. Family names are in capitals and bold type for easy recognition.

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I **JOHN HOLT** of Northowram in the parish of Halifax in the County of York Yeoman do make and publish this my last Will and Testament whereby I give and dispose of all my Estate and Effects in manner following. I give to my son **JAMES HOLT** and to my good friends **GEORGE HOLDSWORTH** of Northowram aforesaid manufacturer and Thomas Holmes of Halifax aforesaid Dyer (who I hereby appoint joint Executors of this my Will) and to their Heirs Executors and Administrators as well all and every my Messuages Cottages Farms Lands Tenements and Hereditaments as also all and every my Collieries and Mines of Coal situate in or at Northowram aforesaid and in Southowram in the parish of Halifax aforesaid or elsewhere in the said County of York (the copyhold parts whereof I have already surrendered to the uses of this my will) and likewise all and every my Household Goods Goods Chattels and all other my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever upon Trust that they or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Heirs of such Survivor shall and do receive the Rents and Profits of my said real Estate and manage and conduct my said Collieries in such way as they shall think best until my youngest son **JOSEPH HOLT** shall attain his age of twenty one years and on his attaining that age I do hereby give and devise all my said real Estate with the Collieries aforesaid unto and to the use of my three sons **JAMES JOHN and JOSEPH HOLT** severally and respectively and their several and respective Heirs and Assigns absolutely for ever. It is nevertheless my will and desire that my said Executors and Trustees shall apply so much of the rents Income and Produce aforesaid as they shall think fit in or towards the support as well of my said three Sons as also of my Wife and all other my Children and in towards the payment of the Fortunes of my Daughters and in order that my Daughters may receive such portion and part of my said Estate and Effects as I think they are entitled to I do hereby give and bequeath to each of them the sum of two hundred pounds a piece and I direct that the same shall be paid to them respectively but without interest when and as they shall severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years and in case any of them shall happen to die under age and without issue then I direct that the share of her or them so dying shall go to the Survivor and others and other of them. And as to my said Household goods and other my personal Estate I declare that the same are so given to my said Executors as aforesaid upon Trust that they shall use or shall suffer the same to be used for the benefit of all my Children or otherwise that they shall and may sell and dispose thereof at pleasure and apply the money arising therefrom in or towards the payment of my said Daughters fortunes. And in order that my Debts and my said Daughter's fortunes may be fully and justly paid I do hereby expressly subject and charge and make chargeable all and every my said real and personal Estates to and with the payment of the same accordingly. And all the rest residue and remainder of my said personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever I do hereby give and bequeath the same unto and equally amongst my said three sons except as to the sum of one hundred pounds which I do hereby give to my said son **JAMES** for his own use in consideration of his particular care and attention, I also declare that my said Executors shall not be answerable the one for the other but each for himself only and that they

shall not only reimburse to themselves all such costs as they may be put to but may also deduct to themselves a reasonable Recompense for the Trouble they may have in executing the Trusts hereof. And hereby revoking all former Wills by me made I declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the twenty first Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said **JOHN HOLT** the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names and Witnesses thereto  
Ja Wiglesworth, Jas Stansfield John Holdsworth

I do hereby certify that on the nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord 1811 **JAMES HOLT** of Northowram in the Parish of Halifax in the County of York, Collier, the son, **GEORGE HOLDSWORTH** of the same place, manufacturer and Thomas Holmes of Halifax aforesaid Dyer, the Executors named in this the last Will and testament of **JOHN HOLT** late of Northowram aforesaid in the diocese of York, yeoman deceased were sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same and that the whole of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased within the diocese of York do not amount in value to the sum of three hundred pounds

Witness my hand Robert Wilkinson Surrogate