

197/5 Richard Nichols, Knights Close 1844

This is the last will and testament of me Richard Nichols of Knights Close near Marsett in the parish of Aysgarth in the county of York gentleman. I give and devise to James Hodgson of Marsett and Clement Scarr of Hawes both in the said parish yeomen their executors and administrators for and during all such issue as Isabella Hopper the daughter of my niece Jane the wife of Joseph Metcalfe be and remain under the age of twenty one years and unmarried. All that my close or field called Crooks Field situate near Carr End in the said parish and also all that my allotment or inclosure of pasture land called Green scar Mir (purchased by me of James Dawes deceased) upon trust that they the said James Hodgson and Clement Scarr and the survivor of themselves let the same to farm for the best rent that can be reasonably obtained.... And pay and apply the same ...for the maintenance clothing and education or afterwards so further benefit of the said Isabella Hopper until she attains her age of twenty one years or marry which shall first happen.

Also give and bequeath to Isabella Hopper my best oak writing desk in the parlour with the contents thereof the drawers underneath the same with my silver plate consisting of a cream jug marked RN six silver spoons marked N one pair of sugar tongs marked RN and five plated sugar crustiers? And also my various articles of china and Staffordshire tea pottery all which said several articles I order and direct my executor hereinafter named to deliver to the said James Hodgson and Clement Scarr..

... I give and devise unto and equally amongst the children of my late nephew Samuel Nichols now deceased one undivided fourth part or share of and in all that my estate called Knights Close situate near to Marsett aforesaid with the Knights Royalties Franchises Members Privileges and appurtenances

... unto my nephew Richard Nichols one other undivided fourth part or share of an .. Knights Close

... unto my nephew Humphrey Hodgson Hopper one other undivided fourth part or share.....

.... To my said niece Jane the wife of Joseph Metcalfe one other undivided fourth part.....

I also give and bequeath unto my said nephew Humphrey Hodgson Hopper all my stock of cattle and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever the same may be.....

.. nephew Humphrey to be executor.

.. twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Richard Nichols X

Died 15 Nov 1848