

Analysis – Borthwick 70/336 1716 - Tennant

Document Reference:	Borthwick – Will 1715/16 – 70 / 336
When ? <i>Date of document</i>	10 th February 1715/16
Who? <i>Names with occupation & place</i>	<p><u>Testator</u> – Isabella Tennant, of Kilnsey & Litton</p> <p><u>Executor</u> – Anne Broadbelt (niece)</p> <p><u>Beneficiaries</u> – Christopher Tennant (brother) ; John Thistlewaite (brother-in-law) & his wife Elizabeth ; George Atkinson (cousin), the son of Roger; James Tunstall (uncle to George Atkinson) ; Francis & Thomas Tunstall (nephews); Alice Clark (sister)</p> <p><u>Witnesses</u> – Lawrence Holliday, William Widdowes, Roger Mitton</p> <p><u>Compilers of inventory</u> – Thomas Tennant, Thomas Hall, John Thistlewaite, Christopher Hall.</p>
Signatories	Anne Broadbelt, Roger Mitton, John Thistlewaite, Isabelle Tennant, Lawrence Halliday, William Widdows, Thomas Tennant, Thomas and Christopher Hall
Why ? <i>Purpose of document (eg. Apprenticeship, property transfer, promissory note, arrest warrant, etc) ²</i>	Probate proved – will & inventory
Where? <i>All place-names mentioned – even if only mentioned in passing: Include field-names, buildings, farms, as well as parishes, towns, etc.³</i>	<p><u>Places of Residence:</u> Kilnsey Litton</p> <p><u>Also mentioned:</u> Exchequer Court, York</p> <p><i>No landed property or buildings mentioned</i></p>

¹ *Active Code : Document citation reference*

² *Do not use "Indenture" – this only gives a physical description of the document, not its specific purpose or function*

³ *If relevant, indicate type of place – eg. if a field is common land, or a new enclosure; or if a building is a barn, house, workshop, etc*

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<p>What?</p> <p><i>References to things, events, happenings, topics, etc which should be added to the project Subject Index.⁴ Include here references to past events (such as previous property transfers)</i></p>	<p>Will – dated 13th April 1715. Isabella Tennant, of Kilnsey, appointed her niece Anne Broadbelt as executrix. She signed with her mark indicating she was illiterate.</p> <p>Her bequests were: Brother Christopher Tennant – 18d Brother-in-law & his wife – John Thistlewaite & Elizabeth – 5s Cousin – George Atkinson (son of Roger) - £20 p.a. “paying yearly to his uncle James Tunstall” 5s. Nephews – Francis & Thomas Tunstall - £10 each when they reach the age of 21. Sister – Alice Clark – 10s p.a. to be paid quarterly (at 2/6 each payment).</p> <p>Total bequest - £40 5s 18d plus annuities of £20 10s</p> <p>The inventory, dated 21st Jan 1715/16 was compiled by Thomas Tennant, Thomas Hall, John Thistlewaite, and Christopher Hall – it contains mostly bedroom furniture & bed linen, cash & apparel.</p> <p>The will was proved at the Exchequer Court in York on Feb 10th 1715/16, signed by Anne Broadbent, Roger Mitton & John Thistlewaite.</p>
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<p>Local Issues to note</p> <p><i>Anything which should go into the project Timeline as of specific interest to Kilnsey's local history or which raises questions about local affairs⁵</i></p>	<p>Family tree needed for Isabella; to check PRs for her date of death.</p> <p>It is possible she had already bequeathed much of her property before she drew up the will. This may explain why so little was left to her brother (unless she felt he didn't need money), and there is no mention of landed property or goods & chattels.</p> <p>The contents of the inventory appears to have been confined to a single bedroom, in a house in Litton, a huge valuation of £80 being placed on a purse and apparell. This suggests she may have died not at her own home in Kilnsey, but in a relative's house, having been allocated her own room during her illness.</p> <p>As a wealthy single woman what was Isabell's social standing locally? Was Anne Broadbelt also single?</p>
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<p>To add to Glossary</p>	<p>Bolster Apparel – does this include jewellery?</p>
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⁴ Eg. Debts, women, agriculture, land use, rents, taxation, etc.

⁵ Eg. Illustrating changes in population, changing property ownership, changing land use, local economy

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Mapping <i>Data to be used for mapping exercise</i> ⁶	N/A
Research topics & Historical Context <i>Topics with a broader regional or national context to help place Kilnsey in a wider context</i> ⁷	Women & property in the early 18 th C. Women as executors of probate.
Subject Indexing	Single women and property Probate / wills / inventories Exchequer Court

⁶ Eg. changes in property ownership, field names, changes in land use, references to structures such as new houses, repair of fences, ditches, etc

⁷ Include here queries and questions such as "Why pay tenths to the king but no tithes?"