

## APPENDIX 1

### THE WILL AND INVENTORY OF DR JOHN WEBSTER

In the name of God Amen I John Webster of Cliderow in the County of Lancaster Physician knowing the certainty that it is appointed for all men ones [*sic*] to dye & that the houre of death is uncertain being something crazy of body but of right understanding perfect judgment & sound memory doe make this my last Will & Testament thereby revoking & disannulling all other Wills & Testaments by me made anytime heretofore in manner & forme following First I doe bequeath my soule & spirit unto the hands of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour & Redemer trusting by faith onely in His blood to have everlasting peace & salvation Item I doe bequeath my body unto the earth hoping for its glorious resurrection according to the articles of the Christian Faith to be buried at the discretion of my most deare & loving Wife<sup>1</sup> And for my temporall estate & worldly goods I dispose of them in this manner following As for my lands & inheritance that I have purchased in the Borrow & Township of Cliderow to wit one Burgage or Messuage and one fourth part of a burgage paying yearly one shilling eight pence burgage rent called Keyes House with one garden and two crofts there unto belonging Also one Burgage or Messuage of the yearly Borrow rent of one shilling fourepence now called my studdy<sup>2</sup> one stable & one building ioyned unto it called my furnace house one fold one garden & one croft or meadow with one barne on it commonly called the School house croft one meadow called Corbetts meadow one field of arable ground called the great Hey with one meadow adjoyning unto it also certaine closes called Muckland with one barne standing in one one of them & one field thereto adioyning called the little Hey all lying in the townshipe Cliderow aforesaid & being all freeland & of Burgage tenure as also one house or cottage in the little garden & backside comonly called Kenyon house in Cliderow aforesaid All these Burgages cottage barnes with all the aforesaid premises with all the profits priviledges & apurtenances thereunto in any wise appertaining or belonging I doe give bequeath grant & confirme unto my most deare & loving Wife Elizabeth Webster for & dureing her life naturall without restriction condition or limitation to possesse & inioy the same for the aforesaid terme as fully as I myselfe have done and further my mind and will is that after the decease of my said wife then I doe give bequeath grant & confirme unto Edward Webster my nephew that Burgage or messuage with the garden & two crofts thereunto belonging called Keyes house with that house or cottage & the backside with all the rights priviledges & appurtenances in any wise belonging or appertaining & to

<sup>1</sup> Webster was married, probably for the first time, to Elizabeth Aspinall on 6 November 1667. She later remarried the minister of Clitheroe, William Bankes, in 1686. See William Self Weeks, 'John Webster, author of *The displaying of supposed witchcraft*', *TLCAS*, 1921, 39: 102–103.

<sup>2</sup> Study House, along with Webster's "furnace house", originally stood beside the parish church in Clitheroe. The site is today occupied by the offices of J. L. Lumley, Solicitors. I should like to thank Mr. Lumley for kindly confirming many details relating to Webster's residence in Clitheroe.

[Webster's will and inventory are taken from Weeks, *op. cit.*, note 1 above, pp. 98–101. A copy of the originals are to be found today in the Lancashire Record Office, Preston.]

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his heyres males of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten And for want of such heyres (male) then to John Webster my nephew & to the heyres males of his body lawfully begotten for ever Itm my mind and Will is that after the decease of my said Wife then I doe give bequeath grant & confirme unto Richard Webster another of my nephewes & to the heyres male of his body lawfully begotten that Burgage or messuage comonly nowe called my studdy with the stable & furnace house thereunto adioyning with the fold garden & one croft or meadow with a barne in it comonly called the Schoolhouse croft & for want of such heyres male then to Nicholas Webster & his heyres male for ever with all the rights priviledges & apurtenances in any wise belonging or appertaining Item it is my mind & will that after the decease of my said Wife then I doe give bequeath grant & confirme unto John Webster my nephew all my other lands in Cliderow aforesaid to witt the two fields called Muckland with a barne in one of them the little Hey thereunto adioyning the field of arable ground called the Great Hey with a meadow adioyning to it & also one meadow called corbet meadow to him & his heyres males for ever provided always that if the said Edward Webster Richard Webster or John Webster or any of them shall sue molest hinder or trouble my said deare & loveing wife Elizabeth durezza her life naturall for the said house or land or forming any part or parcell thereof or for or concerning anything in this my last Will & Testament to her my deare wife given and bequeathed then the first gift & grant to any of three fore named persons shall be null & void to all intents & purposes whatsoever & the part or parts of him or them so offending I doe give bequeath grant & confirme unto Nicholas Webster & his heyres for ever And as for my goods cattels & chattels I conceive the one halfe of them by the custome of the province of Yorks doth belong to my deare & loveing wife Elizabeth Webster of which I wish her much happy inioyment & for the other halfe comonly called the deads part or the Testators part I doe frely give & bequeath them to my said deare & loveing wife & I doe hereby nominate make constitute & appoint my said deare & loveing wife Elizabeth Webster sole & onely Executrix of this my last Will & Testament Item I give fourty shillings to the poor of the township of Cliderow to be distributed within one month after my death at the discretion of my said Executrix Item I give fourty shillings to the poore of the townshipp of Grindleton in Yorkshire to be distributed within one month after my death at the discretion of Henry Wallace & Thomas Hodgson of the said towne Item I give to Ann Slater my servant maid ten shillings January the third Anno Regni Caroli secundi dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae &c. trycessimo secundo annoq: Domini 1680.

The will was signed “Jo: Webster” and was “published and declared . . . in the sight & presence of Jo. Townley, Nicholas Manroe . . . Richard Dugdale [and] Thomas Whittaker”

There follows “A True and p’fect Inventorie of all the goodes rights cattles and chatteles of Doctor Webster of Clitherow late deceased apprised the 19th day of July 1682 by these whose names are subscribed”

	£	s	d
Imp his apparell and money in his purse	10	00	00
Ite Brasse	05	00	00
Ite Pewter	05	00	00

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	£	s	d
Ite Bedding	12	00	00
Ite Bedstockes	02	00	00
Ite Seeld Beds	03	00	00
Ite Linning	05	10	00
Ite Seeld Chists	02	05	00
Ite Strkes (Sic)	01	10	00
Ite Tables	02	06	00
Ite Seeld Chairs	02	00	00
Ite Buffet Stooles	00	12	00
Ite Cubbords	03	00	00
Ite Comon Chaires	00	13	00
Ite Wooden Vessell	01	05	00
Ite Earthen potts & bottles	00	05	00
Ite Fire Irons & tongues	01	00	00
Ite Spitts & Racks	00	05	00
Ite Dripping Pann	00	03	00
Ite One Warming Pan	00	05	00
Ite One Cow	03	00	00
Ite One Whye	02	00	00
Ite One Twinter & a Stirke	01	00	00
Ite one chist Bedd	00	10	00
Ite Meale & Malt	01	10	00
Ite Wheat	01	00	00
Ite Beef & Bacon	00	10	00
Ite Deskes	00	15	00
Ite Two Trunkes	00	10	00
Ite a Copper Vessel with its Toppe & worme	06	00	00
Ite Seu'all boxes	00	06	00
Ite one nest of Draw Boxes	00	10	00
Ite Chirurgicall Instruments	20	00	00
Ite [...] last . . . &c. alliis medicamentis	05	00	00
Ite Glasses	02	00	00
Ite Chemicall glasses	04	00	00
Ite The Library	400	00	00
[Total value]	[507	00	00]