W.C.R.O. Will of Alan Mason of Lighthorne 1588.

In the name of God Amen the 14th day of June A.D.1588. I Alan Mason of Lighthorne in the County of Warwick sick & feeble in body but thanks be to God of perfect mind and good memory, do ordain and make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul in to the hands of Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Lighthorne in sure & certain hope of the Resurrection of the same to eternal glory in the last day.

Item I give toward the repairing of our church of Lighthorne 3s.4d.

Item I give to every cottager of the parish of Lighthorne 4d.

Item I give to my son Johns 4 children 10s.

Item I give to Henry Maysers my son in law his five children five sheep.

Item I give to my son Richard £6.13s.4d. Item I give to my son Zacharie £6.13s.4d.

Item I give to my sister Agnes Tubbe 5s.

Item I give to my godchildren 2d. apiece.

Item I give to my daughter Ann £20. to be delivered at the day of her marriage.

Item I give to my son Thomas the Table, forms, benches, and cupboards in the hall. Also I give unto him one lead in the kitchen, one quirn, one salting trough, one great ---, one great brass pot, one great kettle, one chaffing dish of brass, one pair of cupboards, and the best broach. Item my will is that he shall occupy & enjoy the one half of my living with my wife.

Item I give to my son in law Richard Standsill the £3.that he oweth to me.

Item I will unto my wife her chamber wholly to herself, with the coffers, linen, and bedding therein. Also I will unto her my pewter & two brass pots in the loft, and one great brass pan to be changed for a newer of the same bigness at my cost. Yet my will is that these things of household stuff should be used in the house, as need shall require in common between them, and renewed when need is.

The rest of my goods movable & unmovable not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Alice my wife whom I make my sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament, to perform the same and to do therein as God shall give her grace, according to the true meaning thereof.

Moreover I desire my brother Thomas Mason and my cousin Leonard Smythe to be overseers of this my Last Will and Testament, and they to have 6d. apiece.

Witnesses present, William Smart parson, and the forenamed overseers with others more.

Proved at Stratford 2nd July. 1588.