

W.C.R.O. Will of John Neale of Lighthorne 1587.

In the name of God Amen. I John Neale of the parish of Lighthorne in the diocese of Worcester sick in body but of perfect memory and good mind thanks be to God, do ordain and make the 17th day of December A.D. 1587. this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Lighthorne aforesaid in sure hope of the Resurrection of the same to life everlasting in the last day.

Item I give and bequeath towards the reparation of the church there 3s.8d. Also I give to the six cottagers my neighbours: **Richard Leighe**, **Richard Furne**, **William Arnoll**, **Thomas Crowder**, **Robert Squire** and **Robert Cockerel** 6d. apiece. To **Agnes Manson** widow 6d.

Item I give & bequeath to **Marie Hemworth** £4 to be paid her at her departure from my house. Also I give to **Dorotie** her daughter £14. for the use of (whatsoever?), in whose hands soever it shall remain, the said **Marie** her mother shall receive quarterly 7s. towards the finding of the child until the said child shall accomplish the age of fourteen years, and then to be put to the use of the said **Dorotie** until the day of her marriage, or 21 years of her age at the request of the mother asking the (advice?) of my executor and overseers, and then at 21 years of her age or at the day of marriage if she marry before to receive the whole £14. into her own hands, mine executor & overseers giving counsel to see it well bestowed, provided that if she die before either the said terms I give of this fourteen pounds to **Marie** her mother £4. to **Henry Neale** 40s. **Harries** five children in Warwick 40s. apiece, to two their brethren my kinsmen **Richard & Thomas Neale** 20s. apiece, and **Melsam** my kinswoman 20s.

Item I give to **Marye Hemworth** two gowns of my wives and her hat.

Item to **William Davis** my (freser?) breeches. Also my will is that mine executor bestow at my burial 10s. at the least.

The rest of my goods movable & unmovable these my bequests performed and all my debts paid, I give & bequeath to **Henry Elmes** my son in law, whom I make my executor of this my Last Will and Testament to do therein as God shall give him grace according to the true meaning thereof.

I appoint my overseers my very friends **Thomas Mason** the elder and **Richard Smith** to whom I give 20d. apiece.

Witnesses with the overseers Mr. **Walter Newsam** and **William Smart**.

Debts that I do owe.

First to **Henry Elmes** £13.
Item to **William Kinge** £7.
Item to **Thomas Tomkyns** 29s.4d.
Item to **John Gibbes** 31s.4d.
Item to **Thomas Reynolds** 21d.
Item to **William Smart** 2s.
Item to **Richard Leighe** 16d.
Item to **Thomas Tayler** 5s.
Item to **Marie Hemworth** 20s.
Item to **Thomas Kinge** 20s.

Debts owing unto me.

First **Mr. Newsam** 40s.
Item **John Suffolk**
he hath confessed £6.
Item of the towne 15s.
Item of **Antony Whatts** 14s.

Proved at Worcester 2nd November 1587.

