

W.C.R.O. Will of Lawrence Mason of Lighthorne 1585.

In the name of God Amen. the 12th day of July A.D.1585. I Lawrence Mason of Lighthorne in the diocese of Worcester sick in body but of perfect mind and good memory do make 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 eternal glory in the last day.

Item I give and bequeath to the church of Lighthorne 5s.

Item I give to my aunt **Towbe** 5s. to each of my brother **Thomas**' children a sheep, to **Anne** my sister 10s. to my brother **Zacharie** 10s. to my brother **Richard** 10s. to my brother **Standsyld** two strikes of feed the one of wheat the other of barley, to his wife and child two sheep, to my brother **Maister**s children four sheep one to my goddaughter an other to **Anne** and the two others amongst the other his children.

Item I give to **John Tayler** 10s. and a heiffer bred up by my wife, **Richard Tayler** 20s.and 2 sheep.

Item to **Leonard Tayler** my cart and cartgear,plow and plowgear and a yoke of bullock to be delivered at the oversight of mine overseers, yea I give to the said **Leonard** after the decease of my wife , or at her marriage, if she marry before my whole term and half the crops.

Item to my maid 6d. to every cottager 4d. and to Arnold 6d.

All the rest of my goods movable & unmovable (these my bequests performed and my funeral discharged and my debts paid) I give to **Agnes** my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my Last Will and Testament to do therein as God shall give her grace, according to the true meaning thereof, taking to counsel of my trusty friends my neighbours **Townsend** and (uncle?) **Thomas Mason** my overseers.

Debts that I do owe to my wifes children 28s.8d. Item to my brother **Thomas** 6s.8d. to my brother **Richard** 4s.

Item my will is --- a strike of malt that if any my brothers or sister decease before the receipt, the others to receive their portion even so shall it be of my wifes children if any die before they receive, the other to have their portions.

Proved at Stratford 9th september 1585.