L.P.R.O. Will of Richard Greene of Lighthorne 1613

In the Name of God Amen: A.D.1613 the fourth and twentieth of October I Richard Greene of Lighthorne in the county of Warwick husbandman being sick in body but of perfect remembrance (God be praised for the same) make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following, First I bequeath my soul to the blessed Trinity, God the Father, God the son, and God the holy ghost, my maker my redeemer and my sanctifier. And my body to be buried in the churchyard of Lighthorne abovesaid in certain and sure hope of Resurrection to eternal life at the last day And for my worldly goods my will is that they be bestowed in manner and form following,

First I give and bequeath in manner and form hereafter expressed to the three children of my daughter Anne Symons John George and Thomas three score pounds And I ordain by this my will that this said sum of three score pounds shall be employed by my son Thomas Greene John Mason the younger Thomas Smith the younger and John Warwick of the said town of Lighthorne their executors and assigns or by some three of them to the use of the said children till they shall come to the age of one and twenty years, And if any of them die before they come to the full age of one and twenty years then my will is that his or their portion shall remain and be due to him or them that shall survive. And if all the said children shall die before they come to the age of one and twenty years then my will is that this said sum of three score pounds with the increase thereof shall remain and be due to my son Thomas Greene and his children forever. And further my will is that after that any of the said three children shall come to the ages of one and twenty years the said Thomas Greene John Mason the younger Thomas Smith the younger and John Warwick their executors and assigns shall not suffer them nor any of them to have their portion at their own disposition till they come to the age of six and twenty years lest they should miss spend the same. Item I bequeath to the three children of Thomas Greene my son namely Thomas Alice and Anne twenty pounds a piece and my will is that their father shall employ it to their use as he shall think good And if the said Alice shall marry contrary to the good liking of her father then my will is that half of her legacy with the increase thereof shall remain and be due to her sister Anne. And if Anne shall marry contrary to her fathers good liking then half of all such legacies as by this will shall be due to her with the increase thereof shall be due and remain to Thomas their brother and his assigns forever.

Item I bequeath to my son in law John Symons and Anne his wife four pounds and a cow, any except the worst at the discretion of my son Thomas.

Item I bequeath then to my son Thomas Greene twenty pounds in consideration whereof my will is that he shall yearly at the discretion of the overseers of this my will bestow upon Anne Symons my daughter forty shillings to her own proper use only or so much as she shall from time to time have for the use thereof But if her husband die and leave her a widow, then my will is he shall give to her twenty pounds. And if she die then my will is that he shall give to her children above named twenty pounds and the same to be employed to their use by the parties above named in all points as is mentioned for their legacies above hereby given and bequeathed.

Item I bequeath to my brother Johns son Richard Greene two suits of my apparel as my son Thomas will except my best breeches which I give to my son Thomas, Also I give him forty shillings which Jordain oweth me with the use thereof due at our ladys day in Lent & also two ewes in the Chadson fields as my son will except two of the worst.

Item I bequeath to Joane Greene his sister forty shillings

Item I bequeath to Susanna Rogers of London twenty shillings if she come for it.

Item I bequeath to Robert Floyd his eldest daughter twenty shillings and to her mother ten shillings and to Alice Arnold twelve pence and to all the poor houses in Lighthorne twelve pence a piece except Charles Barley and Leonard Arnold. To the church of Lighthorne five shillings toward a communion table. To Joane Graunte five shillings. To George Garlick a ewe. To John Smith and Thomas Jeacocks my god children two shillings. Six pence a piece. to my daughter Anne Symons three children abovesaid three sheep and to her also one sheep and to Edward Simons one sheep and to Mary my sons wife one sheep and to my son Thomas his three children three sheep. I revoke all former wills and legacies whatsoever. I constitute and ordain my son Thomas my executor And my debts legacies and funeral charges being paid I give and bequeath to him my said executor all my goods and chattels whatsoever unbequeathed. I ordain overseers to see this my will performed John Warwick and John Mason the younger and to them I give three shillings four pence a piece. The mark of Richard Greene. Witnesses hereof John Warwick Thomas Mason and Raphe Lees the writer.

The above written testament was proved at London before John Benet for the prerogative Court of Canterbury 26th day of May 1614 and administration was granted to Thomas Greene the son and named executor he having been sworn etc.