

W.C.R.O. Will of Thomas Mason of Lighthorne 1601

In the Name of God Amen etc.the 7th day of December A.D.1601, I Thomas Mason the elder of Lighthorne in the county of Warwick, husbandman make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following etc. First I bequeath & commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker & Redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Lighthorne aforesaid, in sure and certain hope of a joyful Resurrection to eternal life at the last day. I give and bequeath unto the parish church of Lighthorne towards the maintaining of the same one strike of barley.

Item I give unto **John Mason** my youngest son five marks in money & a cow, to be paid unto him by mine executor within six years after my decease by the discretion of mine overseers.

Item I will that my son **John** the younger shall have his keeping & tabling upon the living with my son **John** the older & his wife and to have keeping for 4 sheep upon the living with my son **John** the older & his wife during his natural life for that he give not the money, neither the cow away, from his brother **John** the older or from his sister **Judith**, or from his brothers children.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Judith** my part of household stuff both in the chamber & in the hall. I give to the said **Judith** my daughter eight pounds in money to be paid to her within six years after my decease and to pay her forty shillings by the year until the said eight pounds be fully paid & satisfied.

The rest of my goods movable & unmovable my cattle and debts owing unto me I give and bequeath to **John** my oldest son whom I make my whole & sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

Item I will that **John Harber** **Thomas Mason** the younger & **John Townsend** to be mine overseers of this my Last Will and Testament.

Debts that I do owe.

First, I do owe to Lawrence Bayliss of Chadson	40s.
Item to Robert Caddry of Gaydon	17s.4d.
Item to Anne Haschener of the same	5s.

Poved at Stratford upon Avon 7th July 1601 etc.
the Inventory shows a sum of £20.5s 4d.