W.C.R.O. Will of William Harber of Lighthorne 1567

In the name of God Amen. The 4th day of March in the year of our lord God 1567/8. I William Harber of the parish of Lighthorne in the County of Warwick husbandman, sick of body, but of whole mind & perfect memory, (Lauded be God thereof) do make & ordain this my Testament containing therein my last will in manner & form as followeth. First I bequeath & commend my soul into the hands of almighty God. And my body to be buried in the churchyard of Lighthorne in full hope & assurance of the resurrection of the same to eternal life in the last day.

Item I give to the mother church of Worcester 2d. And to the reparations of the church of Lighthorne one bushel of barley. Item I give to William Arnoll one hop of wheat & another of barley.

Item I give to George Mylner, Richard Forne and to Annes Manton a hop of wheat a piece. Item I give to my Godchildren 4d. a piece, and to John Knight on the day of his marriage a strike of wheat.

Item I give & bequeath to Annes my daughter £8 in money or money worth to be delivered to her at the day of her marriage or at the four & twenty year of her age. but if she chance to decease before the delivery thereof: then my will is that the said £8 be equally divided between Ellen my wife & John my son towards the keeping of my youngest son Richard. Item I give unto Richard my youngest son 40s. and he to have the keeping in the house so long as he shall live.

The rest of my goods unbequeathed, movable & unmovable (my debts & legacies discharged) I give & bequeath to Ellen my wife & John my son equally to be divided between them. Whom I make mine executors of this my Last Will and Testament. And so they equally between them to pay my debts, and those fore named legacies and bequests in this present Will contained.

And of this my last will I make my overseers my beloved friend Leonard Smyth, John Townsend and John Randle to the performance thereof in all effects and purposes as it is meant.

In Witness whereof the parties within named have caused their names herunto to be subscribed, with others more as here followeth.

Leonard Smyth, John Townsend, John Randle, William Smart parson, & Thomas Mason.

Proved at Alcester before Master Richard Grene etc, 13 day of October 1568