

**W.C.R.O. Will of William Mans of Lighthorne 1585**

In the name of God Amen. I William Mans of Lighthorne in the diocese of Worcester sick in body but of perfect mind and good memory thanks be to God, do ordain and make the 17th day of September A.D. 1585. 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 full and certain hope of the Resurrection of the same to eternal glory in the last day.

Item I give and bequeath to the repair of the church of Lighthorne 5s. To every cottager there 2d. to every my godchildren 4d.

Item to **Leonard Jecock** my best coat and leather doublet, to his son **William** a heiffer to be bred of the ground, and 2s. to be paid to him by my wife after the sale of her sheep, my iron bound cart after the decease of my wife.

Item three sheep to be delivered to him within these two years.

Item I give to **Thomas Rushead** my second coat, and second hose, to his wife a sheep and a calf to be bred up a whole year.

Item to **Richard Jurdaine** my best hose, to his wife and three children and the child unborn five sheep to be delivered at Michaelmas next, if any the parties die before the supervivers to receive their portions. To Antony a lamb.

Item I give my ten sheep and the wool of them to my wife and to make sale of them at (Hallowed?) day for her own use.

The rest of my goods movable and unmovable, these my bequests performed, my debts paid, and funeral discharged I give to **Doritie** my wife whom I make my executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, to do therein as God shall give her grace, according to the true meaning thereof. Moreover my will is that **Leonard** my son shall bear the half of the charges equally with my wife of the bequests, funeral and debts: in consideration that they shall occupy together as I in my time have done, and bear the charges together, for that their half, with her chamber is my wifes during her natural life. And at her decease to have free liberty to give to whom she will all her apparel and £5 of money to be paid by **Leonard**, namely five nobles the first year, five the second and the other five within the third year after her decease, and he my said son **Leonard** to bear all other charges and in consideration of these promises well and truly done and performed I and my wife have fully consented and agreed with **Leonard** & his wife they to have my wifes goods movable & unmovable whatsoever to be their own for ever after my wifes decease. This our grant to stand firmly and sure if my wife die before **Leonard**, otherwise not. But if **Leonard** first die: then we the parties above named have consented & agreed that they the two widows shall do as **Leonard** & his mother had done before having the good will of the landlord so to do and for each of them to enjoy & to do within their own half, the whole equally divided between them, as they shall think good when they shall depart them from the other either by death or marriage. Anything in the former grant to the contrary notwithstanding.

The overseers of this my last will my beloved friends my (wifes?) brother **John Randle**, **Thomas Reynolds** and they to have for their pains 6d. apiece.

Witnesses **William Smart** parson, **John Harber**, **Richard Garner** with the Overseers of this my testament.

Proved & executed at Stratford on Avon before **Richard Cosin** etc. 7th April 1585. Inventory £34.4s.8d.

