

**W.C.R.O. Will of Dorotry Townsende of Lighthorne 1626.**

In the Name of God Amen, the 13th day of March A.D. 1626. I Dorotry Townsende of Lighthorne in the county of Warwick, widow, being sick in body but of good remembrance (god be praised for the same) do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following, First I bequeath my soul to the Blessed Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Ghost, and my body to Christian burial in full trust of Resurrection to eternal life in the last day. And for my worldly goods I give & bequeath them as followeth: First I bequeath to my son **William** four pairs of sheets, and one sheet of flaxen cloth, one hilling of black & yellow, one flock bed which I now lie upon, one pair of blankets, six napkins, one towel, one table cloth, one pillow, my best bolster, two pewter platters, four spoons, my second spitt, and also the second flock bed, and my best gown.

Item I give & bequeath to my son **John Townsende** four pairs of sheets and one flaxen sheet, a hilling red & yellow, a flock bed, one pair of blankets, six napkins, two short table cloths, one bolster, two pewter platters, four spoons, my best coffer, the third spitt and my second gown.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter **Helene Townsende** four pair of sheets and one holland sheet, one hilling red & yellow, a feather bed, a pair of blankets, six napkins, one towel, one table cloth, one pillow, a bolster, two pewter dishes, one platter, four spoons, a little coffer and the new hilling, and also my best hat.

Item I bequeath to my three children **William John** and **Helene** my half of the great pot, and great pan to be equally divided amongst them: And also my half of the cupboard to be equally divided amongst them.

Item I give & bequeath to my sons **William & John** all my part of the sheep to be equally divided amongst them, except one sheep that I give to my daughter **Alice**, and an other sheep which I give to **Agnes** daughter of my son **Thomas**.

Item I give & bequeath to my three children **William John** and **Helene** all my part of all the beast at the house to be equally parted & divided among them, my son **Thomas** having his part which is half of all. My will is that my son **Thomas** shall provide of his own charges a good colt of a year only, & shall bestow & give the same to his brother **William** my son aforenamed.

Item my will is that my son **Thomas** shall have my part of the crops of corn and grain of all sorts, & pay & allow for the same the sum of thirty pounds, or more if it shall be found to be more worth, which said sum of thirty pounds or more I give & bequeath to my said three children **William, John** and **Helene** to be divided among them in form following: namely, **William** to have four pounds, **John** ten pounds, & **Helene** sixteen pounds, and so proportionately if it be found to be more worth.

Item I give to these my said three children my part of two joined beds to be equally divided among them

Item I give to my daughter **Alice** my holland apron & my holland kerchief. I give all my other apparel unbequeathed to my son **Thomas**'s children to be divided among them, except my only gown which I give to poor goodwife **Townsende**.

Item I constitute & ordain my son **Thomas Townsende** my executor, and to him I give all the rest of my goods unbequeathed, when my debts, legacies, & funeral expences be discharged of the whole, I appoint **Thomas Smith** overseer to see this my will performed.

Date the day & year abovesaid.

Witnesses: by me **Raphe Lees** minister. Subscribed by **Thomas Townsende & William Townsende**.

Proved at Worcester 5th day October A.D. 1627.