

W.C.R.O. Will of John Burton of Lighthorne 1561

In the Name of God Amen. The 18th day of May in the year of our Lord god 1561 I John Burton of Lighthorne in the County of Warwick sick & deseased in this my natural body but whole & perfect of mind and memory thanks be unto Almighty God ordain & make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as hereafter followeth. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God trusting by the merits of Christs passion to be partaker of his heavenly kingdom. And my body I will to be buried within the church yard of Lighthorne aforesaid. Item I give to the church of Worcester 2d. And to the reparations of the parish church of Lighthorne 12d.

Item I give 7s. to be bestowed among the poor of the parish of Lighthorne.

Item I give to every one of my godchildren 4d. Item I bequeath unto **William Burton** my eldest son 2 ewes one strike of wheat to be delivered at Michaelmas next & one strike of barley to be delivered at barley(sic) said time next.

Item I give to **Thomas Burton** son of the said **William** one hufferill to be in the custody of **John Smythe**. Also I give unto **John Burton** that(sic) the son of the said **William** one hufferill to be in the custody of **Richard Burton** my son.

Item I bequeath unto **Alis Hill** one wether sheep and to **John Hill Edward Hill Robert Hill** and **Joan Hill** 2 sheep amongst them. Also I bequeath to **John Burton** my son 40s. of good money of England to be delivered to him within 8 years next after my decease, and 2 sheep. Also I will that the said **John** have Commons in the fields of Lighthorne for 10 sheep with his brother **Richard** so long as he doth abide with him.

Item I will that all the sheep by me here bequeathed to be delivered at Michaelmas next.

Also I give and bequeath unto **Maryann Burton** my daughter £6.8s.4d. to be paid at the day of her marriage. Also I give unto her a gown cloth & 3 couple of hens to be delivered at these days.

The rest of my goods as well movable and unmovable I give & bequeath to **Richard Burton** my son whom I ordain & make my full & only executor of this my last will and testament that he discharging my debts & legacies shall & may have and enjoy the same to do therein as god shall put him in mind .

Also I desire that **John Townsend** & **John Hill** to be overseers of this my last will and testament that it be in all points performed according to the tenor thereof & for their pains to have either of them 6d.

In witness whereof I have desired these to be here present and to bear record thereof **John Wade** parson **Thomas Mason** **William Harbart** **John Townsend** with others the day & year above written.

Proved etc at Stratford before **Master Powell** etc. 22nd day of September 1561.