

W.C.R.O. Will of Richard Burton of Lighthorne 1568.

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In the name of God Amen. The 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord God 1567. I Richard Burton of the parish of Lighthorne in the County of Warwick, sick of body, but of perfect memory and understanding (Thanks be given unto God therefor) do make & ordain this my last will and Testament in manner & form following. 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 days?)

Item I give to the mother church of Worcester 2d. And to the reparations of the church of Lighthorne 12d.

Item I give to **Thomas Harrisse** half (-----) of wheat, And to **William Arnoll, George Myller, Richard** (-----) of them a peck of wheat. And to every one of my godchildren (-----). I give to my sister **Maria** £3 of lawful money of England (-----) unto her at Christmas come twelve months, And also £6 (-----) lawful money of England, given to her by my fathers will (-----) my will is that the one half should be paid her at (-----) Saint Michael the Archangel next ensuing after the foresaid feast of Christmas, and the other half at that day twelve months after the said feast, and also other legacies given her by my fathers will to be paid her at the said feast of Michaelmas or shortly after. My will is also that the five nobles, which I do owe to my brother **John Burton**, 20s. thereof to be paid to him at the feast of Saint John the Baptist come twelvemonths, And the other 13s.8d. to be paid him at that day twelvemonth after the said feast.

Item I give to **William Burton** my eldest brother my best cow & my best heiffer. And to **John Burton** my other brother a coat, a doublet and a shirt. And to **Thomas Burton** my kinsman my best (hat?), and to **John Hancocks** an ewe and a lamb, and to **Elnor Burton** a heiffer of a year old.

Item I give to **Richard Smyth** a pair of hose and a pair of shoes.

The rest of my goods as well movable as unmovable I give & bequeath to **Margaret** my wife, whom I ordain and make my full & only executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, that she discharging my debts and legacies, and also the legacies of my fathers will unpaid shall & may have and enjoy the same to do therewith as God shall put her in mind, also I desire **William Burton** my brother, **Leonard Smyth** and **John Townsend** to be overseers of this my Last Will and Testament, that it be in all points performed accordingly to the tenor thereof, and for their pains to have either of them 4d.

In witness whereof I have desired these my friends to be present and to bear record **Thomas Mason** and **John Randle** with others the day and year above written.

Proved at Alcester before Master **Richard Grene** etc. 1