

W.C.R.O. Will of William Palmer of Lighthorne 1604.

In the Name of God Amen, the 27th day of June A.D. 1603. I William Palmer of Lighthorne in the diocese of Worcester, husbandman, being sick in body but of whole and perfect memory, all praise & thanks be to God, make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of my Maker my Saviour and my Redeemer and my body to be buried in the church of Lighthorne aforesaid in sure & certain hope of a joyful Resurrection to eternal life at the last day. I give and bequeath unto the parish church of Lighthorne towards the repairing of the same 12d.

I give and bequeath to every poor cottage house 4d.

I give and bequeath unto **John Randoll** the son of **Allen Randoll** & to **Joanna Randoll** the daughter of the said **Allen** to every of them one cow & a lamb to be delivered & restored to them within one year after my decease.

Item my will is that **Mary** my wife and **John Palmer** my son shall during the term of my lease in like manner as I and my son **Thomas Palmer** have done heretofore in my life time, hold occupy and enjoy all my part of the living (that is) half the dwelling house half the goods movable & unmovable both within & without, the one half of the corn, half the cattle, half the grass & hay, half the pasture feedings & commons, with half the profits and commodities issuing belonging growing coming & increasing upon & out of the same the said living and tenement, the said **Mary** my wife and **John** my son paying & discharging equally betwixt them the one half of my debts that I owe & half all other payments and dues whatsoever, in like manner as I and my son **Thomas** have equally discharged & paid betwixt us heretofore in my life time. I will that **Mary** my wife shall have quietly to herself the upper chamber where I do lie and all that is in it to her own private use. Also I give to my son **John Palmer** the joined bed in the parlour & all that belongeth thereto.

Item my will is that if my son **John** do chance to marry that he shall take his part that he hath with his mother, that is half the goods half the crops and half the cattle and to leave the living & afterwards his mother to have the whole half of the living the goods and the cattle to herself during the term of her life.

Item my will is that neither my wife nor my son **John** shall marry into the house to dwell with my son **Thomas** and furthermore I will that **Marie** my wife and my son **John** shall pay equally betwixt them the half of the ten pounds that I do owe unto **Allen Randoll** my son in law, and my son **Thomas Palmer** shall pay the other half, the money to be paid unto the said **Allen Randoll** within one year after my decease.

Item I make and ordain **Marye** my wife & **John** my son equally together mine executors to fulfill this my last will & Testament, and finally I will that **John (Ley?)** and **Allen Randoll** shall be mine overseers of this my last will made and ordained the day and year first above written.

Proved 6th day June 1604 before Mr. **William (Wale?)** doctor at law (for) the bishop of Worcester etc. and the administration of all and singular the goods of the deceased to be carried out by **John Palmer** the natural son of the deceased **William Palmer** and **Marie** his relict named executors in the said will, and sworn to faithfully do so.

And the sum of the inventory was £(51) 6s. 8d.