

Will of Thomas Lacon 1536 (TNA, PROB 11/25/371)

Summary

Testator: Thomas Lacon of Willey, knight
 Executors: sons William & Lancelot, brother Richard Lakyn, Richard Harnage of Schenton esquire & Sr William Dyason clerk
 Date: 15 January 1536, proved 25 March 1536
 Witnesses: son & heir Richard Lakyn, son Lancelot, Richard Harnage of Echenton esquire, brother Richard Lakyn of the Cotes & Sr William Dyason clerk
 Will:

- buried in Harley with wife
- lordship & possessions in Willey & £20 to heir Richard
- Childeswoolands? & Kylmeseete & animals in Kenley to son Edward
- property in Hatton & Acton Pigott to son William
- ready money to three youngest sons, Edward William and Lancelot, saving £200 to all daughters
- £21 to priest to sing for souls
- £40 to daughter Alice Corbet
- £20 to daughter Anne Berriton's children
- £20 to daughter Mary Acton
- £20 to daughter Dorothe Walwyn toward her daughter Margery Leighton's marriage
- 100 marks to three youngest sons, Edward William and Lancelot
- £5 to brother Richard Lakyn of the Cotes
- 8s 4d to Richard Downing, 5s to John Emery & 5s to Lancelot Lewes

Text

In dei nomine amen

1. The 15 day of January in the 27th year of the reign of King Henry the 8th and in the year of our lord God a thousand five hundred thirty and five I **Thomas Lakyn of Willey in the County of Salop knight** sick and feeble in body but of good memory make my Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. In primus I bequeath my soul to God almighty to our Lady St Mary and to all the holy company of heaven and my body to be buried in the church of Harley
3. Item I bequeath to my **son Richard Lakyn** my son and heir apparent all my household stuff and all my plate where so ever it is and my chain of gold and all my oxen kyne and chattels from the **Lordship of Willey** and **twenty pounds** in ready money conditionally that where so I die within the realm of England that he fetch my body to Harley and bury me there and to remove my wife's body out of Much Wenlock's church to Harley and to lay her with me there upon his own proper costs and charges And in case he refuse to do that then my eldest son next to him shall have a hundred pounds out of the said plate beasts chattel and chain and to fetch me and my wife to Harley and to bury us there
4. Item I give and bequeath to my **son Edward** and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten **Childeswoolands? and Kylmeseete** within the County of Salop with the yearly valour there of which I purchased of Richard Clerk And for lack of such issue of him to remain to my son William and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for lack of such issue of him to remain to my son Lancelot and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten And for lack of such issue of him to remain to the right heirs of my the said Thomas forever

5. Item I give and bequeath to my **son Edward Lakyn** all my dairy? **kyne in Kenley**
6. Item I give and bequeath to my **son William Lakyn** and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten all my **ground and lands in Hatton** in the County of Salopp which I purchased of John Constable And also all my free lands and ground in Blakwaven in the parish of Harley in the said County and my **lands in Acton Pigott** which I purchased of Robert Hood
7. Also my will is that all my **money** and treasure that is to wit my gold and silver be distributed indifferently by **equal** portions amongst my **three youngest sons** as to **Edward William and Lancelot** to one as much as another when my will and testament is proved and my debts clearly rid and contented and my executors discharged
8. And if it fortune that any of my three sons Edward William and Lancelot aforementioned decease before his or their portion of goods be delivered to him or them then my will is that that portion be distributed amongst the other two who live and if two of them decease afore their portions or part of goods be distributed to them that then their portions be delivered to the longest liver of them three **saving two hundred pounds sterling be equally and indifferently distributed amongst all my daughters** that then be alive
9. Item I give and bequeath **£21 6s 8d sterling to a priest** to sing for my soul my wife's soul my father and mother's souls and all Christian souls for the space of four years at Harley
10. Item my will is that my son Richard shall keep all my servants together a whole year after my decease giving to every one of them meat drink and wages as I do now for that one year
11. Item Sir Thomas Cornwall owes unto me four score pounds sterling of the which I give and bequeath to my **daughter Alice Corbet forty pounds sterling** And to **daughter Anne Biriton's children twenty pounds** And to my **daughter Mary Acton twenty pounds** and that they and every one of them to sue and labor for their portion upon their own proper costs and charges and not my executors
12. Item I give and bequeath to my **daughter Dorothe Walwyn** to the preferment of **her daughter Margery Leighton twenty pounds sterling**
13. Also my will is that the **hundred marks** that my Lady Kateryn Blount does owe me for the marriage money of her son Richard be **equally** and indifferently distributed amongst my **three sons Edward William and Lancelot** when my debts be paid and my executors clearly acquitted and discharged
14. Item I give and bequeath to my **brother Richard Lakyn of the Cotes five pounds sterling**
15. Item I give and bequeath to **Richard Downing 8s 4d and to John Emery 5s sterling and to Lancelot Lewes 10s sterling**
16. Moreover I will that all my goods afore not bequeathed my debts paid and my executors clearly acquitted and discharged be disposed in alms & deeds as my executors shall think most expedient to the pleasure of God and the wealth of my soul
17. Finally I ordain constitute and make my true and faithful executors William and Lancelot my sons Richard Lakyn my brother Richard Harnage of Echenton esquire and Sr William Dyason clerk to execute and fulfill this my last Will and Testament after a true tenor and intent as concerning the premises And every executor to have for his labor and pains 40s

sterling apiece And when they or any of them do labor in the execution of this my last Will and Testament to be allowed for their costs and expenses

18. Item I make overseers and supervisors of this my last Will and Testament to see it truly executed and performed as concerning the premises Richard Lakyn my son and heir apparent Edward Lakyn my son and Richard Walwyn my son-in-law esquire
19. And I give and bequeath to the said Richard Walwyn for his labor and pain 40s
20. And in witness that this is my true last Will and Testament I the said Sir Thomas to this present writing have set my seal the day and year above named
21. These witness Richard Lakyn my son and heir apparent Lancelot my son Richard Harnage of Echenton esquire Richard Lakyn of the Cotes my brother and Sr William Dyason clerk

Probate London 25 March 1536 Lancelot Lakyn William Dyason executors