

## Thomas Seaverne 1636

In the name of God amen the second Day of March in the 20th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the year of God, King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith and in the year of our Lord God 1636 . I **Thomas Seaverne the elder** of the parish of Shrawley in the county of Worcester yeoman being weak in body but in good and perfect remembrance, blessed be God, do make and ordaine this my present Testament being my last will in manner and form following that is to say first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my creator, hoping assuredly to be saved by the only death and passion of my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ and my body to Christian burial. Item I give to the parish church of Shrawley four shillings. Item I give unto the poor of the same parish of Shrawley five shillings. Item I give and bequeath unto **Joane Seaverne my wife** the house and copyhold wherein I now dwell with the appurtenance called **Beliams** during her natural life according to the custom of the Manor. Item I leave unto her the said Joane all such goods as are now in my dwelling house to the intent they may remain with her for her and during her life. Item I give the sum of £30 to be paid unto her within half a year next after my decease. Item I give unto her 30 strike of old rye and 30 strike or barley. Item I give unto her two of the best kyne and one bay nagg and one sowe and three score swine. Item my will is that my executor shall either pay unto to her the said Joane or to her executor or executrix the sum of £30 or else to leave all such goods within the dwelling house unto her to dispose of at her pleasure except the standards belonging to the house. Item I give unto **my four sons, Thomas, William, Richard and John** £6. 13s 4d a piece And I give unto **Thomas my son** 20 shrikes of barley. Item I give unto **Richard, my son**, the sum of four score pounds within three years next after my decease, that is to say by even and equal portions at the end of every of the said three years. Item I give unto **my son William** six sheep. Item I give unto **the three children of Thomas Martin my son in law** six sheep. Item I given to **Christian my daughter, wife of Robert Stone the younger**, the sum of three score and ten pounds, £20 whereof my will is shall be paid unto him the said Robert at such time as she shall be estated in his freehold called **Churchill's** situated in Shrawley and the other £40 and £10 within the two next years after such an estate shall be made unto her as aforesaid. Item I give unto **Elizabeth, my daughter, wife of Richard Stone the younger**, the sum of three score pounds to be paid yearly by equal portions within the first three years next after my decease. Item I give unto **the two children of Elizabeth, my daughter** £5 apiece. Item I give unto Anthony Cook my servant £5. Item I give to all my servants in the house two shillings a piece. Item I give unto all my godchildren 12p apiece. Item I give unto **Joane, my wife**, all the wool in the house and cloth at the Weavers. Item All the rest of my goods chattels and cattle ungiven and unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto **Robert my son** who I make and ordain my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof the aforesaid **Thomas Seaverne the older** has hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. The mark of the testator. Witnesses to this present Testament, Thomas Martin, the mark of William Hampton , Walter Harbache. Owing by the Testator to **William Seaverne his son** the sum of three score pounds promised to him at his marriage.