**Will of Ursula SAUNDERS formerly LEE nee YATES**

**In the name of god amen *I Ursule Saunders*** of Morton in the parish

of Dinton make this my last will and testament in manner and fourme following: ffirst I bequeath

my soule into the hands, mercifull hands of allmightie god, And my bodye to be buried in the church

of Dinton. Item I give to my pooore Neighbours of Dinton saventene shillings. Item I give to my

poore Neighbours of Stone Tenne shillings. Item I give to my mother a starre Royall beinge

ffuytene shillings, and fyve poundes. Item I give to my godchild my son Lees childe twentie

poundes. Item I give to my godchild my daughter Doncombes childe twentie poundes. Item I

gyve to my godchilde my daughter Pinns childe twentie poundes, whereof my sonne Pynne doth

owe me Tenne poundes. Item I give to my godchilde my daughter Smythes childe twentie pounds

which my sonne Smith oweth me. Item I give to my daughter Saunders son my godchild

twentie pounds. I give to my godchilde my daughter Holymans childe twentie poundes. Item

I give to my sonne John Hicks one hundredth poundes to be distributed amonge his children Item

I give to my sonne John Hicks my best coverlet, sixe of my best silver spoones and my silver Sault

Item I give to Sibill Saunders daughter to my daughter Saunders ffytie poundes Item I

gyve to my Cossen Terys? Wife fyve poundes that her father oweth me. Item I give to my godchild

my daughter Petties childe Tenne poundes. Item I give to my daughter Pinne my best gowne

my best potte garnished with silver and a paire of my fynest sheetes. Item I give to my daughter

Smyth my second best gowne and my best petticoat. Item I give to my daughter Saunders

my thirde best gown being newe made and my newe peticote. Item I give to my daughter

Saunders my best gestinge bedd furnished as it standeth and sixe silver spoons. Item I give

to my daughter Saunders, my daughter Smith, my daughter Holyman all my bedding lynne

pewter and brasse not bequeathed. Item I give to my daughter Pettie Tenne poundes to be

payde at the discretion of my exequetors. Item I give to John Warden halfe a quarter of

wheate and half a quarter of maulte. Item I give to William Crooche? fyve shillings

Item I give to Ursula Robbins six shillings eight pence. Item I give and bequeath to my

sonne Thomas Lee all my Leases, all implememts of howse and other things which weare his

grandfathers and grandmothers. Item I make and ordaine my exequutors to this my last

will and testament my son Thomas Saunders of Dynton and my sonne Xpofer Holyman

This will and testament was made on the eleaventhe daye of September in the five and

Twentiethe yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of god

of Englande France and Irelande Queene, defender of the faithe etc.

(This is a PCC Will written in 1583, ref:PROB 11/66/173–held at the National Archives, Kew. A copy can also be found on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) )

Notes

*1)….I give to my godchilde my daughter Holymans childe twentie poundes…*

*This child was Ursula HOLYMAN, daughter of Christopher HOLYMAN, probably his eldest daughter. Ursula’s bequest from her maternal grandmother was also mentioned in the Will of Christopher HOLYMAN (d1588) and the Will of Dame Eleanor LEE (1632)*

*2) Daughter DUNCOMBE was most likely Joane, who married Thomas DUNCOMBE. Through this marriage the LEES (including Margaret LEE wife of Christopher HOLYMAN) were related to Katherine DUNCOMBE the mother of John WOODLIFF or WOODLEIF born 1584 at Peterley Manor, Prestwood, Bucks. John WOODLIFF held the first Thanksgiving Service in Virginia in 1619.*

*3) John WOODLIFF was the son of Drewe WOODLIFF and Katherine DUNCOMBE. John was baptised in the church of St. Peter and Paul, Dinton on 27th December 1584*

*4) Drewe and his widowed mother Anne (nee DRURY) were involved in a court case with one Ingram FRIZER over some fraudulent transactions in 1596. FRIZER was a bit of a dubious character having already been implicated in the murder of playwright Christopher MARLOWE, three years earlier. Nothing was ever proved conclusively though regarding FRIZER and MARLOWE.*

*5) A Starre Royalle, (also known as a Ryal or Rose Noble) was a coin worth fifteen shillings in the Elizabethan era.*