

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/436/254.

Abstract of the Will of John Cressener, Grocer of London, Esq., written 4 Sep 1694, proved 8 Feb 1696/7.

Being seventy-three years of age he declares this to be his last will and testament and directs that his body be buried in Earls Colne Church near his wife.

Gives to **his daughter Elizabeth Halton** and her heirs all his houses & tenements in Bude lane. Gives to **her children William, John, Edward and George** all his stock in the East India Company. Also gives to Elizabeth half his plate, half his linnen and half his pewter. He further gives to Elizabeth and her husband £20 to buy them mourning.

Gives £300 to **his daughter Ann Darrell** to be secured for **her children John, James and Marmaduke**, Ann receiving the interest of the said £300 until her children reach the age of twenty-one years. He also gives to Ann the house he is living in and all the furniture that is in it for her life. If she decides to leave the house Ann and **her husband James Darrell** are to be paid £3 a quarter, and she may dispose of the furniture as she please, first allowing her sister Halton to take what she wants.

Gives £20 to **his daughter Mary Pointer** to buy mourning.

Gives £20 to **his son George Cressener** to buy mourning.

Gives to **his cousin John Cressener** and his wife two rings of 20 shillings each.

Gives £10 to **his sister Mary Whitt** to buy mourning.

Gives Mr. Mayo 2 guineas and Mr. Tayler 1 guinea.

Gives £5 to Mr. Edward to buy mourning.

Gives £3 to the poor of Earls Colne, to be disposed of by his cousin John Cressener.

Nominates and ordains **his son Edward Cressener** as sole executor of his last will and testament.