

WILL OF ELIZABETH CROSLY, 1789

In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Crosley widow of Craven Buildings Hoxton in the Parish of Shoreditch Middlesex being of sound and disposing mind and Memory Do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form as follows Imprimis I commend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to be buried in as plain a manner as possible and to be interred in the vault with my ancestors as near the Body of my late Dear Husband as convenient in the family Vault which is under the Church of Saint Leonard Shoreditch in the County of Middlesex and as my worldly Effects are small and my family large to prevent future altercations I Dispose of them in manner and form following as my eldest son Nalum Harwood Crosley enjoyed the whole of his late Fathers Estate I give and bequeath to him and Ann Crosley his Wife the sum of one guinea ... for a Ring in where ...I die in love with them and as I am possessed of six hundred pounds Stock in the three per cents Stock in the Bank of England I give that among my three Daughters for their sole use and benefit To wit Daughter Hannah Triquet wife of Charles Triquet of the Bank the Sum of one hundred pounds Stock and to my Daughter Harriet Ventum Wife of Thomas Ventum of Westminster two hundred and Fifty pounds of the said Stock and to my Daughter Mary Crosley the remaining two hundred and Fifty pounds which make out the whole six hundred pounds Stock and as I am entitled by the Will of my late Dear Father Peter Whitelock to one hundred pounds Stock to my Son Samuel Crosley and my on James Alexander Crosley to be equally divided between them and should either die before Mrs. Perry the whole to go to the Survivor and should they both die before the said Mrs. Perry the said hundred pounds Stock is to be equally divided between my said Daughters Hannah Triquet Harriet Ventum and Mary Crosley and my Daughter Hannah Triquet may have my Ruby and Diamond Ring the six Silver Tea Spoons that she has at present and my large and Small plated waiters in lieu of the Ring that Harriet is to have and the watch that Mary will have I also desire all my Wearing apparel Linen Lace Toweles Trinkets and Body Linen may be given to my said Daughter Mary Crosley I likewise desire that all my household Furniture may be sold in the best manner that my hereafter mentioned Executor shall think most advisable and that the Money arising from the sale may be appropriated to the payment of my Funeral Expenses Legaties and whatever Debts I may own at my decease and should any Surplus remain after their payment I desire It may be equally Divided between my three Daughters Hannah Triquet, Harriet Ventum and Mary Crosley and my two Sons Samuel Crosley and James Alexander Crosley share and share alike I do herewith appoint Mr. Richard Reddish of the Excise Office London and my two Sons in Law Charles Triquet and Thomas Ventum Executors of this my last Will and Testament made this tenth day of February in the year of Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and to which I have set my Hand and Seal Eliz'th Crosley - in the presence of us Ann Smallpiece Frances Whitelock

Providing my Furniture should not sell for Money sufficient to defray the Expenses of my Funeral etc my will then is that my three Daughters pay an equal proportion out of the Stock before mentioned towards making good such Deficiencies if any and my desire is that my three Daughters Provide a decent Suit of Mourning for my Son Samuel Eliz. Crosley Frances Whitelock, Ann Smallpiece

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil the fourth day of March in the year of our Lord

one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine before the Worshipful William Battim Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Sir William Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Richard Reddish one of the Executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits fo the deceased having been first sworn Duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to Charles Triquet and Thomas Ventum the other Executors named in the said Will when they or either of them shall apply for the same.

Elizabeth Crosley was born Oct.31,1734 in the parish of St.Leonard, Shoreditch, London. Her parents were Peter Whitelock and Hannah Harrison who were married in that parish Apr.28,1728. Elizabeth first married William Lee who died in 1761. On November 29, 1761 at St. Leonard's she married Samuel Crosley.

Elizabeth's father was a permit examiner in the General Excise Office in London, likely a very lucrative position as he was fairly well off when he died in 1781. His will is extensive and includes six hundred pounds of Bank Stock that he is dividing amongst his children.

Samuel and Elizabeth (Whitelock) Crosley had at least six children that are mentioned in Elizabeth's Will made two days before her death February 12, 1789.

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