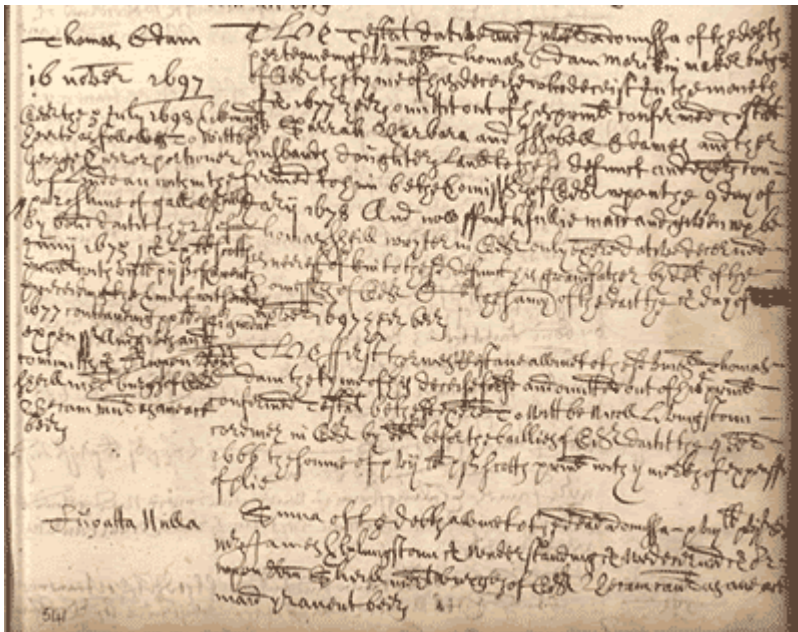


## Weekly Poser (289) – Eik, 1697

This week's poser is an eik, recorded in Edinburgh Commissary Court register of testaments in 1697 (National Records of Scotland, CC8/8/80, page 541).

An eik was an addition to a testament, usually consisting of an item or items which had been left off an inventory of movable goods. Some were recorded separately in testamentary registers and some – if they were short enough – were added to the margins of the original testament, as in the example below.



Invariably a marginalised eik like this one over-writes some of the original text, and this makes it difficult to differentiate between some of the words in the eik and some of the words in the original testament.

In this case the testament is that of Thomas Adam, morocco leather maker, burgess of Edinburgh, recorded on 16 November 1697. The eik was added on 5 July 1698 and concerned money owed to Adam (consisting of a principal sum, interest and a penalty – presumably for late payment) in a bond of 1675.



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**Answer:** The debtor was George Curror, portioner of Lindean in the parish of Gallowsheill[is]. He owed 160 pounds scots (*Jc~Lx lib~*) principal, 7 pounds 12 shillings interest (*vij lib~ xij s~ of a[nnual] rent*) and 20 pounds penalty (*xxlib~ of liquidat expenss[is]*). The cautioner was William Sheill merchant burges of Edinburgh.

**Transcription**

Thomas Adam  
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Ed[inbu]r[gh] 5 July 1698 Eik maid  
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by band daitit the 24 of  
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preceiding the t[er]me of witsonday  
1677 conteaneing xxlib~ of liquidat  
expenss[is] And gives and  
commit[is] / Q[uhai]rwpon W[illia]m  
Sheill mer[chan]t burges of Ed[inbu]r[gh]  
Becam cau[tione]r as ane act  
beir[is]

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