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*Abstract of the Will of Richard Branwell of the Town of Penzance in the County of Cornwall, Innkeeper, written 16 Feb 1811, proved 2 Apr 1812.*

Gives £50 to **his wife Honor Branwell**, along with his freehold and leasehold messuages, dwellings, lands, hereditaments and premises in the town of Penzance and in the parish of Gulval. Also gives to his wife the use of his household goods and furniture for life. After her death he gives the same to **his two unmarried daughters Eliza and Margaret**, in trust, for themselves and **his daughter Thomasine Argall**, share and share alike.

Gives £30 to **his eldest son Richard Branwell**, as well as his freehold dwelling and premises in Marketjew Street in Penzance, currently occupied by Wilmot Eve, widow. Also gives to him his freehold dwelling and garden in Marketjew Street currently occupied by Thomas Paul.

Gives £200 to William Bolitho of Chyandowe in Gulval, merchant, and to **his two sons Robert Matthews Branwell and Joseph Branwell**, in trust, to invest in government or other securities, and pay the interest to **his daughter Catherine the wife of John Edmonds**, independent of her husband. After her death to pay the same toward the maintenance and support of her children.

Gives £20 to **his daughter Catherine Edmonds**.

Gives £320 to the said William Bolitho and to **his two sons Robert Matthews Branwell and Joseph Branwell**, in trust, to invest in government or other securities, the interest accruing during the lives of **his daughter Thomasine Argall and her husband William Argall**, to be paid to her following the death of her husband.

Gives £30 to **his son Thomas Branwell**, as well as his three-quarter part of a dwelling house in Chapel Street in Penzance.

Gives to **his sons Robert Matthews Branwell and Joseph Branwell** his several leasehold fields and moors in Gulval, currently occupied by William Eddy and the widow of Henry Thomas, as well as his reversionary estate in Gulval currently held by Edmund Warne.

Gives to **his son Joseph Branwell** the freehold house or stable in the Back-lane in Penzance.

Gives £150 to **his daughter Honor Chraster**.

Gives £300 to **his daughter Julia the wife of Samuel Paddy**.

Gives £15 each to **his two grandchildren Philip Argall and William Argall**, to be paid to them when they each turn twenty-one.

Gives £10 to **his natural son Richard Branwell Veale**.

All the rest of his goods, chattels, personal and testamentary estate he gives to **his two sons Robert Matthews Branwell and Joseph Branwell**, share and share alike, appointing them co-executors and residuary legatees of his last will and testament.

(Signed)

In a codicil dated 16 Jan 1812, he voids the bequest to **his son Thomas Branwell** who was a lieutenant aboard *H.M. St. George*, which ship is now lost and his son drowned. As such, the dwelling house and premises in Chapel Street he gives to **his two sons Robert Matthews Branwell and Joseph Branwell**, subject to the payment of £350 to his other children.

(Signed)

Witnesses: Emmanuel Pope, John Pope Vibert, W<sup>m</sup> W<sup>ms</sup>

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Richard Branwell of Penzance was buried in Madron, Chapelry of Penzance, aged 68 years (burial record).