

*Abstract of the Will of Richard Pearce of Kerris in the County of Cornwall,  
Gentleman, written 10 Jun 1696, proved 11 Mar 1698/9.*

Gives £5 to the poor of the town of Penzance.

Gives 50 shillings to the poor of the parish of Paul.

Gives 50 shillings to the poor of the parish of St. Just.

Gives £200 to **his brother W<sup>m</sup> Pearce**, being over and above what he has already given him to secure an apprenticeship, releasing and discharging his executors of and from the legacy given him by the last will and testament of **their father, William Pearce** now deceased.

Gives £300 to **his brother Duke Pearce**, to be paid to him when he turns twenty-one. Gives Duke an additional annuity of £7 during his minority, releasing and discharging his executors of and from the legacy given him by the last will and testament of their father, William Pearce....

Gives £200 to **his sister Elizabeth Pearce**, to be paid to her within six months after her marriage, she releasing and discharging his executors of and from the legacy given her by their father. In the meantime, she shall have the interest on said legacy for her maintenance.

Gives £200 to **his sister Grace Pearce**, to be paid to her within six months after her marriage, she releasing and discharging his executors of and from the legacy given her by their father. In the meantime, she shall have the interest on said legacy for her maintenance.

Gives £200 to **his sister Mary Pearce**, to be paid to her within six months after her marriage, she releasing and discharging his executors of and from the legacy given her by their father. In the meantime, she shall have the interest on said legacy for her maintenance, causing the conditional bond he gave to **his uncle Thomas Pearce** to be cancelled by the testator's executors.

Gives to his wife the bed and furniture in his chamber at Kerris, with two pair of sheets, pillows and pillow cases, along with the use of the place during her widowhood.

Gives to his wife the interest on £100 during her widowhood.

Gives to **his son Richard Pearce** and his heirs male his Barton of Kerris and the two tenements there. Also gives to his son Richard his tin bounds within the county of Cornwall.

Gives £300 to **his daughter Isabella**, to be paid to her when she turns twenty-one. In the meantime, she is to receive an annuity of £10 for her maintenance.

Gives £300 to **his daughter Mary**, to be paid to her when she turns twenty-one. In the meantime, she is to receive an annuity of £10 for her maintenance.

Gives to **his wife Mary Pearce, his brother-in-law John Borlase, Gent, his uncle Thomas Pearce, his uncle Rich<sup>d</sup>. Bennett, his brother W<sup>m</sup>. Pearce**, and his friends Henry Pendarves, Clerk, Nicholas Boson the younger, Gent, and Oliver Ustick, Gent, his messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments (with the exception of his Barton of Kerris), in trust, to pay his debts and legacies out of the proceeds, appointing them co-executors of his last will and testament.

Witnesses: Tho Cunnack, John James of Newlyn, John Benallacke, Thomas Richards