

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/382/237.

Abstract of the Will of William Pearce of the Town of Penzance in the County of Cornwall, written 22 May 1671, proved 19 Feb 1685/6.

Gives £120 to **his daughter Elizabeth Pearce**, to be paid to her when she turns twenty-one. In the meantime she is to receive an annuity of £8 for her maintenance.

Gives £100 to **his daughter Grace Pearce**, to be paid to her when she turns twenty-one. In the meantime she is to receive an annuity of £6 for her maintenance.

Gives £150 to **his son William Pearce**, to be paid to him when he turns twenty-one. In the meantime he is to receive an annuity of £9 for his maintenance.

Gives 40 shillings to the poorest of the parish of St. Just.

Gives 20 shillings to the poorest of the parish of Madron and town of Penzance.

Gives 10 shillings to the poorest of the parish of St. Crett (Sancreed).

Gives to **his son Richard Pearce** and his heirs his fee simple lands, houses and tenements, as well as the estate of houses, goods and land he inherited from **his mother-in-law Elizabeth Duke** in marriage with her daughter.

Gives to **his son Richard Pearce** a tenement in the parish of St. Just called Bossorke, and one other tenement in St. Burian parish called Bossornquerk, which has passed to **his wife Elizabeth Pearce** during her life.

All the rest of his goods and chattels he gives to **his son Richard Pearce**, appointing him sole executor of his last will and testament. In the meantime he nominates as guardians of his son's estate **his wife Elizabeth Pearce**, **his uncle William Lanyon** of Illogan, **his cousin John Lanyon** of Mor-----, **his brother Thomas Pearce** of Penzance, and **his brother-in-law Richard Bennett** of St. Just.

If his son Richard dies before coming of age, then he makes his son William sole executor in his stead.

Witnesses: Thomas Pearce, John Lanyon

On 4 May 1750 Administration (with the will annexed) of the goods &c of William Pearce late of the town of Penzance in co. Cornwall, deceased, left unadministered by Richard Pearce while living, the son and sole executor, was granted to Mary Pendarves (formerly Pearce), widow and relict of Richard Pearce, and surviving executrix of the will of the said Richard Pearce.