

# James Worth PEARCE



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Born: 29 August 1823

Died: 18 June 1881

*RAILWAY COLLECTOR OF REVENUE*



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As you exit the Vestry door and look straight ahead, you will notice a very large and thick tree, with a low coping stone up tight against it. It is almost impossible to read the inscription on the back side because it is so close to the tree. Both inscriptions read:

*In memory of **JAMES WORTH PEARCE** of Eccles born 29th of August 1823. Died 18th of June 1881.*

*1881. **ELIZABETH PEARCE** wife of **JAMES WORTH PEARCE** who died April 3rd 1897 aged 70 yrs.*

***JONATHAN PEARCE** owner. (e756)*

**James Worth Pearce** was born in Stourbridge, Worcestershire, on 29 August **1823** to Charles Worth Pearce and Mary. He was then baptised at High Street Independent, Stourbridge, on 27 September 1823

His father, **Charles Worth Pearce**, was born in St. Ives, Cornwall, on 26 July 1785, and married Mary Rogers. However, by the time **James Worth** married in Manchester, his father had died (in **1836**). Hence, there is no record of the family in the first census of 1841. But **James** did have brothers - Charles Worth Pearce and John Charles Pearce, amongst others. When John Charles was married in Leeds in 1848, his residence on the marriage certificate was Salford, Lancashire, presumably lodging with his brother.

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1848. Marriage solemnized at St. Catharine's Parish Church in the Parish of Manchester in the County of Manchester

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
321	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1848	James Worth Pearce Elizabeth Harper	24 21	Bachelor Spinster	Collector	Golden street Hulme Miller street	Charles Worth Pearce Thompson Harper	Civil Engineer Painter

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by License or after \_\_\_\_\_ by me, \_\_\_\_\_

This Marriage was solemnized between us, James Worth Pearce in the Presence of us, Thompson Harper  
Elizabeth Harper John Thompson

**1851** census: 18 Rumford Street, Chorlton upon Medlock.

<b>James Worth Pearce</b>	Head	M	27	Railway Officer	b. Worcs.
Elizabeth	Wife	M	24		b. Manchester
+ 1 servant					



The **1860** Electoral register recorded his address as 19 Thurza Street, Hulme, and the nature of his qualification was Freehold Land, '*situate in Franklin Street and Cornwall Road, and being part of the Monk's Hall estate.*'

**1861** census: 19 Belgrave Terrace, Thirza Street, Hulme.

<b>James Worth Pearce</b>	Head	M	37	Railway Clerk	b. Stourbridge
Elizabeth	Wife	M	34		

+ 1 servant

**1871** census: 61 Mulberry Street, Hulme.

<b>James Worth Pearce</b>	Head	M	47	Railway Treasurer's Collector
Elizabeth	Wife	M	44	

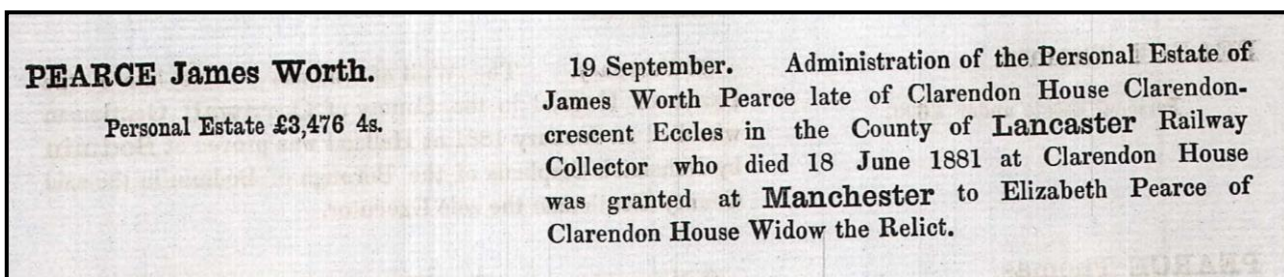
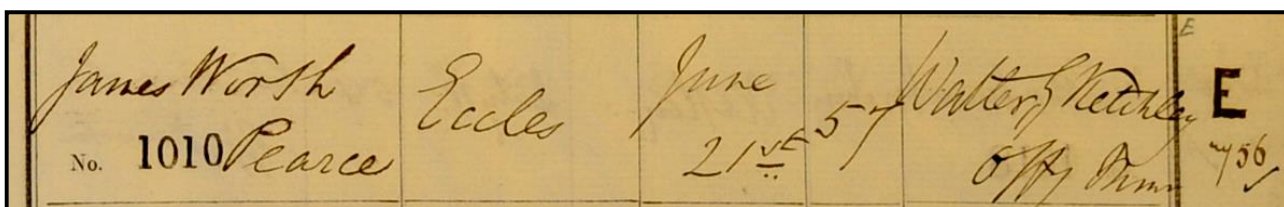
+ domestic

The Electoral Register for **1875** also showed his address as 61 Mulberry Street, Hulme, holding freehold land and buildings in the same location as in 1860.

**1881** census: 9 Clarendon Crescent, Eccles.

<b>James Worth Pearce</b>	Head	M	57	Railway Collector of Goods Revenue
Elizabeth	Wife	M	54	

+ 1 servant



A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'James Worth Pearce'.

The following announcement appeared in the London Gazette in September **1881**:

*JAMES WORTH PEARCE, Deceased.*

*Pursuant to the Act of Parliament of the 22nd and 23rd Victoria, chapter 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property, and to relieve Trustees."*

*NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons having any debt or claims against or affecting the estate of **James Worth Pearce**, late of Clarendon House, Clarendon Crescent, Eccles, in the county of Lancaster, Railway Collector, deceased (who died intestate on the 18th of June, 1881, and to whose personal estate and effects letters of administration were granted by Her Majesty's High Court of Justice at the District Registry attached to the Probate*

*Division thereof at Manchester, on the 19th of September instant, to Elizabeth Pearce, of Clarendon House aforesaid, Widow, the relict of the said deceased), are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to us, the undersigned, the Solicitors to the said administratrix, on or before the 19th of October next, at the expiration of which time the said administratrix will proceed to deal with and distribute the assets of the said James Worth Pearce, deceased/ among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said administratrix shall then have had notice; and the said administratrix will not be liable for the assets so dealt with or distributed to any person of whose debt or claim she shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.—Dated this 21st of September, 1881.*

*NEEDHAM, PARKINSON, and SLACK,*

*10, York Street, Manchester; Solicitors for the said Administratrix, .*

When we look at the next census of 1891, we find that Elizabeth was a widow, and had relocated to Southport. James Worth Pearce was buried in the churchyard on 21 June **1881**, aged 57.

**1891** census: North Meols, Southport.

Elizabeth Pearce                      Wid.    M            64            Living on her own means  
+ 1 servant

Elizabeth herself died on 3 April **1897** and was buried her on 8 April.

Burial: 8 Apr **1897** St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England

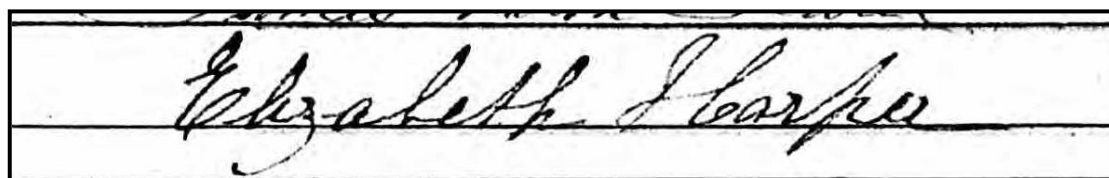
Elizabeth Pearce -

Age: 70 years

Abode: Southport

Grave: E 756 B.G

She died on 3 April 1897 and was living at 85 Zetland Street, Southport. Her effects were left to Alfred Tempeste Foran, gentleman.



An official guide to railway employees describes his job as follows:

**collector of dues**

'calls on customers and collects freightage, demurrage and other dues owing to a railway company'.  
(**Demurrage** is a charge applied to shipments left in a terminal after the allotted free time).

