

Notes from the will of Evan Jenkins of the parish of Llanblethian gentleman.

To the reparation of the cathedral church of Llandaff £1.

And as touching the little real estate I purchased it is settled according to my will and desire by the custom of the manor of Talyfan.

To my wife my now dwelling house and lands in as large a manner as I held the same by copy of court roll granted by Mr David Jenkins of Hensol deceased. Out of which she is to pay £2 p.a. to clothing the youngest child of Catherine daughter of Wm Thomas of Pendoylan deceased, £2 to clothing of youngest child of Margaret David of Ystradowen; also to youngest child of Edward David of Ystradowen, do. of John Richard of the parish of Llanblethian, do of James Thomas of St Mary Hill. £1 do to Morgan John late of Llangan.

To Cristly daughter of Howell Morgan of Welsh St Donats deceased all my right, title and interest in a chattle lease from Sir John Aubrey.

To Jane daughter of Anthony Watkin late of Llantrisant £20.

To Catherine granddaughter of Anthony Watkin and daughter of Wm Lewis of Ystradowen £5; to Joan her sister now dwelling with me £5.

I give and bequeath my dear Brother's picture to the Free School of Cowbridge and that it may be fixed up in the said school and all my books which are useful for the said school.

To godson Wm Lewis my English Bible.

I appoint Joan my wife sole executrix.

I appoint my friends Thomas Wilkins and Richard Savors gent. overseers.

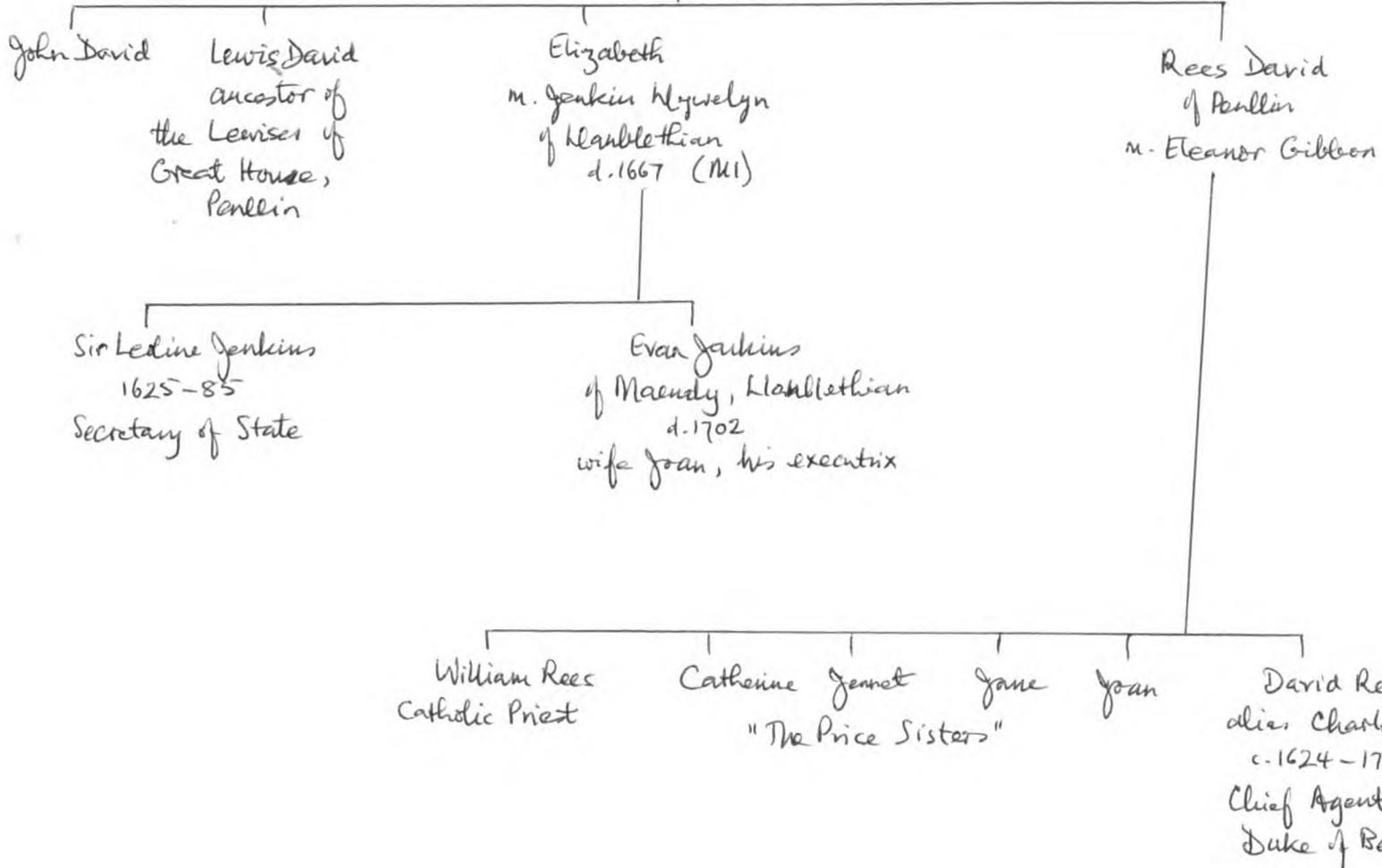
Evan Jenkins 6 April 1702

witnesses Jonathan Nicholls clerk, Abednigo Williams, William Ralph

Codicil. To one of the sons of James Thomas of St Mary Hill £5 towards his apprenticeship. To Margaret John of Bonvilston the wife of ---- £5

Proved at Llandaff 15 May 1702 by Joan Jenkins the relict.

David John William  
of Penllin





26 July 2019

Dear Betty,

The facts about the founding of the Evan Jenkins Charity are clear enough. But it was not by his will of 1702 that Evan Jenkins established it. In 1699 he gave 13 acres at Ystradowen to the parish officers, as described in the official report of the Charity Commission in 1895. I have an idea that this land has been sold for building, which is why the trustees of the charity have quite a bit of money to disperse. The Leoline Jenkins Charity, established by his will in 1685, was distinct from the Evan Jenkins Charity - though whether the two have now been merged into one, I don't know.

Evan was Sir Leoline's younger brother; neither had children.

I'm sending my notes from Evan's will. The only interesting item in it is the gift of Sir Leoline's portrait to the Grammar School. (I hope the head of the Comprehensive School is looking after the portrait properly.)

With regards and best wishes,

Brian