

# Chesten Marchant

**Chesten Marchant** or **Cheston Marchant**, who died in 1676 at Gwithian, Cornwall,<sup>[1]</sup> reportedly having reached the age of 164 (the claim apparently going back to either William Scawen<sup>[2]</sup> or, according to Henry Jenner, to William Borlase<sup>[3]</sup>), is believed to have been the last monoglot Cornish speaker, as opposed to other speakers such as Dolly Pentreath who could also speak English.

## 1 See also

- John Davey

## 2 References

- [1] “Gwithian Village, Cornwall”. *cornwallinfocus.co.uk*. Retrieved 12 November 2010.
- [2] Vulliamy, Colwyn Edward (1925). *Unknown Cornwall*. John Lane. p. 220. Retrieved 14 August 2014. Cornish people seem to live to great ages, though some of the records of longevity should, perhaps, be treated with a certain reserve. C. S. Gilbert gives a long list of centenarians, and super-centenarians, including a woman named Chester [*sic*] Marchant who lived in Gwithian, and who, in 1676, according to one Mr. Scawen, reached the astounding age of 164 years.
- [3] Jenner, Henry (2012) [1904]. “I. The Story of the Cornish Language”. *A Handbook of the Cornish Language: Chieftly in Its Latest Stages, with Some Account of Its History and Literature* (Reprint ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press. p. 16. ISBN 978-1-108-04702-9. Retrieved 16 January 2016. It is recorded by Dr. Borlase that Cheston Marchant, who died at Gwithian in 1676 aged 164 (!), could speak nothing but Cornish.

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