



Grateful thanks to Louise Webster – on the class of 1911

Squadron Leader Nicholas Anthony PEARCE (1904-1939)

1904 - Born, Ripley Court, Guildford, Surrey. **Younger son of Mr Robert Pearce, Headmaster of Ripley Court School and Mrs Mabel Pearce.**

1925 - Joined RAF

1927, September 24 - Granted commission as Pilot Officer

1928, March 15 - Posted to No1 Flying Training School, RAF Netheravon

1929 - Promoted to Flying Officer

1929, April- Posted to RAF Biggin Hill Night Flying Unit flying Vimys.

1930, March - Married Katherine Ann Macleod only daughter of the late James Torquil Magnus Macleod of Aros Rhu, Dumbartonshire, and Mrs. Macleod of Vale House, Iwerne Minster, Blandford at St. George, Hannover Square, London

1931, August - 5 Posted to the Electrical and Wireless School, RAF Cranwell, Lincolnshire.

1931 Posted to RAF Mount Batten Marine Base

1932, June 7 - Promoted to Flight Lieutenant

1933 Posted to the Aircraft Depot, RAF Hinairi, Iraq.

1937, August - Promoted to Squadron Leader

1937, August 3 - Posted to take command of No 102 Sqn, RAF Finningley, 12 Heyfords

1938, July 16 - Posted to take command of No 76 Sqn, RAF Finningley, 12 x Wellesleys

1939, January 1 - Died on active service from causes unknown at Savernake Hospital, Marborough, Wiltshire age 34 yrs

1939, February 17 - Probate was granted 17 Feb 1939 to his widow, Mrs Katherine Anne PEARCE in the London Probate Registry- £4032=19s=1d.

In 1940, Ripley Court School moved to Betton Strange Hall near Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Mrs. Mable Pearce died in 1943.