

FRYDAY COTTAGE

Fryday Cottage received its name from an owner-occupier James Fryday c.1800 but how⁷ it was identified originally is unknown. The plot probably extended from the High Street to Backside (Church Road) but the first deed in the collection does not identify the boundaries clearly and, as it is before the Enclosure Act, includes twenty-seven acres elsewhere in Wheatley. At some time the plot has been subdivided.

Title Deed for Fryday Cottage (incomplete)

17th bay of the year of 1738

Henry Dossett of Temple Cowley, butcher, in the County of Oxford and Elizabeth his wife.

H.D. & E.D. (his wife) A John Bossett sell to T. Barnard - "all that messuage A tenement with garden A orchard A other outhouses-----
----- in occupation of John Williams A James May and situate A being in Wheatley A also those arable land (be they more or less) lying in the common fields of Wh. and are now in the occupation of Richard Sheene A in that part of Wheatley field called The Racks - the south end of which abutteth the messuage aforesaid and ? ground whereon a barn formerly stood and the north end abutting against the ? road and bounded on the land of Sebastian Smith on the west and two butts (?) of which said land lie in Hounslow Furlong in the same field, the west ends whereof abut against the — and belonging to the said Sebastian Smith on the south A the land belonging to All Souls College on the north, and the other belonging to All Souls College and Seb.Smith on the north.

Said messuage lands A premises together with other lands amounting to seven and twenty acres and one barn formerly stood belonging to the premises together with all the hedges, banks, furrows, commons, feedings, woods, ways, furrows, commons, feedings, woods, ways, easements, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever

'Extracted from the Registry of the Archdeacon of Oxford.'

Will of 'Mary Green, Wife of Henry Green of the Parish of St Aldate in the City of Oxford, Distiller.'

In addition to two tenements in the Parish of St Aldate's there is property in Wheatley - 'One tenement and one hundred acres of Lands, Meadows and Pastures in Wheatley for which a mortgage of £824 was arranged with Richard Sheen and William Brown who are also appointed her executors. She leaves her estate to her three children in equal parts.

Witnessed - March 24th 1749 by John Sheldon Mary Speed John Walton (Proved - Sept 5th 1761)

Extracts from:

Probate of the Will and Codicil of Thomas Williams of Acton, Middlesex, fellmonger. bated 3rd April 1767

---- bequeath all my freehold messuages, Lands, Heriditaments and premises situate and being in Wheatley (which I lately purchased of my nephew John Williams) unto my two grandchildren THOMAS & JOHN ALLEN, the sons of John and Mary ALLEN.

Details of bequests

I devise that my body may be embalmed and buried in the churchyard of Wheatley in an arched vault at least eight feet deep which I direct to be made before my interment and as near the remains of my late Father & Mother as conveniently may be with a Crave Stone erected over it.

* Thomas Williams, currently living in Acton, wishes to be buried in a well prepared grave in Wheatley, where he grew up, but there is no evidence that this was done. It would seem that he bought the property as an investment for his grandchildren.

The deeds of The Robins (90 High Street) show that Richard Williams, also a fellmonger, lived there with his wife, Ann, in 1752. Their daughter inherited the property in 1795 and sold it in 1819.

1802 Will of William Fryday (Housekeeper)
(whereabouts of document not known)

To my son James Fryday my messuage or tenement which I now live in situate in Wheatley ... during his natural life Not to sell not Mortgage without the consent of his lawful wife Susannah and his daughter Sarah. After his decease to my granddaughter Sarah on conditions that a residence be granted in the aforesaid messuage to Susannah the mother of the aforesaid Sarah. All the residue my son James Fryday.

Witnesses: Thomas Guy, Valentine
Guy, Elizabeth ??? ull

1813 Extract from the Wheatley Inclosure Award

This Deed is concerned with allocation of land in the Racks (see map).

Parties involved:	Thomas Webb
	John Branguin
(Susannah married James Fryday)	Susannah Williams
	James Harper