

Will of Thomas Frensshe of Cheltenham, Glos., made 1 December 1475.

Of sound mind etc. To be buried in the cemetery of the church of St Mary, Cheltenham.

To the mother church of St Mary, Worcester, 12d

For the upkeep of 5 lights in the aforesaid church of Cheltenham, 20d

The rest of my goods and chattels after my debts are paid to master Thomas Frensh¹ and master Henry Somer, chaplains, and Thomas Solere whom I make my executors.

I give to my executors my 1½ burgages with appurtenances in Cheltenham, and my wish is that after my death they should sell for the best price they can obtain both these 1½ burgages and a certain messuage called Plofildes² with appurtenances in Cheltenham.

With the exception of one acre of land in Groton in the parish of Cheltenham and 2 separate ½ acres in the field called Newenton.³

And they are to use the money for the benefit of my soul and those of my wife Alice, my father Walter, and my mother Margery Uppington.

The profits from the land in Groton are to be used for ever for the upkeep of the chapel for the service of St Mary in the church of Cheltenham, and the profits from the two ½ acres in Newenton field for the upkeep of a chapel for the service of St Mary within the church of Charlton Kings, in perpetuity.

Proved at Lambeth 28 May 1476

¹ A Thomas Frenshe is named as a chaplain and free tenant in Cheltenham in 1440x1450 survey (GA D855/M68)

² Elizabeth and Roger Plowfeld (etc) appear as tenants/former tenants of various properties (GA D855/M68)

³ Ie, Naunton field