

APPENDIX.

THE FYNAMORES OF WHETHAM.

The family of Fynamore, of Whetham, was evidently, in mediæval times, one of good position in Wiltshire, although its name is now remembered only as bringing a good estate to the Ernles, and some additional quarterings to their coat of arms. Fortunately, many ancient charters relating to the Fynamores have been preserved, and are now in possession of Col. Money-Kyrle, the present representative of this ancient Wiltshire family. From the information which these documents afford, together with that gathered from a very slight search amongst the public records, the following notes about them have been compiled, and the information which they contain is now printed for the first time. Although a fuller inquiry might have greatly extended our knowledge, and have amplified the particulars of the family, yet the evidence now accessible, shows clearly the existence of the Fynamores, in the far off days of King John, and that they continued to flourish with an unbroken succession until 1575, when their estates passed to the Ernles, on the death of the last male representative of the family.

Undoubtedly these Fynamores derived their name from the Oxfordshire village, now known as Finmere,* though formerly spelt Finmore, and even as Filmore, and entered in Domesday book as Fenemere, of which manor they seem to have been lords, and with which some of the name were connected late in the fifteenth century.

Gilbert de Finemere, living, in 1208, as will be seen from the evidence which follows, is the earliest of whom we have as yet any note. By 1254, a Gilbert de Finemere appears in connection with the town of Calne, in Wiltshire, and the year 1272, or a little earlier, may be fixed upon as the period at which the Fynamores became interested in Whetham, still a seat, and indeed the birthplace of their descendant, Col. Money-Kyrle. It is impossible to say what precise relation the various Gilberts de Finemere bore to one another, or, indeed, how many of them there may have been. Perhaps it will be most convenient to arrange what is known of these mediæval Fynamores in a tabular form.

* Finmere is a long and straggling but picturesque village, on the borders of Buckingham-shire, five miles from Buckingham, built on the slope of a hill, stretching down to the Ouse, which forms the county boundary. The houses seem to be of some antiquity, and most of them are substantially built of stone. not a few being still covered with thatch. The only house of any note is one known as "Bacon's farm," perhaps so called from Nathaniel Bacon, gent., of Finmere, in 1744, on the extreme verge of the parish. Probably it was once of greater size, but there are few outward traces of antiquity about it, and indeed it seems to have been re-fronted in the last century. Finmere Church, which was "restored" a few years ago, is chiefly of the decorated period, but has few features of interest.

Gilbert de Finemere, 1208.

Hugh de F. Gilbert de F., at Calne,
1279. 1255.

Roger de F.= Gilbert de F.=Alice. Richard de F.=
1274. 1273,kinsman in same charter
of John leRus with Gilbert.

Thomas. Geoffrey de F. John do F. Henry do F. William de F.
William,
called F.,
clerk, 1299. Gilbert
[?son of Geoffrey],
1314-1345.
William, F., of Whetham, 1331.
Gilbert de F.=

John le Fitz John F. William F. John de Edith,
Gilbert de F. [? cognatus of brother to John Combe. sister of
John de Combe de Combe Will, 1346 John
. 1346].

Matilda.

John F., senior,= John F. in 1358,
1358 grants to John F., son of John.
John F., 1358.

William F., of Whetham, 1404-1424.

..... =John Fynamore,--Joan, dau. of
1436. Wm. Wychampton.

Thomas living 1436.

Roger Fynamore,=
1473-1503.

John Fynamore, Clerk, 1526 d. 1533	Richard F. living 1503; ? d. 1522, aged 42.	Walter, = brother to Richard,. 1522-1559 Roger Fynamore,=Alice. of Whetham, d. 1575. Mary=Michael Ernle,	Richard Fynamore, gent, 1549. Mary m. 1, Bayntan= 2, Ashman. Edward Baynton.
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Sir John Ernle.

John Ernle,
a quo
Money Kyrle

Finamore
Ernle, d 1636
aged 26.

The latter portion of this table, although some of the links are not strictly "proved," is probably a correct account of the descent of the later Fynamores of Whetham.

The marriage of Michael Ernele, Esq., with Mary Fynamore, the last of the line, is recorded in the Wiltshire Visitation for 1623. He was descended from a family who took their name from the village of Earnley, on the coast of Sussex, and who were of good position in that county. The heiress of the Ernles, Hester Ernle, married William Washbourne; and their daughter and heiress, Elizabeth, married Francis Money, Esq., of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, whose descendant and representative, Col. Money-Kyrle, now owns Whetham House.

It seems probable that the Fynamores may have left descendants in the male line, especially when we recollect that the records which are extant, show the existence of several collaterals at an early date. Whether it will ever be feasible to prove this must remain doubtful until more extensive searches have been made. Three families, we venture to suggest, may be cadet branches of these Fynamores, of Finmere and Whetham. A family of Fynemore, (perhaps now extinct), which owned land at East Hendred evidently descended from a Thomas Fynemore, of East Hendred, husbandman, 1459, who may possibly prove to be identical with Thomas, son of John Fynamore, 1436, who married Joan Wychampton.

It is possible that the Fynmores of Reading and Hinksey, whose history we have already traced, may be members of this family, branching off about the beginning of the 16th century, unless, indeed, they came direct from Calne to Reading. As we have already noted, they use the same arms as the Whetham family, a fact which alone forms strong presumptive evidence that the latter suggestion may be the correct one.

The Gloucestershire family of Fynamore, who afterwards became Phinimore, and subsequently Phillimore, trace their descent from a John Fynamore, who settled at Cam, in that county, in the early part of the 16th century. No instance of the name has been traced in Gloucestershire at an earlier date, and it is not unlikely that John Fynamore may have come from Calne. He was engaged in the cloth trade, then the principal industry of that town, which is only thirty miles distant from Cam. The church tower of the latter village was evidently designed by the same architect who built the one at Calne, a fact which points to some degree of inter-course between the two places.

The evidence which follows in abstract respecting the Fynamores of Whetham, is taken from documents in the possession of Col. Money-Kyrle, except when the contrary is stated.

In Michaelmas term, 15 John [1208], Gilbert de Finemere was called to warrant the third part of three virgates of land in Finemere [Oxfordshire], being the dower which Olivia, the wife of

Reginald de Hales, received from her former husband, William, the son of Gregory.*

From the Liberate Rolls we learn that in 1210 Gilbert de Finemere was serving with the army in Ireland.† On the 20 July, in that year, he was at Carrickfergus, and a month later, Thursday after the Assumption, at Dublin.‡

In 1219, according to the Register of St. Osmund, lately published in the Record series, now preserved amongst the episcopal records of Salisbury, Gilebertus de Finemere was one of the attesting witnesses to an exchange of land at Wokeingeham, made by Radulphus Ruffus, of Wokingeham, with the dean and chapter of Salisbury.

In 1224-5, 9 Henry III., Gilbert de Finemer was one of the collectors of a subsidy of a fifteenth for Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The "Testa de Nevill," which is a document of the time of Henry III., or Edward I, shows that Gilbert de Finemere held a knight's fee in chief in the county of Oxford.§

Simon de Finymere held land at Aston Clinton, Bucks, in 1249; and again " Simon de la Fenymere tenet 13 acras."!!!

By the middle of the thirteenth century, the Finemeres had become connected with, and probably resident in the town of Calne, a place with which they and their descendants have been associated up to the present day.

The Hundred Rolls, I. 241, show that in the 38th and 39th Henry III., and again in the 49th year of that King's reign, 1254-55 and 65, Gilbert de Finemore acted as juror for the town of Kaune; and later in the same reign, Geoffrey de Finemore was a juror for the hundred of Caune.

In 52 Henry III., 1267-8, Gilbert de Finemere appeared as witness in a plea relating to land in Blackland, a village near Calne.**

In 1272, at the feast of the purification, Gilbert de Finemere and Geoffrey his son, granted to Robert de Rode [?Rowd, near Calne], a croft in Tazeward. This was witnessed by William Scriptor, Walter Phelip, Richard Papa, Geoffrey de _____, Henry Phelip de Quemerford, Richard de la Ford, and Richard de Tazeward.

A charter which is undated, although evidently executed about the same period as the last, states that Adam, the son of Ralph Horn, with the consent, and at the request of his wife, Dionisia, granted to William, the son of Richard de Finemore, a messuage and croft

* Pedes Finium, by J. Hunter, I. 156.

† It is worth noting that King John stayed at Finmere on several occasions; he was there on the 19th January, and the 20 July, 1208; again on the 15th and 16th July, 1212; and lastly, on the 11th, 12th, and 17th November, 1213. So that it is very probable that Gilbert de Finemere and King John were well acquainted with one another.

‡ Liberate Roils, 117, 200, 222.

§ Close Rolls, II. 74, b.

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** Registrum Malmesburiense, II. 107.

in Whetham,* which Ralph the Forester, held "of me and my father," and three acres of land" which I received with Dionisia, my wife, in frank marriage in Finemore." "For this gift the said William gave me 22^s; and to Dionisia, my wife, 2^s; and to my first-born son, 1^s." Witnesses- -Walter de Calest, chaplain; Gilbert de Annl', Gilbert de Finemore, Alexander de Teseward, Robert de Teseward, and Walter, his brother.

The Patent Roll of 3 Edward I. [1274-5], mentions an assize of mort d'ancestor, arraigned by William de Finemere, against Thomas, the son of Roger de Finemere, respecting lands in Finemere.†

In 1279, William de Finemere held lands in Lullingston [Lillingston Darell?], Bucks, a village only six miles from Finmere.

In 7 Edward I., 1278-9, Hugh de Finemere held a virgate of land in Oxfordshire; and about the same period, a Hugh Fynamur is mentioned as having money transactions with the bailiffs of Norwich.‡

By an undated charter, previous to 1290, William de Camville granted to Gilbert de Finemore a messuage croft and land in Caleston.§

Gilbert de Finemore witnessed another grant also earlier than 1290, by John Avenel, to Walter Aifrick and Cristina, his wife, of certain land in Thaseward.

By another charter undated, but before 1290, John Ruffus granted to Gilbert de Finemore, his kinsman [cognatus], all his land in Blakelonde for four marks, and a yearly rent of ten shillings, in addition to homage and service; and by a subsequent charter, also without date, John le Rus, of Raggele, granted to John de Treminetes, a yearly rent of ten shillings, which Gilbert de Finemere used to pay for land in Blakelande.§

John Avenel, of Thaseworde, by another charter without date, granted to Robert de Holeden and Margaret, his wife, a croft called Sefers. To this the witnesses were, Adam le Chamberlayn, William Asser, Hugh le Setere, Gilbert de Finemore, William de Thasewarde, and Walter de Crudesherd.

By another charter, which we may ascribe to some period between 1290 and 1300, Henry de Finemore released to his brother, Geoffrey de Finemore, a tenement at Blakelonde which he had by the gift of his father, Gilbert de Finemore. The consideration was forty shillings of silver, and a certain portion of land, pasture, and moor at Finemore, "so contained in a charter which I hold from, the said Geoffrey." To

* Though, of course, it is impossible to identify this messuage as occupying the site of the present Whetham House, yet it is clear from this and the succeeding charters, that the Fynamores and their descendants in the female line have been the principal land owners in this place for upwards of six hundred years. An unbroken succession for so long a period as this is very rare, and if for that reason alone is worthy of special note.

† Patent Roll, 3 Edw. I., m. 7.

‡ Public records.

§ Registrum Malmesburiense, I. 254, 102. II. 257.

this is appended the remains in green wax of Henry de Finemore's seal, on which part of the legend S. HE MO' is still to be read.

In 1282, Geoffrey de Finemore attested a grant of land in la Blakelonde [Blackland], made by William, Abbot of Malmesbury, to Robert do Thurleby*.

On the 13th February, 14 Edward I. (1286), Geoffrey de Finemore obtained a licence enabling him to alienate to the Abbey of Malmesbury a virgate of land in la Blakelonde [Blackland]. He subsequently released this property to the abbey, by an undated charter, which was witnessed by John Mauduit, Henry le Blund, Gilbert de Roche, William le Escriven, Adam le Chamberlain, William de Weland, Henry Phelip, and Robert de Roude. In a list of the properties acquired for the Abbey, by Abbot William Colerne, this land is entered as worth 40^s per annum, and the expense of the purchase as forty-seven marks.†

In 1299, William, called Fynamour, was presented by the Abbot of Hyde to the living of East Manyford, Wilts.‡

By charter dated at Devises, Wednesday in the feast of St. Dionisius, 13 Edward II. (October, 1319), John de Polton released to Gilbert Fynemor' all his claim to any lands and tenements held by Gilbert in the hundred of Calne, Wilts.

William, called [Pewell?] of Calne, gave an acknowledgement dated at Calne, Wednesday in the morrow of St. Martin, 5 Edward II. [11 Nov., 1311], of the receipt of forty shillings from Gilbert de Fynemor', Walter D, of Hedynton, William de Depegate, and John Horn, of Whettam, sureties [manucaptors] of Adam Zeman, clerk, in which sum they were held bound on account of a trespass committed by the said Adam, the clerk.

By an undated charter, Stephen, the son of Richard de Remesbury, grants to Gilbert de Fynamor', his tenement at la Combe, which he had by the grant of John Chynnokes, in consideration of the services due to the lord of the fee, and for "reasonable food and clothing," or 20^s annually to the said Stephen: The witnesses were-William le Escreyveyn, Thomas Weylond, Robert de Wychamton, William Asscer, Adam Shetere, and Robert de Holedene.

By another charter, dated at Calne, Monday before the feast of St. Peter in cathedra, 7 Edward II. [22 Feb., 1314], Stephen de Remesbury released to Gilbert de Fynamore, his right to the food and clothing, or 20^s yearly, by which Gilbert held a tenement at la Combe. Witnesses - Thomas Weylond, Robert de Wychamton, Richard Weylond, Robert le Mareschal, William Asser, Adam Shetere, and John Horn.

* Registrum Malmesburiense, II. 227.

† Registrum Malmesburiense, II. 309.

‡ Institutiones Clericorum, Printed by Sir T. Phillipps.

By charter dated Purification, 8 Edward II. [2 February, 1315], John Avenel, of Thaseworth, leased to Thomas le Sopere, and John le Sopere, of Stolkleye, premises called Corne croft, in the territory of Thaseworth, adjoining the croft of William de Thaseworth. The witnesses were [Robert de Wychampton ?] Thomas Weylond, Richard Weylond, Walter Chamberleyne, Gilbert de Fynemore, William Asscer, and William _____.

By a long charter dated Wednesday next after Saint Nicholas, 10 Edward II. [1316], Roger Avenel, son and heir of John Avenel, of Taseworth, granted to Gilbert de Fynamore, and John, his son, property in Taseworth, Chyriel, Quemerford, Calston, and Blakelonde.

Receipt dated 6 April, 50 Edw. III., and given by Robert Felawe, constable, John atte Halle and William Fy amore, of the vill of Wheteham, in the hundred of Calne, to William Heycroft, for 8^s 4^d, arising from a subsidy of 4^d, in Wilts, granted in the last parliament, on 26 lay persons, men and women, exceeding 14 years of age.

By a charter dated at [Cudeyngton ?], after St. Luke, [18 ?] Edward III. [1345 ?], Johan le Fitz Gilbert Fynemor', grants to Johan Fifz Maud, who was the wife of Symon Torny, of Westone, "convenable sustenaunce " in his houses of Fynemore, Combe and Tadwyk for herself, her servant, and horse, during the life of the said Maude. Sealed by John Fynemor' and. John Torny. Witnesses- William Nertehay John de Chippenham, John de Courte, William Cayleway, Thomas_____.

In dei nomine amen. Ego Johannes de Combe* videns me in periculo mortis die mercurii proxima ante festum Sanctorum Tybertis et Valeriani martyrum [14 April] hora undecima Anno domini millesimo ccc^{mo} xlvj^o condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Imprimis lego animam meam Deo et corpus meum. sepulture officiis. Item fabrico ecclesie Sar.' vj^d. Item lumini sancta crucis ij^d. Item lumini sancte Marie in porticu de Calne, iiij^d. Item quatuor luminibus ecclesie de Calne, videlicet, Sancti Michaelis, Sanoti Jacobi, Sancti Edmundi et Sancte Marie Magdalene, x^d. Item domino Johanni, vicar, iiij^d. Item domino Johanni Oliver, xij^d. Item Thome dyacono, i^d. Item Edithe Reynaldus, iiij bz selig' et iiij bz ort'ei et j cunam meliorem. Item lego Johanni filio Edithe et Margarete, Cristine, Alicie dicte Edithe filiabus, ij quartas (q^{art}) selig' et ij quartas ordeï et viij oves____et dicte Margarete j cunam secundam meliorem et dicte Cristine terciam meliorem et dicte Alice tynam et j trendel et dicto Johanni j tynam et j trendel. Item lego Edithe, sorori mee iiij -----. Item lego Matilda filie Willielmi Fynamour, fratris mei, j ovem mactem, j capel', j lyncheam, j____, and j tynam. Et quicquid residui fuerit de bonis meis non legatis lego Edithe sorori mee et Ade Chamburlyan. Et ad

* It will be remembered that as early as 1314, Gilbert de Fynamore held a tenement in La Coumbe.

istud testamentum fideliter exequandum ordino facio et constituo executores meos Johannem Fynamore cognatum meum et Adam Chamburlayn prout disponant secundum voluntatem meum ultimam et viderunt melius expedire ad salutem anime mee. In cujus rei testimonium huic testamento sigillum meum est appensum. [Seal lost.]

In 1352, Walter Fynamour was chaplain of the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin, at Lackham, Wilts.*

By charter dated Wednesday in Easter Week, 32 Edward III. [1358], John Fynemor released to John, the son of John Fynemor, the elder, certain goods, as well as other goods to Walter Schetere, who obtained Robert Asser and William Schetere, of Stockeleghe, as sureties to keep the said John indemnified against the said John, the son of John; witnesses Sir Walter Fynemor, chaplain, with others.

By charter dated at Whetham 12 April, 6 Richard II., William Fynamore leased to Robert Shotere and Edward Badecok, two crofts in Stokkeleghe, called Pynnokesleghe, and a parcel of meadow in Kyngmannemedede, called Fynamoure's_____, and certain rents.

William Fynamoure attested at Calne, Feast of St. Luke, 15 Richard II. [18 October, 1391], a release relating to certain property in Yatesbery [Yatesbury].

John Bleyk, of Bydelawe, and John Jackes, of Cesham Londe, gave an acquittance of all claims to William Fynamore. Dated at Chippenham Wednesday in the Feast of St. Leonard, 16 Edward II [November, 1392].

William Fynamore, on Monday after the Invention of the Cross, 18 Richard II. [May, 1395], attested a conveyance by John Hertham, of Boteleres place, in Yatesbury, to Sir William de Hyworthe, Rector of Blakedone, and William Holgrave.

In the following year, 17 April, 19 Richard II. [1396], William Hyworthe and William Holgrave, settled all their lands, etc., in Yatesbury, which they had by the gift of John Hertham, upon him and Margery, his wife, and family. To this also William Fynamore was a witness.

William Fynamore also witnessed a deed dated the Purification, 20 Richard II. [2 February, 1397], between John [Tasen ?], of Whetham, and Robert Scheow, of Stokkeleghe, and Alice, his wife.

The inquisitio post mortem in 1398-99, of William, brother and heir of Thomas, Earl of Stafford, shows that Robert de Fynemere held one fee in Fynemere, Oxfordshire.†

William Fynamore, of Whetham, by charter dated at Stokkeleghe Thursday in the Feast of St. Barnabas, 5 Henry IV. [June, 1404], leased to Edward Badecok, of Stokkeleghe, and Cristina, his wife, a croft called Pynnokesleghe, in Stokkeleghe, with other premises.

By charter dated at Whetam, Wednesday in the Feast of

* Institutiones Clericorum. Printed by Sir T. Phillipps.

† Inq. p, m, Cal., Fol. I.

Michaelmas, 12 Henry IV. [September, 1410], William Fynamore, of Whetham, leased to Lysina, Wodhous, a messuage in Couhym'.

By charter dated 6 May, 2 Henry VI. [1424], William Fynamore, of Whetham, leased premises in Stoke to Roger Chamberlayn, and Joan, his wife.

William Finamor, of Whetham; by charter dated at Whetham, upon St. Bartholomew's Day, 2 Henry VI. [24 August, 1424], leased premises called Depietts place to William Marnar.

In the reign of Henry VI., there appears to have been a chancery suit of Fynamore v. Quynsteyn, which resulted in a conveyance dated at Whetham Wednesday before the feast of St. Margaret, 14 Henry VI. [10 June, 1436], by William Hegen, chaplain and rector of Bremham, and John Quynsteyn, who evidently were trustees, to John Fynamore, and Joan, his wife, daughter of William Wychampton, of the manor of Fynamore, and three crofts at Whetham, to be held by them in tail, remainder in default of issue to Thomas, son of the said John Fynamore in tail, remainder to the right heirs of John.

The inquisitio post mortem of Humphrey, duke of Buckingham, shows that in 1460 a knight's fee in Fynemere, Oxfordshire, was held by the heir of Robert de Fynemere.*

Alexander Blake, of Calne, Wilts, gentleman, Roger Fynamoure, of Whetham, in the said county, gentleman, and John Norman, of Stodley, in the said county, yeoman, executed a bond for £10, dated at Brenham, Michaelmas, 12 Edward IV., in favour of William Temse.

Roger Fynemore, of Whetham, by charter dated Michaelmas, 12 Edward IV., leased to William Atlee, of Canyngges Episcopi, Wilts, a certain close in the parish of Calston, called Depyetes, near Wansdych, and a close in the parish of Calne, called Soper's croft.

On the death of Roger Fenymore, of Chiriell, gentleman, an inquisitio post mortem was taken on the 8 February, 18 Henry VII. [1503]. The jurors found that he died seized of the manor of Whetham, and of lands in Calston, Calne, Bowden, and Cosham, that he died on the 23 December then last past, and that Richard, his son and heir, was of the age of 23 years*.

On the death of Richard Fynnamore, an inquisitio post mortem was taken on the 14 November, 19 Henry VIII. The jurors found that he was possessed of lands in Cumerford, Whetham, Calne, Yatusbury, West Kyngton, and Calston, but that he had conveyed them to trustees 10 January, 8 Henry VIII., in trust for himself and Margaret, his wife, and their issue, with remainder, to Walter Fynnamore, his brother, and that he died 24 March, 13 Henry VIII. [1522].*

* Inquisitiones post mortem.

In the Wilts muster roll, 30 Henry VIII. [1539], Walter Fynamore, of Whetham, is entered as a "byllman," while at Ashton, Robt. Fynymour, Edmund Chyfforde, and Robt. George, possessed a harnes, bill, sword, and dagger*.

In 1552, 6 Edward VI., Roger Fynamore, gentleman, is mentioned in the Inventory of Church goods at Calne.

According to a modern benefaction table in Calne Church, "Walter Finamore, in the year 1557, gave 40 shillings a year for the education of the poor." This probably indicates the date of his death. According to the report of the Charity Commissioners by his will he gave a yearly annuity of 40^s for and towards the foundation of one free school, to be erected within the borough of Calne, for the better educating of 10 poor children of the poor inhabitants there in learning. This he charged upon his messuage, called the "Crown," and other houses in Calne, and requested his cousins, Richard and Robert Uffenham, their heirs and assigns, to appoint the school-master. In 1742, the schoolmaster was appointed by the Hon. Thomas Hay and Constantia, his wife, sole daughter of John Kyrle Ernle, who claimed to be heir at law of Richard and Robert Uffenham. A family of Uffenham *alias* Lawrence, of Downton, entered their pedigree at the Wiltshire visitation in 1623.

In 1526, John Fynnamore was presented by Sir Henry Long, Knt., to the Chapel of Cayleways, which he resigned in 1530, on being appointed to Heddington, by the Prior of Farlegh.† He died in 1533. Evidently he is the John Fynamore who supplicated for B.A. at Oxford, 30 June, 1519, and was admitted 12 July.

Another John Fynimore, who had also read at Cambridge, supplicated for B.A., March, 1538-9.‡

On the 5 November, 2 Edward VI., John Kelewey, who signed as Kaylway, gave a bond for £20 to Richard Fynamore, gentleman.

From the visitation of Wilts, 1565, we learn that Walter Fynamore had a daughter Mary, who married first, - _____ Bayntun, and secondly, John Ashman, "as yet no issue."

Roger Fynamore, the last of the line, was probably a son of Walter Fynamore, and the following transactions doubtless refer to him.

A release of all claims and demands, dated at Calne 21 October, 1 Eliz. [1559], given by William Asheman, and Anne, his wife, to Roger Fynnamore.

Lease dated 18 May, 1564, by Roger Fynnamore, of Whetham, Calne, gentleman, to William Chapman, of Batstone, Calne, weaver, of a moiety of a meadow, called Frayllynges in the tithing of Stockley; and pasture for two beasts in Benettfyelde *alias* Bentfyelde, Calne.

* Muster Roll for Wilts. Printed by Sir T. Phillipps.

† Institutiones Clerloorum. Printed by Sir T. Phillipps.

‡ Register of Univ. of Oxford.

Bond for £40, dated 17 February, 1566, and given by Robert Coppe, of Calne, "Booche," to Roger Fynamore, of Wheatham, Calne, gentleman.

Bond dated 19 March, 8 Elizabeth, 1566, in the penal sum of £1000, given by Roger Fynamore, of Whetham, Wilts, gentleman, to John Ernley, Esquire, to secure the performance, by the former, of an indenture of the same date; signed " be me, roger fynamore."

By indenture dated 28 May, 8 Elizabeth [1566], William Alleyne the elder, of Calne, gentleman, released to Roger Fynamoure, of Wheatham, Calne, gentleman, certain premises in Calne.

By another indenture of 19 April, 9 Elizabeth [1567], Roger Fynamore, of Wheatham, gentleman, leased certain premises to William Jefferye, of Stockley, Calne, husbandman.

In the same year William Norrys, of Calne, Wilts, " booche," released to Roger Fynamore, of Wheatham, Calne, gentleman, all right to a house and barn in lez Woodstrete and in a way extending from Runaways lane.

On the 30th August, 18 Elizabeth, John Clayford, of Comerford, Wilts, yeoman, and Roger Withers, of Hedyngton, clerk, gave a bond to Roger Finamore, of Whetham, gentleman, to secure the payment of £6 13s. 4d.

On the 20th August, 16 Elizabeth, 1574, William Allen, junior, of Calne, gentleman, gave a bond for £120 to Roger Fynemore, of Whetham, Calne, gentleman.

Roger Fynnemore, of Whetham, Wiltshire, gentleman; will dated 12 December, 1574, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury [6 Pyckering], on the last day of February, 1574, by Michael Earneley, Esq., the supervizer, Richard Earneley the executor being under age. The testator desired to be buried "in Calne Symetrye, in an yle called Fynnemore's ile." To the Cathedral of Sarum, 4^d; £40 to be laid out in loans to the trades in Calne; to my wife, and one attending upon her in my house at Whetham, or elsewhere, an annuity of £12, in lieu of dower; to Mary Erneley and Cicilly Erneley, daughters of Michael Ernelye, £100 each; to Jane Clifford, my wife's daughter, £10, in recompense, of a sum given her by her father; to Peter Clifford, Phillippe Clifford, and Margaret [Parrey ?]; to John Stevynnes, and Johanne Stephines, his wife, and their two sons; to my " cosonne," Edward Baineton, in token of good will, 6^s 8^d; to 20 poor householders in Calnn £10, in Chippenham, £10, in Devizes, £10; to each of my tenants who shall attorn to my heir, 10^s; to mending the bell in Calne Church, 20^d; to Richard Earneley, son of Michael Earneley, all lands, etc., which I bought since marriage of my daughter Marye, in Calne, and in Devizes. Residuary legatee and executor, Richard Earneley, son of Richard Earneley. Overseers-Son-in-law, Michael Earneley, William Daniell, Esq., and Walter Bevington, gentleman. Signed-, " Roger Fynamore."

Roger Fynnamore, of Whetham, was buried in Calne Church, 8 January, 1574-5.*

Alice Fynnamore, widow, late wife of Roger Fynnamore, gent., was buried in Calne Church 25 January, 1589-90.*

Finamore Ernle, gent., seventh son of Sir John Ernle, was buried at Calne 14 March, 1636-7.* His name occurs in the Visitation of Wilts, 1623, being then aged 13.

* Calne Parish Register.

BERKSHIRE.

Besides the Fynmores of Reading, with whose history this book principally deals, there are other families of that, or similar names, belonging to Berkshire, of whom we have at present only the few scattered notices which follow:-

Thomas Fynemore, of East Hendred, Berks, husbandman, had a grant from John Banbough, prior, and convent of Wallingford, by indenture dated 8 Aug., 37 Henry VI. [1459], of the tithes of East Hendred, for thirty years, at an annual rent of £10 13s. 4d.*

Of the same family as Thomas Fynemore, no doubt was *Adam Fynmore*, gentleman, who was appointed an almes Knight of Windsor by letters patent, 24 Dec., 18 Eliz., 1574. As Adam Finnemore, gentlemen, one of the poor knights of the Queen's Majesty's honor and castle of Windsor, he made his will 27 Sept., 1582, which was proved 18 Nov. following, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. He devised to his wife, Joane, his freeholds in East Hendred and Steventon, Berks, with remainder to their issue, "wherewith she now goeth," with a further remainder to William Smalebones, and Edmonde Porter, his kinsman; also bequeathed legacies to Edmonde Porter, his servant and kinsman; Margaret, his servant; William Green, his servant; Denis Smalebones, and the poor of East Hendred. He appointed his wife, Joan, residuary legatee and executrix; and for overseers, Mr. William Daye, dean of Windsor, and Edward Hake, gent. The witnesses were--William Palmer, William Daye, Edward Hake, Nicholas [Wayferrer?], and Nicholas Alexander.

Perhaps the following was a brother of Adam Fynmore:-

* Turner's Calendar of Charters in the Bodleian Library, 1878, p. 12.

William Fynmore, of St. Olyes, Southwark, carpenter, whose will dated 8 Oct., 20 Eliz., 1577, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. He named his brother, John Finmore, his brother, Adam, his brother, Lewis, his sister, Margaret, his sister, Anne, and his servant, William Marmonde. He appointed as executrix his sister, Joane, wife of John Sherman, of Blewberrie, Berks; and as overseers, John Crone and John Davis; the witnesses being John Bickroft, Henry Marmonde, and William Marmonde.

Fox, in his *Acts and Monuments*, records at great length, the history of *Henry Finmore, Filmer*, or *Finnemore*, for he spells the name in each way, the friend of Marbeck, the famous adapter of the old church song to the book of common prayer. Finmore, who was churchwarden of Windsor, was burnt to death 3 July, 1543, under the Act of the Six Articles. The Windsor municipal records contain no reference to Finmore, or even to the martyrdom, though there is mention of Simons, the lawyer, the "cankered papist," as Fox terms him, and others who were concerned in the prosecution. The only genealogical particulars which Fox has recorded, are that Finmore was married, and that he had a brother "a poor labouring man," who seems to have lived at Clewer. The martyrologist gives a very realistic illustration of the burning of Finmore and his friends, including Marbeck, though it must be observed the latter escaped this fate, and Fox afterwards acknowledged his error in this particular.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, families of Finmore, resided at South Moreton and Stadham.

William Finmore, of South Moreton, Berks, joiner, died 13 April, 1733, having m. 29 June, 1685, Margaret Benham.* Their children probably were-

Jacob Finmore, bapt. 2 Aug., 1701.

William Finmore, junior, who by his wife, Frances, had sons-

William Finmore, buried in 1721,

William Finmore, bapt. 17 June, 17 23.

Benham Finmore, bapt. 25 May, 17 25.

George Finmore, of Stadham, Berks, by his wife, Mary, had a son-

Thomas Finmore, bapt. 1722, who by his wife, Martha, had a son, also *Thomas Finmore*, who was baptized in 1745.

Alexander Finmore, of Childrey, Berks, yeoman, will 3 Sept., 1668; pr. 7 May, 1669 [Coke 54 P.C.C.]; land in Childrey bequeathed to me by Alexander Barnes, of Childrey, my uncle-my kinsman, Adam Hanley, son of my sister, Elizabeth Hanley_William, Robetta and Elizabeth, son and daus. of my sister, Jane Day-my brother-in-law, William Bush-John Hanley and Elizabeth Hanley, son and dau. of my cousin, Alexander Hanley,

* A family of Benham once owned the manor of West Hendred, the parish adjoining East Hendred, with which we have already seen that the family of Fynemore or Fynmore was connected in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

of Brinckworth-to Margery, my wife, my copyhold in the manor of Rampton Childrey-my kinsman, Francis Wallington, of Childrey-residuary legatee and executor, Adam Hanley---supervisors, Francis Wallington, sen., of Childrey, and Edmund Whitborne, of Lettcomb Regis.

OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

As from the village of Finmere originated the surnames of Fynmore, Finnimore, etc., it might be expected that one or other of them would still be found in Oxfordshire. Such indeed is the case, for there are many Fenemores, residing in this county, most of whom still live within a few miles of Finmere. Finmere, Wendlebury, Weston-on-the-Green, Fringford, Newton Purcell, Launcot, Arncott, Horley, and Steeple Aston, each of which is or has been associated with the one or other of these names, are all situated close together in the same part of Oxfordshire. Though these various allied surnames are doubtless derived from Finmere, it would perhaps be too much to assert that all who bear them are of the same stock. A village often supplied a surname to two or three distinct families. The lord of the manor assumed its name because he resided there; his tenant migrating to a neighbouring town, became known by a similar surname, which, with him, pointed out his place of origin. That the Fenemores are still to be principally found clustered round Finmere, is a striking illustration how very stationary in some districts the rural population is. What is known of the early de Finemores has been already given in the account of the Fynamores of Whetham, and it will therefore be needless to repeat it here. The notes which follow, it will be seen, do little more than to indicate the existence of the names in this district from mediæval times.

John Fynamore, is named in a list of Oxfordshire gentry, in 12 Henry VI., 1433-4.

In 1738 the Rev. R. Welborne, rector of Wendlebury, compiled an index to the parish register which commenced in 1579. Among the extracts from this document which are given by Dunkin in his *Oxfordshire* are the following burials:-

Fennimore or Vennemore.

Thomas, son of Roger*, April 25, 1611.

Roger, son of Roger, March 26, 1619.

Elizabeth, dau. of Roger, November 26, 1625,

* It will be remembered that the last Fynamore of Whetham also bore the Christian name of Roger,

William, son of William, December 12, 1685.

Joseph, son of William, July 22, 1695.

Marianne, widow, April 27, 1635.

According to White Kennett, "one Fynmore, a husbandman of Wenelbury," discovered about 1622, a stone coffin on the site of the Roman city of Allchester, which was supposed to contain the remains of Carausius.

Samuel Venimore, of Wendlebury, died there in June, 1885, aged 80, and the name no longer exists in that place.

Amongst the wills proved in the Court of the Archdeacon of Oxford, are-

Joane Finmore, of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford, 1603.

Mathew Fenimore, of Weston-on-the-Green [next Wendlebury], 1618.

In the Consistory Court of Oxford-

Als. Fennemore, of Wendleburie, 1584.

Christopher Fenimer, of Newton Purcell [next Finmere], 1611.

Thomas Finmore, of Fringford [3 miles from Finmere], 1661.

Amongst the marriage bonds in the Bishop of Oxford's Registry, are-

1676. Nov. 18. William Fennymore, of Bicester, yeoman, and Ann Blake, of Charlton on Otmore (at St. Martin's or St. Peter le Bailey).

1724. April 6. Thomas Finmore, Univ. Oxon., cook,: and Elizabeth Bliss, of St. Mary Magdalen, (at Wolvercot.)

The will of Eleanor Fennimore, of Bistow, Oxon., widow, was proved in the P.C.C. 16 Jan., 1737-8.

The modern "Domesday book" mentions amongst the Oxfordshire freeholders, several Fenemores at Launton, Steeple Aston, and Witney. Amongst the Oxfordshire Parliamentary Voters for 1876, there are Fenemores at Steeple Aston, Launton, Arcott, and Horley, and a Venimore at Wallingford.

It must not be forgotten that Finmere is a border parish, and indeed, in early times, was occasionally included in the county of Buckingham, in which a William de Finemere occurs at Lillingston in 1278-9. The name still exists in this county, for the new "Domesday" records some small freeholders named Fenemore, at Oakley, and there are doubtless many others of one or other forms of the name who live in Buckinghamshire. The surname of Fullmer, which occurs in this county, is probably derived from the parish of that name which adjoins Stoke Poges.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

No instance of any one of this group of surnames has been met with in Gloucestershire of an earlier date than the sixteenth century.

John *Fynamore*, at the manor court at Cam, for the year 1515, paid a heriot of 13s. 4d., and was fined 10s. This date probably indicates the approximate period at which he settled at Cam, for

his name does not appear in any of the earlier rolls of that manor. On the 28 October, 1522, a water corn mill at Lower Cam, called "ab antiquo" Corriet's mill, now better known as "middle mill," was leased to John Fynamore, Alice, his wife, John and Thomas, sons of John, the father, and Agnes, his late wife, and William the son of John, the father, by Alice, his present wife, for the term of their lives; and the longer liver of them, at the rent of 26s. 6d., the tenants doing all repairs, except providing timber. His name continues as tenant until 1530, soon after which he died. Alice, his second wife, was the widow of John Tyndale *alias* Huchyns, of Southend, in Stinchcombe, whose death was presented at Stinchcombe manor court, 16 April, 1515, so that her marriage evidently took place between that date and 1522. On 1 February, 1532, Alice Fynamore, widow, surrendered the lease of Corriet's mill, and obtained from the crown, then in possession of the Berkeley estate, under the devise of William, Marquess of Berkeley, a fresh lease for 21 years, at an improved rent, of the water corn mill, to which had been added a gigge mill under the same roof, and a fulling mill under another roof. She died about 1535, and Corriet's descended to her son, Richard Tyndale, of Stinchcombe.

It seems probable that John Fynamore settled at Cam when of middle age; and marrying the widow of John Tyndale, introduced the manufacture of cloth at Corriet's mill. Of his elder children little at present is known. Thomas, his second son, is probably the Thomas Finimore, who, in 13 Henry VIII., was tenant, by copy of court roll, of premises at Cam, for the lives of himself, Joan, his wife, and William, his son. Joan Phinimore, presumably his widow, was buried at Cam 21 October, 1575.

Their son, *William Fyllymore*, of Coaley, made his will 12 August, 1558, which was proved at Gloucester on the 27th of that month. He named in it - Joan Rogers, of Sanigar - Thomas Fyllymore, my father - Joan Fyllymore, my mother - John Davies - John Capper - John Rogers - Alis Fyllymore, my sister.

The younger son of John Fynamore, by his second wife, Alice Tyndale, was evidently-

William Phinimore, of Cam, yeoman, buried there 11 December, 1590. In 1531, a messuage and farundel of land at Cam was leased to William Fyllymore, for the lives of himself and his sister, Isabel. In 3 & 4 Edward VI., William Phynymore was crown bailiff for Cam manor, and his "computus" for that year is still extant. In Michaelmas term, 3 & 4, Philip and Mary, a fine was levied between Walter Gagge, querant, and William Fynymore, and Alice, his wife, deforciant, of a messuage, garden, and one and-a-half acres of land in Dursley; the consideration money being 40 marks. Also in Michaelmas term, 1581, another fine was levied between John Hervey, gent., and William Fynnymore, querants, and George Harding, and Susan, his wife, deforciant, of 20 acres of meadow, and 60 acres of pasture in Cam. In 1546, William