

(**I. William Fynmore**, of Reading, churchwarden of St. Lawrence, Reading, in 1565-6, and Mayor of that town in 1577 and 1586,) was assessed to the second payment of the Subsidy, granted 1 Eliz. by certificate dated 16 January, 1560, "in goods" to the amount of £12, and paid thereon 12<sup>s</sup>. The entry is under the heading, "St. Mary's Parish," which is a clerical error for St. Lawrence. Only eight more are assessed at a higher rate. In 31 Eliz., 1588-9, he was again assessed, this time at £13, paying thereon 21<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>. On each occasion he is entered as William Fynmore.

In 1567, William Fynmore, churchwarden in 1565 and 1576, gave 5<sup>s</sup> towards the re-casting of the great bell (known as Kelsall); (probably buried in St. Lawrence Churchyard, Reading, 1593, as "Mr. Filmer;" he was, we may assume, the husband of Anne Finmore, of Reading,) who is referred to in the churchwardens' accounts of St. Lawrence, 1604-5, the then churchwarden, Humphrey Fynmore, making this entry, "Received of my brother, William Fynmore, executor to my mother, Anne Fynmore, 12<sup>d</sup>" for tolling her funeral knell. Her will was proved in December, 1603, in the Archdeaconry of Berks, (and she is probably the "Mrs. Filmer" buried in St. Lawrence Churchyard in 1603.) "Goodman Fynmore's child" was buried in St. Lawrence Churchyard, 1559-60, and Mrs. Fynmore names in her will, besides a grandson, Wm. Hopkins, seven children, as follows:

II. i. *Humphrey Fynmore*, churchwarden of St. Lawrence, Reading, 1604-5. In an assessment for the repair of St. Lawrence Church in 1604, he was rated at 3<sup>s</sup>. He occurs again as a quarterly contributor, paying 8<sup>d</sup> towards the fund for ringing the great bell; had a seat in the north aisle there 1607, for which he paid 4<sup>d</sup>. From the will of his brother, Richard Finmore, of Reading, we learn that he had three sons, *Humphrey*, *Richard*, and *William*, and a daughter, *Mary*, but of these children nothing further is at present known. The following may be among their descendants:—Humphrey Fynmore, to whom Hugh Speed demised various lands in Old Cleeve,\* Somerset, in 1657.

Humphrey Fynmore, who, in the following year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, married Winifred Harcourt.

Humphrey Finmore, Esq., J.P., of Dulwich, Surrey, who died in 1779, and left descendants of whom particulars are given later on. (It seems, indeed, probable that the various Devonshire families of Finmore, and perhaps Kilmore, are descendants of this branch of the Fynmores.)

\* This place is within 20 miles of the Devonshire clothing town of Tiverton, where a family of Finmore was settled in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.