

IV. 3. Richard Fynmore, born about 1624-25 (perhaps a twin with Archdeacon Fynmore), privileged in the University of Oxford, as verger of Christ Church, 24 Oct., 1645; he died 2 February, 1664-5, and was buried at St. Lawrence, Reading; his epitaph records that he "coming from Oxon to the burial of a friend, found here his own grave, and so mingled dust with his ancestors." Letters of administration were granted 17 February, 1664-5, to his widow Jane,* daughter of Richard Mayott, of Abingdon, by Martha Wickham. By her will dated 22 March, 1690-1, and proved 21 July, 1691 [114 Vere P.C.C.], she desired to be buried in the parish church of St. Lawrence, Reading, "near my late dear husband, Mr. Richard Fynmore."

Their only child—

V. William Fynmore, of Abingdon, Esquire, Recorder of Abingdon, born about 1658, matriculated from St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 16 November, 1672, was of the Inner Temple, barrister-at-law; J.P. for Berkshire and Abingdon. He died 19 June, 1687, aged 28, from grief at the loss of his wife a few days before; "nulli officio soli dolori impar;" he was buried 21 June, 1687, as appears by the register of St. Helen's, Abingdon. His will dated 14 June, 1687, and proved 15 August, 1687, is a touching record of family history.† He married his cousin, Martha, only daughter of John Finmore, of Abingdon, who died in childbed 5 June, 1687, aged 27, and was buried at North Hinksey.

Their only child—

VI. Richard Fynmore, of Kidlington, Esquire, born about June, 1687, thus deprived of both parents within a few days of his birth, lost his paternal grandmother when four years old; she, in her will, 1690, appointed Robert Mayott and William Wright her executors in trust for him, "and I desire them to take him, when seven years old, wholly out of the power of Mrs. Elizabeth Fynmore, and see him

* The father and son therefore married a mother and daughter; afterwards, the grandson of the daughter married the granddaughter of the mother.

† The following extracts from this document may be of interest; "being made sensible of the unexpected certainties of human life by my fresh irrevocable, and never enough to be lamented loss, I commit the care of our love's pledge, my dear child, that sacred and only relict of his virtuous and heavenly mother, to the care and protection of his tender and afflicted grandmother, Elizabeth Finmore, of Abingdon . . . and at the end of seven years, I do, lest her over-indulgence should then be fatal to him, appoint and request my friend, Mr. Richard Pleydell, Clerk, Mr. Robert Sellwood, and Mr. James Corderoy, to put him to school, and fit him for the University; and when he shall have arrived at the age of 14 years, I constitute and appoint my most loving mother, Mrs. Jane Finmore, his guardian, till he be 21. My interest in my chambers in the Inner Temple, to my executrix in trust for my said son, and my friends, Thomas Doleman, Simon Harcourt, and William Pudsey, to aid her in disposing of said chambers, &c. I appoint my most tender and indulgent mother, Mrs. Jane Finmore, my executrix, she to receive the rents of my estate at Horspath, and of my said chambers during my son's minority . . . mourning rings to Madam Crane and Madam Pleydell, for their care of my most dear wife . . . if my son die before 18, my lands, &c., to my brother [in-law] John."