

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—super-visors, Francis Wallington, sen., of Childrey, and Edmund Whitborne, of Lettcomb Regis.

(OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE)

As from the village of Fimmere 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 Fimmere. Fimmere, 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 Fimmere, 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 Fimmere, 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.