

(When the wills at the Exeter Probate Court and the registers of Lypmstone and other neighbouring parishes have been thoroughly examined, we may reasonably hope that the connection between the English and American families will then be discovered. Till then it must suffice to merely record for future investigation what is at present known of the Devonshire Filmores.)

(*Thomas Filmoore*, of Bishop's Morchard, Devon; will dated 7 Feb. 1636-7, pr. at Exeter, 13 March, 1636-7—names my son, Symon—my son Symon's son, Francis Filmoore, my grandson—my dau., Mary Mortimoore—Julian, dau. of said Mary Mortymoore—my wife's sisters Jane and Petronel Woodley—my wife Thomasine.

(Early in the following century, we find the Filmores, connected with Lypmstone, a small village on the coast, a few miles south of Topsham.)

(*John Filmore*, of Limpstone, Devon, merchant; will dated 16 Jan., 1735, proved 25 Nov., 1737 [P.C.C., Wake 249]—Lands in Limpstone and Topsham) to my wife, Mary, for life, and after her death, to such of our children as she shall appoint—my wife, residuary legatee and sole executrix.

(*John Filmore*, of Lypmstone, Devon, marriner; will dated 4 Aug., proved 17 Nov., 1739 [P.C.C., 233 Henchman]; lands in Lypmstone) to trustees, viz: Thomas Withall, Thomas Kingman, and Egerton Filmore, all of Lypmstone, mariners—Smith's or Smay's tenement in Lypmstone, to my mother, Susannah Filmore, remainder to son Thomas, at 21—my son Abraham Filmore, now under age—my wife, Jane Filmore—my dau. Jane Filmore—my mother to have furniture which was in the house, at the death of my father Abraham Filmore—refers to his marriage settlement.

(In Lypmstone church, is the following inscription:—"Here lyeth the body of Mr. John Filmore, son of Abraham Filmore, who departed this life, y^e 8th of August, 1739, aged 47.")

(*Abraham Filmore*, late of Lypmston, Devon; administration granted 15 Oct., 1748, to Egerton Filmore, and Thomas Kingman, surviving executors of the will of Susannah Filmore, widow, deceased, and relict of Abraham Filmore, the said Susannah Filmore, and John Filmore, the only child of Abraham Filmore, having died without taking out letters of administration.)

(In Lypmstone Church is the following inscription:—"Underneath lie the remains of Egerton Filmore, (of this parish) Esquire, and of Sarah, his wife (whose maiden name was Wyse); also of Sarah, first daughter, who was married to Mr. John Filmore; and of Mary, the second daughter, who died unmarried. This monument was erected in the year 1799, by Elizabeth, third and only surviving daughter, wife of Mr. John Searle, of this parish.")

The following outline of the later generations of this family, is mainly drawn up from information supplied by Mr. Wharton Jones, F.R.S.—