

As might be expected from the circumstance that the Fynamores were connected with Calne, in Wiltshire, from the middle of the thirteenth century, we still find instances of most of the allied surnames remaining in that county. Whether they have originated from the Whetham family, it is of course impossible to say.

At Nether Avon, in this county, as we have already mentioned, there is quite a clan of Phillimores who have been settled in that parish, at least two hundred years, and in the neighbourhood much longer. The will of John Fillamor, the elder of Ludger [1 Ludgershall] Wilts, was proved in 1655. Phineas Philamore, *alias* Fennimore, who signed as Phillomoar, conveyed in 1731, some property in Nether Avon, to Timothy Careless. The name in the registers there was then usually spelt Phillamore, and not unfrequently Phillemore, but it has now settled down to Phillimore. A John Phillimore, of Walham Green, Middlesex, named in his will in 1773, his father, John Phillimore, of Feildon, Wilts, a place which may probably be identified with either Figheldean, or Fittleton, both of which villages are near to Nether Avon. From this family, Mr. Phineas Phillimore, of Deptford, appears to be descended.

Not a few instances of one or other of the names occur in Hampshire, principally in those parts of the county, which adjoin Wiltshire. A Thomas Filmore, of Rotherwick, made his will in 1638. Modern directories also show the occurrence of the following surnames:—Billimore, Filmore, Fillmore, Phillmore, Fennemore, Philemore, Phillemore, and Phillimore. They appear to be spread throughout the district, which extends from Nether Avon, in Wiltshire, to Chute, Andover, and Whitchurch. Some of them also occur at Winchester, and in other parts of South Hampshire. No attempt as yet has been made to trace their history in this county.

In Ireland, there are two families respectively, named Finnemore, and Finnamore, who retain tradition of an English descent, from two brothers, who went to Ireland with Cromwell. One brother, it is said, settled in King's County, and his descendants followed the latter spelling: the ancestor of the other branch settled, temp. Charles II., at Balyward, Manor Kilbride, Wicklow, and is now represented by John Finnemor, Esq., J.P.

In America, both Fillmore and Fenimore are familiar names. The former has already been referred to; the latter is associated with the novelist, James Fenimore Cooper, who derived the name from his mother, a daughter of Richard Fenimore, of Burlington County, New Jersey. From the Register of Christchurch, Philadelphia, it appears that a Fennimore family were settled in that city, at least as early as 1749.

The name of Finamore also appears in Italy. Tommasso Finamore, in 1750, was plaintiff in a law suit against N. Filizzola.

Sig. Luigi Finamore Pepe, British Vice Consul, at Monopoli,