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In the name of god amen, I John Bassmore of Eashere in the county of Surrey husbondman beinge sicke in body but of good and perfect remembrance god be thanked, do make and ordayne this my laste wille and testament in man[n]er and forme followinge.

ffirst I bequeathe my soul into the handes of ^almighty^ god and my boddey to be bureyed in the church yarde of Eashere aforesayd,

It[e]m I give and bequeath the house wherin I nowe dwele w[i]the iij ackers nowe in my Occupatyon to margaret my wife during hir life and after hir desease to Phillis my youngest daughter, and to hir heyers,

It[e]m I will that after the dissease of my sister in lawe Elzabeth Harme my wyfe if she be then livinge shalle have and enjoye to her eise duringe hir life and <then> ^after hir disease^ to my daughter Phillis these severall parsells of land following that is to say., in the great Ballence on acker and a halfe in the little Ballence on acker in the bushe ballence on acker in the buttes on acker and all the land that my Brother Robert Basmor helde of m[ister] Drake.

It[e]m I give to John Arnold a little close containing on acker adioy[n]ing and lyinge by the house of the sayd John Arnold all the reste of my goodes moveable and unmoveable not bequeathed I give to Margret my wyfe who I make and ordaine my sole executrix, and I appoint for overseers of this my will Roger ffilder and George Harme and I give them for there labors iijs iiijd a pece.

In witnes wherof I have set to my hand the xxiij day of January in the yeare of our lord god 1605

John Bassmore his marke

[*probate clause May 1606*]

These Witneses George Harme

William Lee. John Arnold. Robert more and Edmund Blaunche

[Baysmore family were free tenants of Sandon Manor with lands in Esher (Dylmans) and Claygate recorded in manorial rentals in 1547 (William and Robert B.) and 1579 (late of Robert B. and theirs of Thomas B.)

The Ralph Treswell plan of Esher Estate 1606 shows a house in an enclosure adjoining the ‘London waye’ with name ‘Arnold’.

The lands named are identified in maps pages 34 and 38 *ESHER Origins and Development of a Surrey Village in Maps*. They lie on either side of the London Road close to the Arnold house.

‘Mister Drake’ is Richard Drake (a relative of Sir Francis Drake and equerry to Eliz I) owner of Esher Place, Lord of the Manor of Esher and the commissioner of Ralph Treswell’s 1606 survey.]