1606B04 John Bassmore of Esher TS draft JR.doc[x] **CF Checked 16.6.2020**

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This is excellent – just the strange spelling of ‘geve’ rather than ‘give’. And great that you tracked down the fields and lands via the Esher book. Presumable the Roger Filder in this will is the forebear of ‘Roger ffeilder’ on p. 35 of the Esher book

In the name of god amen, I Jhon 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 geve

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 yongest 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 euse

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 geve to John

Arnold a little close containing on acker adioy[n]ing

and lyinge by the house of the seyd John Arnold

all the reste of my goodes moveable and unmoveable

not bequeathed I geve to Margaret my wyfe who I

make and ordaine my sole executrix, and I

appoynt for overseers of this my will Roger Filder

and George Harme and I geve 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

[Latin *probate clause 30 May 1606*]

These Witneses George Harme

Will[iam] 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.]