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A typical Manor Court Roll starts with apologies for absence and fines for non-attendance without excuse, followed by a list of local tenants serving on the manor jury, or 'Homage'. The 'Court Leet' or 'View of Frankpledge' dealt with minor offences, disputes between neighbours, and such matters as failing to keep ditches clear. The early Rolls list those with goods worth more than 30 pence, and those keeping pigs (and how many they kept). The 'Court Baron' dealt with property transactions and inheritance matters. Sometimes the functions of the two Courts, almost invariably held one after the other on the same day, overlapped. In time, the 'Court Leet' became increasingly less important.

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Dillewysse ¶ Court with View of Frank pledge held on Monday next before the feast of Saints Simon & Jude in the sixth regnal year of King Henry the fourth

B.8 [in a much later hand]

Excuses none &c

fine ---- 4d  
relief 4d

cc-At this Court John Pottesblode & his Wife Matilda gave the lord as a fine 4d, to investigate the right of the same Matilda to 1 acre of land in the Hamme, within the lordship, which was found by the Homage, whereof befalls to the lord 4d, called relief, according to the custom of the manor. And they made fealty.

he paid  
Fine 20d

he paid  
cc-Thomas Aylesham gave the lord, as a fine for having entry in one [acre] of land, which Thomas Sheort & his wife Alice surrendered into the lord's hands, in the next [i.e. last] preceding Court, &c.

he paid  
amercement 6d

cc-The same Thomas is in the lord's mercy, because he went into the aforesaid acre of land without the lord's licence, & there found, took, & carried away 700 bavins, &c.

he paid  
Fine 6d

cc-William Bekwell made fealty to the lord for 1 toft & 2 acres of land which he bought from John Sheort, having obtained the lord's licence therefor. And he gave the lord, as a fine, 6d.



Ⓐ stopped, because W. Wedone is distrained

Ordered to be seized before the next  
cc-It is ordered, as before, &c to seize into the lord's hands 2 acres of land lying in le Pigthill, because they were alienated without obtaining the lord's licence, against the custom of this manor, And to answer to the lord for the profits, saving the rights of whomever &c.

amercement 4d cc-Thomas Ailesham, because he has not pursued against Robert Denny, knight, Therefore he [is] amerced.

Respited to the next  
cc-Touching Robert Denny, knight, in that he cut down & took away oaks, thorn-bushes & other trees & wood, puts himself [in mercy] lately growing in the lord's soil ^ without the lord's licence, whereof Richard Courteour puts himself & Adam Lucas are pledges of the fine, they are put in respite until the next [court].

He is to be summoned against the next  
he does not prosecute  
cc- William a Dene & Salamon Ancel, plaintiffs, against Adam Lucas, on a plea of land ; prosecution pledges : William Bekwell & John Balle. Therefore the bailiff is ordered that he summon the aforesaid Adam by good summoners, that he be at the next [court] to answer on the aforesaid plea.

He is to be summoned against the next  
War---- attorneys  
he does not prosecute  
cc-Stephen Riggesby, plaintiff, against Adam Lucas, on a plea of land ; prosecution pledges : William Ingolffe & John Chobham. Therefore the bailiff is ordered that he summon, by good summoners, the aforesaid Adam, that he be at the next [court] to answer the aforesaid Stephen on the aforesaid plea. Upon which the same Stephen puts in his place Salamon Auncell or William Dene, his attorneys, to win or lose against the aforesaid Adam in the aforesaid plea.

amercements 19d { cc-<sup>3d</sup>Robert Denny, knight ; <sup>2d</sup>Philip Haverynge ; <sup>2d</sup>Adam Lucas ; <sup>2d</sup>Thomas Sheort ; <sup>2d</sup>William Gonuld ;  
<sup>2d</sup>William a Dene ; <sup>2d</sup>John atte Bregge ; <sup>2d</sup>John inthe Lane ; & <sup>2d</sup>Robert Woderove, suitors of the Court, make  
 Default. Therefore they [are] amerced.

charter shown { cc-<sup>common</sup>Robert Denny, knight, by his attorney, came & showed a certain charter sealed with the <sup>^</sup> seal of the lord &  
 convent, before 'the time of memory' statute\*, by which he claims to hold of the lord a messuage & 26 acres of  
 free land within the lordship, by service of 17d per annum at '-us' terms of the year, to which this [charter] testifies.  
 Therefore it is conceded to him as tenant. And it was found, at the Court held at Dillewissh on the 21st day of  
 May in the third regnal Year of king Henry the Fourth † 'l—mo', above the name of Robert Knolles, then tenant of  
 a certain tenement, that the same Robert held 1 messuage & 12 acres of land, with appurtenances, called Amels, by  
 service of 11½d a year at the same times ; also 9 acres of land, with appurtenances, called Reygates, by rent of 12d &  
 1 pound of cumin a year at the same times ; Likewise 1 tenement & 8 acres of villein land late in the tenure of John  
 Daye ; Likewise 4 acres of similar land lying in a field called lez Aspes, by rent of 16d a year at the same times ;  
 Likewise 2 acres of similar land lying in Mades crofft, by rent of 7¼d a year at the same times, of the tenement of  
 Roger Morkyn, villein of the lord ; Likewise the tenement sometime of John Brighth, villein of the lord. Whose  
 standing the aforesaid Robert [Denny] now holds in the aforesaid tenements. Therefore the bailiff is Ordered  
 to distraint the same, in the aforesaid tenements, to show by what services & in what manner he holds the aforesaid  
 tenements, And to answer to the lord for the aforesaid rents, &c.

\*i.e. before the  
 1276 Statute of  
 Westminster, which  
 fixed the date of  
 'time immemorial'  
 as before the  
 beginning of the  
 reign of Richard I  
 on 6 July 1189.

† 21st May, 1402

He is to be distrainted  
 before the next

¶ More follows of the View held the aforesaid day, place & year : [still 27 Oct 1404]

[N.B. from this point on, this side of the Roll is increasingly damaged, particularly on the right side.]

Common fine 4s { cc- John Pottesblod & Roger Bollok, Head pledges there, present with the whole of their tithing, Sworn,  
for their settled common fine : 4s.

Romselver 12d { cc-Likewise they present John Pottesblod, William Lane, William Wedone, Thomas Aylesham, Adam Lucas,  
John Carter, Philip Haverynges, Thomas Sampson (Butcher), William Bailly, Robert Denny,  
knight, John Balle, & Robert Belle, having animals to the value of 30 pence each  
within the lordship, Therefore each of them should give the lord 1d by custom, for Romselver.

pannage 15½d { cc-Likewise they present John Pottesblod having <sup>4d</sup> 4 pigs, Thomas Aillesham <sup>3d</sup> 3 pigs, (or 2 pigs & 2 piglets etc.,)  
<sup>6d</sup> William Lane 4 pigs & 4 piglets, <sup>2½d</sup> Elena Ledes 2 pigs & 1 female piglet, within the lordship, whereof befalls  
the lord by custom, as pannage for this year, namely for a pig 1d, for a piglet or female piglet a half-pence, but  
because [it is] not the full payment of pannage, they are summoned to come to the next [court].

ameracements 8d { cc-Likewise they present Elena Ledes, John Pottesblod, Thomas Ayllesham, & Ri-----, common  
huxters, selling ale & breaking the assize. Therefore they [are] amerced.

fine 16d { cc-Likewise they present Thomas Aillesham & Roger Bullok, for digging turves ----- without  
licence, to the damage ----- . Therefore they are amerced.

Strays

cc-Likewise they present that 2 worth 16d, coming in as strays in  
p---to custody of William Lane, remain until over  
men— of them. Therefore amerced.

amercement

Il--- *simulis* Thomas Aillesham is Sworn  
'a ter' —because he did not place a gutter at  
Therefore he is amerced. 'E- pro----' them 'p

Assessors { William Lane }  
              { John           } -----  
                  ■           ■

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B8 (back)

Part 2     1 Oct 1405

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[in a much later hand :] B 8v

Dillewysse

¶ Court with View of Frank pledge held there on Thursday next after the  
feast of saint Michael Archangel, in the seventh regnal Year of king Henry the Fourth

[Note : the Thursday before Michaelmas 1405 would be 24 Sep 1405 6 Hen IV.]

To this Court comes John Chobham, by his attorney John Denewey, -----  
And surrendered into the lord's hands 1 toft & garden, with -- acres of land -----  
----- Greate Brownynges, to the benefit of Richard Coteller of -- H----o -----  
----- seisin therein ----- --a---, To Have & to hold to the same Richard & his heirs, according to the custom of the  
manor, by the rent & services therein owed & accustomed. And he made fealty to the lord, -----  
--- for entry ---2s . And 'c---lo' the [manor] farmer, in the presence of the Court ----- attached -----  
----- accustomed ----- '-----ter' he gave as much in rent &c

1 message &

Order to seize

It is known that Thomas Sampson alienated ^ 10 acres of land, with appurtenances, to the benefit of John  
Pottesblod, without the lord's licence Therefore it is ordered to seize [&c.] Likewise that John Lillebourne -----  
----- lands of William Bekwell, without the lord's licence. And that ^ William -----  
alienated to John ate Bregge 2 acres 3 rods of land in Middelfelde without having obtained the licence  
of the lord. Therefore it is decided that all the aforesaid lands should be seized into the hands of the bailiff of  
the lord, And that meanwhile he should answer to the lord for the profits, saving the right of whomever &c.

'H--- ----- l-eter finem' before this Court the same message

Order to seize

And also it is decreed, as several times before, &c., to seize into the lord's hands two acres of land in the Hamme  
which Robert Ketell alienated, by charter, to Thomas Sampson, to the disinheritance of the lord, and to answer to  
the lord for the profits &c., saving the right of whomever &c.

'H--- ae de p--- s-v -e' 20s

amercement 4d

at the next

cc-Richard Courteour & Adam Lucas put themselves in the lord's mercy, because they do not have Robert Denny, knight, at this Court, as they were warned. Therefore they are amerced. And the fine for for[sic] the claim --- as in the previous [court], the wood of the lord, taken & carried away by the aforesaid Robert, ^ is reserved, to the distraint 's-----' until the next [court].

amercement 4d

cc-William a Dene & Salamon Ancell amerced, because they did not pursue against Adam Lucas, on a plea of land ; prosecution pledges : William Bekwell & John Balle.

amercement 4d

cc-Stephen Riggesby & his prosecution pledges, William Ingolffe & John Chobham, [are] amerced, because they did not pursue against Adam Lucas on a plea of land &c.

To distraint before the next [court]

cc-It is Ordered to distraint Robert Denny, knight, in ^ a the lands & tenements lately Robert Knolles', within the fee of the lord, namely in one tenement called Amels, for making fealty to the lord, and also satisfying rent of 11½d to the lord, being in arrears ; Likewise in lands & tenements called Longeredene, by annual rent of 40d, being in arrears ; Likewise in 9 acres of land, of the tenement lately called Reygates, by rent of 12d & of one pound of Cumin a year ; Likewise in 1 tenement & 8 acres of villein land, late in the tenure of John Daye ; & 4 acres of like land, lying in the Aspes, by rent of 16d a year ; Likewise in 2 acres of land lying in Madescrofft, of the tenement lately of Roger Morkyn, villein of the lord, by rent of 8d a year ; Likewise in the tenement lately of John Bricht, lately ~~of~~ villein of the lord, for fealty made to the lord. And to show how he entered into the fee of the lord. And that all the lands & tenements which were the aforesaid

to seize at the next

Robert's, which he holds at the will of the lord, beseized into the lord's hands, because he [i.e. Sir Robert Denny] has demised thereof to William Pever, Citizen of London, without having obtained the licence of the lord therefor. And that he be at the next [court], to receive what the Court has decided therein, &c.

to distraint before the next

cc-It is Agreed between the lord & the tenants of this manor, for a Court, under reasonable summons, to be held here, for the updating of the Rental & Customary of this lordship, and also for certain labours & customs to be expressed in pence. Upon which it is decided that all the tenants be distrained to be at the next Court, to acknowledge, upon their oath, what lands & tenements each holds within the lordship, & by what services. And that each tenant be charged with rent & services for the size of his holding.

Memorandum

that next[?] to old muniments, for each acre ought to be rendered 4d a year, as appears to the understanding of the scribe of this roll &c.

amercement 3d

let there be execution

excused  
cc-William Wedone, pledge for William Hamon because he is not able to deny ~~his~~ the demand of Robert Carter Therefore he in mercy for in that he trespassed to damage assessed at 1 bushel of corn & 8 bushels of oats which it is ordered to levy &c

amercements 18d

3d 3d 3d 3d  
cc-Robert Dennyng, knight, Thomas Short, William Gonulde, Thomas[sic, John] Lillebourne, John ate  
1d 3d 2d  
Bregge, John inthe Lane, Robert Woderove, suitors of the Court, make default ; therefore amerced.

*it remains in villainage* { cc-William Knyhgt, Bailly, has closed his last day, who held of the lord, in villeinage, one messuage  
 & 6 acres of land, with appurtenances. Whereof befalls the lord, as a heriot, 1 Beast of burden  
 worth half a mark, by the pledges of Thomas Ailsham & John Pottesblod. Upon which now  
 A day is given until at the next { comes Sibia, lately wife of the same William, & claims to have the status of co-owner with the same  
 William, who has her day until the next to show her copy thereof, or to satisfy the lord for a heriot,  
 fine for entry, & other customs, &c.

common fine 4s { cc-John Pottesblode, head pledge, with his tithing there, Sworn, present for the common fine  
 decreed at this day : 4s.

Rompans 10d { cc-Likewise they present Robert Denny, knight, John Carter, Philip Haverynge, Adam Lucas, John  
 Pottesblode, Thomas Aylesham, William Wedone, ~~Robert T~~ William Lane, John Knygth, ~~John~~  
 John a Bregge, [each] having animala to the value of 30 pence, who [each] gave to the lord 1d, according  
 to the Custom of this manor, called Rompans &c.

Pannage of pigs 2s 5½d { cc-Likewise they present John Pottesblod having 1 pig, 3 piglets, 1 female piglet, & 1 sow ;  
 William Wedone 1 sow & 3 pigs ; Robert Tart 3 female piglets, William Lane  
 3 piglets, Elena Ledes 2 piglets [&] 3 female piglets, Sibil Knygth 1 sow & 4 female  
 Piglets, who gave for pannage this year in full, according to ancient custom, namely  
 for a pig [or a sow] 2d, a piglet 1d, & a female piglet a halfpenny. Total thereof [in the margin.]

amercement 2d { cc-Likewise they present the default of Richard Bedell at the View of Frankpledge.

- amercement 2d at the next { <sup>2d a.</sup> cc-Likewise they present John Elys of the age of 12 years &c, & he does not come to put himself in the tithing therefore he is in mercy by the pledges of the Head pledges And it is ordered that he be at the next [Court].
- amercement 12d at the next { <sup>12d having</sup> cc-Likewise they present Robert Denny, knight, <sup>^</sup> 40 perches of ditch at Amyels unscoured, by which the high way there is overwhelmed, to the common harm. Therefore he is amerced. And he should be distrained to make amends, before [the next court].
- amercement 3d at the next { <sup>3d</sup> cc-Likewise they present the same Robert, for blocking the common water course at Piryfelde, to the common <sup>a.</sup> [harm] &c Therefore he is amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court].
- amercement 3d at the next { <sup>3d stopped</sup> cc-Likewise they present John Horle, having a ditch at Piryfelde by which the high way there is rendered flooded, to the common harm. Therefore he is amerced. And that it is to be amended before the next [court].
- amercement 4d { <sup>2d</sup> cc-Likewise they present [that] Roger Bullok struck Joan Wheler, to the injury of the said Roger <sup>2d</sup> [*sic, Joan*], in breach of the peace of the lord King. And the aforesaid Joan raised hue and cry. By the pledges of the Head pledges.
- amercements 2s 2d { <sup>8d</sup> cc-Likewise they present John Pottesblode, because [he is] a retailer, Robert Tart, Elena Ledys, John Elys <sup>2d</sup> Carter, John Whegeler, John Larke, <sup>2d</sup> retailers of ale, & they break the assize. Therefore they are amerced. <sup>8d</sup> Likewise they present Thomas Aylesham, for digging turves in the lord's soil, upon the common.
- Elections { <sup>2d</sup> cc-Likewise they Elected William Wedone & William Lane as Headpledges, in place of John Pottesblode. And they were sworn. Likewise John Larke, to the office of ale taster. And he was sworn.

Sworn into the tithing cc-Robert Belle, John Baliffe, John Whegeler, & William, servant of the Manor, were Sworn this day  
into the tithing, &c.

Philip Haverynge }  
Assessors } Sworn ¶ Total : 16s 9½d  
[supplemental holes:] } Thomas Aylesham }

[End of Roll B8.]