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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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Roll B9 (front)

B.9.

Part 1

22 Sep 1406

Dillewyssh

¶ Court held there on Wednesday next after the feast of saint Matthew the Apostle in the 7th regnal year of king Henry, the fourth after the conquest

+ 7.

Excuses none

.a.

Heriot 40d.

fine 40d.



Fealty &

fine 12d.



cc-To this Court [came] Thomas Sampson, butcher, & surrendered into the lord's hands one messuage with 10 acres of land & its other appurtenances, which were previously seized into the lord's hands, to the benefit of John Pottesblod, whereby befalls [to the lord] as a heriot 1 cow, worth 40d. And upon this, the lord conceded the aforesaid messuage, with land & its other appurtenances, to the aforesaid John, to have & to hold to himself & his [heirs], according to the custom of the manor, at the will of the lord, Rendering the rent & doing the customs therein owed & accustomed, & seisin thereof is conceded to him by the rod. And he gave the lord as a fine for having entry &c. And he made fealty &c.

cc-At this Court the lord conceded to John Lillebourne two acres of land which he lately bought from William Bekwell without him surrendering them into the lord's hands, to the benefit of the aforesaid John, To whom seisin thereof is conceded by the rod, to have & to hold to himself & his [heirs], according to the custom of the manor, making dues, services & customs. And he made customary fealty to the lord, And he gave of a fine for having entry therein.

cc-To this Court comes John Bregge, & gives to the lord, as a fine, 40d, for having 2 acres & 3 rods of land, ^{lying in middelfeld} with appurtenances, out of the lord's hands, which he lately bought from William Knygth without the lord's licence, To whom seisin thereof is conceded, by the rod, to have & to hold to himself & his [heirs], according to the custom of the manor, at the will of the lord, Rendering & making the services owed & accustomed. And he made customary fealty.

to[?]

to attest[?]

Postponed to the next

cc-Richard Courteour & Adam Lucas have until the next Court to a fine for trespass made in the lord's wood by Robert Denny, Knight, under pain of 20s, for which they themselves became amerced for the same, as in the previous [court].

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Order to distrain & seize before the next

cc-Further, it is ordered, as several times before &c., to Distrain Robert Denny, knight, in all lands & tenements which were lately Robert Knolles knight', in the lord's fee, and to seize into the lord's hands &c., as fully appears in the next[sic, last] preceding Court.

To distrain against the next

cc- Further, it is ordered to Distrain all & singular those having lands & tenements held, not only at the will of the lord, but also otherwise, So that they may be at the next Court separately, to show what lands & tenements they hold, & how & by what services they claim to hold, So that each one of them is liable for rent to the lord according to the quantity of his holding, & not otherwise, namely for each acre 4d.

Heriot to the Bailiff of half a mark

cc-Sibilla, who was the wife of William Knygth, does not deny that one beast of burden, worth half a mark, seized into the lord's hands, called a heriot, should be awarded to the lord, Therefore it is ordered that the lord should answer therefor, by the amercement of Thomas Aillesham & John Pottesblod &c.

to seize before the next

cc-It is ordered to seize into the lord's hands all lands & tenements of which William Knygth, called Bailly, died seised in its demesne &c., in accordance with the custom of the manor, And to answer to the lord for the profits until &c., Saving always the right of whomsoever &c.

to seize before the next

cc- It is ordered to seize into the lord's hands all lands & tenements which Robert Woderove lately bought within the lord's fiefdom, '*certis decausus*'[?], And to answer to the lord for the profits until &c., Saving the right of whomsoever [&c.]

'Put' writ before the next { cc-[Writ of] Put-by-gage-&-safe-pledge of Robert Tart, So that he be at the next Court, to answer Richard Loxle, farmer of the manor [demesne], on the taking & carrying away of his wood &c 'non con... & de h.. prius' [?] discontinued

stayed to the next { cc-The proceeding concerning matters touching the View of Frankpledge in the preceding Court, remains as it was before, until the next [court].

attachments 2s 10d. cc-Of attachments, as appears in the extract of the Court.

amercements 12d. { cc-Robert Dennyng, Knight ; Thomas Short ; William Gonuld ; John at Bregge ; John in the Lane ; & Richard Coteller, suitors of the Court, make default. Therefore they are amerced. 2d 2d 2d 2d 2d

Assessors { William Wedone } Sworn ¶ Total of this Court : 21s 6d, besides Philip Haverynge } 2 amercements of William Wedone

Dillewyssh ¶ Court with View of Frank pledge ...[blank]

[End of B9 (front). B9 (back) continues below.]

B9 (back)

Part 2 20 Jan 1407

B9v

Dillewyssh ¶ Court with View of Frank pledge held there on Thursday next before the Feast of the Conversion of saint Paul in the 8th regnal Year of king Henry, the fourth after the conquest

Excuses none

[The equivalent of the next two lines are blank, although ink from the text on the other side has seeped through, and can be read in reverse on these and the following lines. However, the first words of the following line, and some words in subsequent lines, are rendered illegible.]

Postponed to the next [court] { cc-----ia B-----r-----s & Adam Lucas, pledges for Robert Denny knight about a certain trespass made in the lord's wood, are Postponed until at the next [court], And it is decided that the fine to be made will belong to the lord, under penalty awarded of half a mark.

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Order to distrain & seize before the next [court] { cc- Again it is ordered, as several times before, &c., to Distrain Robert Denny knight in all lands & tenements which were lately Robert Knolles' within the lordship, And to seize into the lord's hands all lands & tenements which the aforesaid Robert [Denny] holds at the will of the lord, saving the right of whomsoever [&c], So that the tenants of the same be at the next [court] to receive what leads the Court to its decision on these matters, As appears in the second preceding Court.

Order to distrain before the next [court] { cc- Again it is ordered, as several times before, to distrain each & every one of those having lands & tenements in the lord's fiefdom, held not only at the lord's will but also by freehold, So that they be at the next [court], to show separately what lands & tenements they hold, & how and by what rent & services they claim to hold, So that each one of them is liable to the lord for rent according to the quantity of his holding & not otherwise, namely for each acre 4d.

Fealty	3s.	<p>cc- At this Court Richard Knygth, son & nearest heir of William Knygth according to the custom of the Manor, made fealty to the lord for the lands and tenements which befell him, by right of heirship, after the death of the aforesaid William, his father. And he gave to the lord, by way of relief, as much as he gives as rent, which is &c.</p>
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Order to seize before the next [court]		<p>cc- Again it is ordered, as at other times it was ordered, that the beadle seize into the lord's hands all lands & tenements which Robert Woderoffe lately held in the lord's fiefdom, because he alienated them without having obtained the lord's licence in that respect, And to answer to the lord for the profits of the same.</p>
stayed to the next, in its present state		
summons before the next [court]		<p>cc- Robert Gonulde & his wife Sibilla complain against John Bregge on a plea of land. Prosecution pledges : William Gonulde & William intheLane. Therefore it is decided that they be before the next [court], under summons.</p>
Common fine	4s.	<p>cc- William Wedone & William Lane, headpledges, with their tithings there, Sworn, present the common fine, as of old, as appears in the heading.</p>
Romppeny	10d.	<p>Likewise they present William Wedone, Philip Haverynge, Adam Lucas, John Cartere, John Pottesblode, John Balle, Robert Tart, John Bregge, William Lane, & William Lane, tenants of the lord, each of whom having cattle within the lordship to the value of 30 pence. Therefore each one of them gives the lord 1d, called Romppenny, &c.</p>

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- Pannage of pigs 9³/₄d. { Likewise they present ^{4¹/₄d} William Lane for having, in the feast of saint Michael [Archangel] last past, ^{2d} 5 piglets & 7 female piglets, ^{1¹/₂d} William Pever 2 pigs, ^{1¹/₂d} Elena Ledes 1 piglet, John Pottesblode ^{2¹/₂d} 4 piglets & 2 female piglets, & ^{1¹/₂d} Robert Tart 1 piglet, for which they gave as Pannage for each pig 1 d, each piglet a halfpenny, and each female piglet a farthing, by custom.
- amercements 9d { Likewise they present that ^{3d} John Horle, ^{3d} John ate Bregge, & ^{3d} Walter Ingulffe over-burdened the common pasture with their sheep & other animals, to the common harm. Therefore they are amerced.
- To distraint before the next amercement 2d { ^{b.} Likewise they present ^{b.} Walter, farmer of William Pever, residing within the lord's fiefdom, who is of full age. Therefore he is to be distrainted to be at the next court, to put himself in a tithing.
- cc-Likewise they present the default of William Pever at this Court. Therefore he is amerced.
- a.**
- 1 stray horse, remains to the next [court] { Likewise they present 1 bay horse worth 20d, coming as a stray in the feast of saint Michael last past, And it is decided that a proclamation ought now to be made. And it remains in the hands of the Beadle until more than a year [has elapsed].
- + a.**
- amercement 8d { Likewise they present William Pever having two unscoured ditches at Amelles & Piryfeld, whereby the high way there is flooded, to the common harm of the country. Therefore the aforesaid William is amerced, And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court].
- amercements 17d. { ^{6d} John Larke, taster of ales, presents ^{6d} John Pottesblode for a common huckster, ^{3d} John Larke for a huckster, ^{2d} Robert Tart for a common hickster, & ^{2d} Elena Ledes for brewing once, & they broke the assize. Therefore amerced.

Assessors John Pottesblode }
William Lane } Sworn

[End of Roll B9.]