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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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Text in **red**, apart from modern notes by the transcriber, indicates text missing from, or entirely illegible in, the original Roll. Text in various shades of **grey** indicates text which, in the original Roll, is to a greater or lesser extent difficult to decipher. Otherwise, all contemporaneous text is in **black**, except for presumed later additions which are indicated in **brown** or **blue**.

Dyllewyssh ¶ View of Frankpledge with Court there held on the Thursday next before the feast of saint Andrew the Apostle in the 17th regnal Year of king Henry the sixth.

Common fine 4s { (Thomas Lane & William Dockyng, Headpledges, with the rest of the tithing, sworn, present as the common fine 4s, paid in (open Court, as is the custom

Sworn for the King (cc-Simon Dockyng) (cc-Elias Ingolf) (cc-John Cartere junior) (cc-Richard Depeham) (cc-Thomas Gryme) (cc-Walter Knyght) (cc-Thomas Debylle) (cc-Walter Marys) (cc-Thomas Wakefielde) (cc-Robert Goodson) (cc-John Brutone) (cc-Thomas Lane) (cc-Roger Tornour) (cc-Richard Wythyr) (cc-William Dockyng)

amercements 5s { (cc-present that the lord's farmer has not yet mended the ditch 20 perches long opposite Myllewardeslond, as elsewhere he has been (ordered. Therefore amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court] under penalty of [blank]. And that Thomas (Debylle has not yet mended his ditch, 2 perches long, in the Hamme. Therefore amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before (the next [court], under penalty of 40d. And that John Wynter has a certain unscoured ditch, 6 perches long, at Longburne, whereby (the high way there is flooded. Therefore amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next, under penalty of 6s 8d. And

40d

(that the same John has a certain unscoured ditch, 50 perches long, between Blaunchiesdoune & Myddylfelde, whereby the high way
(
(there is flooded. Therefore amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court], under penalty of 20s.

(Likewise they present 1 white horse worth 4s, & 1 red cow worth 6s 8d, coming in as strays at the feast of the nativity of the blessed
strays worth 10s 8d {
(Mary. Therefore it is ordered to proclaim, & keep in safe custody, until ownership is proved, or more than a year has passed.

Rumpepeny 8th Year of Henry
V Likewise in the Back
amercements

3d 3d 3d
John Colkok, ale taster, presents that John Brutone, John Longe, & the said John Colkok are common hucksters, & sell ale by
(false measures. Therefore in mercy.

1d. 1d. 1d. 1d. 1d. 1d.
(Likewise they present that John Colcok, John Longe, John Houchon, William Dockyng, Thomas Wakefelde, Simon Dockyng,

1d 1d 1d 1d
Rumpepeny 10d { Roger Tornour, Richard atte Hylle, John Brutone, Thomas Lane, are residents having chattels to the value of 30 pence.



(Therefore each of them gave the lord, from ancient custom, 1d called Rumpepeny.

2d 2d 2d
amercements 6d { (Likewise they present Simon Dockyng, Thomas Ingolf, John Colcok, because they dug turves in the lord's ground without licence.
(Therefore amerced.

(John Dockyng, Walter Brutone, Richard at Hylle junior, & Richard Lane, are Sworn into a tithing of the lord
Sworn into the tithing {
(King, at this View.

7d 2d 2d
Pannage 15½d { (Likewise they present that John Colcok has 2 pigs over a year old & 10 piglets, Simon Dockyng 2 pigs, Thomas Lane
(4½d
{ 2 pigs, John Brutone 2 pigs & 5 piglets, for which each of them gave for Pannage, from ancient custom, 1d for a pig
(
(over a year old, & a halfpenny for a piglet under a year old

cc-----Now follows of the Court held there the day & Year above-stated

Excuses none

3d 3d 3d 3d 3d
amercements 15d. { (The above Tenants, sworn, present that Richard Bakere, William Fayreher, John Deneweeye, John Colyn, John Gonylde, make default
(defaults of common suit.

Fine 6d { (John Wynter, with the rest of his feoffees, gave the lord as a fine for postponing his suit [of Court] until the feast of saint Michael, as
(appears in the heading.

40d
amercement 40d { (Likewise they present that William Haukyn fenced off, & separated to himself, his land in the common field at the Napse where by law
(before the next [court],
Penalty at the next (is not allowed without a licence. Therefore amerced. And he is ordered to take down and remove the said fence ^ under penalty of 20s.

16d
amercement 16d { (Likewise they present that the said William overloaded the common pasture with 240 sheep for nearly a quarter of a year, to the
(serious harm of the lord, & of its tenants. Therefore amerced.

6s 8d. 5s. 6s 8d.
amercements 20s { (Likewise they present that Simon Dockyng took & carried away 100 bavins, Thomas Ingolf 3 horse-loads of bavins, Richard Ode 4
(20d
short [writ of right] { cartloads of bavins, John Longe 1 horse-load of bavins, from the ground -/-/-/-/- of the lord, without licence. Therefore amerced,
(or it is to be prosecuted against them by short [writ of right], on the Advice of the lord's great council.

(To this [Court] came Thomas Gryme, & took from the lord 4 acres & 1 rod, lying at 'two crosses', & which were lately John
(
Fine 1 capon { (Renefielde's, & he has seisin by the rod in open Court, To Hold to himself for the term of his life, at the will of the lord, according
(to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof owed & accustomed. And he gave 1 capon as a fine for having
(
Fealty { entry. And he made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.

(To this [Court] came Thomas Lacche & his wife Agnes, & took from the lord 1 messuage & 10 acres of land called Myllewardes,
(
(also two acres of land sometime John Shorte's in the Pyghle, which were lately William Wedone's, & they have seisin by the the rod
(
Fine 6s 8d { in open Court, To Hold to the aforesaid Thomas & Agnes, & the heirs of the same Agnes, at the will of the lord, according to the
(
Fealty { custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof formerly owed & accustomed. And they gave 6s 8d as a fine for having entry.
(
(And they made fealty to the lord, & they were admitted.

(The tenants above, also sworn, are charged to say truly if Richard Loxele who purchased 1 messuage & 17 acres of land called
(
(Morkynes within the lordship of Dyllewyssh aforesaid, by licence of the Court, To hold to himself & his wife Margery & their heirs
(
(&c at the will of the lord &c, just as appears in the Roll of the Court with View held there on the Thursday next after the feast of
(
(Easter in the second regnal Year of king Henry the fifth, purchased the said messuage & lands with the intention that John Colcok
('te'[?]
(should now, after the death of the said Richard & Margery, have & enjoy the said messuage & lands, To hold to himself & his [heirs]
(
(at the will of the lord, or not. Also, if the said Roll from which was deleted the name 'John Colcok' was erased by an error of writing in
(
(engrossing the aforesaid roll, or afterwards on the Advice of others, &c. They agree that that name is found in the Extract of the said
Inquisition taken {
out of office by { Roll, as appears in the said Extract examined by the Roll & shown to the said jurors. Also, whether the said Roll was erased with the
order of the lord {
(said Richard Loxele's knowledge & consent to this, or not. Who say upon their oath that the said Richard Loxele purchased the said
('te'[?]
(messuage & lands &c To hold to himself, his wife Margery, & John Colcok and the heirs of the said John Colcok, So that now, after
(
(the death of the said Richard & Margery, the said messuage & lands with appurtenances should remain with the aforesaid John
(
(Colcok, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord &c., according to the custom &c., for his good services expended thereon. Also they
(
(say that the aforesaid name of John Colcok was erased from the aforesaid Roll on the Advice of certain rivals of his, & not by
(
(negligence in writing or engrossing. And lastly they say that the said Roll was erased unknown to the said Richard, nor in any way with

(of its great council,
 (his consent to this &c. Therefore it is decided by the lord, on the advice \wedge that the said John Colkok should recover & should have full
 (seisin in all the aforesaid messuage & 17 acres of land with appurtenances. And it is meanwhile conceded to him by the rod in open
 (Court, To Hold to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof
 (formerly owed & accustomed. And he gave 40d as a fine for having \wedge such entry. And he made fealty to the lord, & he was Admitted.

Assessors { (cc--Thomas Wakefield --) } Sworn
 (cc--Walter Knyght -----)

[End of C7 (front). C7 (back) continues below.]

Roll C7 (back)

Part 2 26 Nov 1439

C 7 v

¶ View of Frankpledge with Court, there held on the Thursday next after the feast of saint Katherine the Virgin, in Dyllewyssh the 18th regnal Year of king Henry, the sixth after the conquest of England.

(Thomas Lane & William Dockyng, Headpledges, with the rest of the tithing, sworn, present 4s as the common customary fine at this
 Common fine 4s {
 (View. And because they do not have the said common fine ready, Therefore amerced.

(cc-Walter Knyght) (cc-Richard Wythyr) (cc-John Colkok) (cc-[blank])
 () () () ()
 Sworn for the King {cc-Richard Depeham } Sworn {cc-Walter Marys } Sworn {cc-Robert Goodson } Sworn {cc-
 () () () ()
 (cc-John Cartere) (cc-Richard atte Hylle) (cc-Elias Ingolf) (cc-
 () () () ()
 (2d 2d
 { present that Peter, servant of William Haukyn, makes default at the view. Therefore amerced. And that John Brutone kept his son John
 (and 2d
 { aged 12 years & more, ^Thomas Lane [kept] his son aged &c., out of the tithing, Therefore amerced. And that Thomas Lacche has a
 { certain unscoured ditch opposite Myllewardyslond, whereby the high way there is flooded, to the nuisance of the people of the lord
 amercements 2s 8d {
 { King passing by there. Therefore amerced. And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court] under penalty of 40d. And that
 (2s
 { John Wynter has not yet mended his ditch, 6 perches long, at Longburne, as elsewhere he has been ordered. Therefore amerced.
 { And he is ordered to make amends before the next [court], under penalty of 6s 8d.
 (2d 2d 2d 2d
 { Likewise they present that John Colkok, William Dockyng, Simon Dockyng, John Longe, dug turves in the lord's ground without a
 amercements 8d {
 { licence. Therefore amerced.
 (adult worth 6s 8d,
 { Likewise they present 1^horse coloured grey,^ coming in as a stray about the feast of saint Luke the Evangelist last past. Therefore it
 (it is dead
 Strays { is ordered to proclaim, & keep in safe custody, for at least a year or [until] its ownership is proved. And that 1 chestnut colt, worth 40d,
 (likewise coming in as a stray about the feast of saint Peter called 'In Chains' last past. Therefore it is ordered to proclaim &c., until &c.
 (1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d
 { Likewise they present that John Colkok, William Dockyng, William Bryght, William Priour, John Longe, Thomas Lane, Richard atte
 (1d 1d 1d 1d
 Rumpepeny 11d { Hylle, Robert Morley, Thomas Wakefelde, John Brutone, William Haukyn, are residents having cattle to the value of 30 pence.
 (Therefore, from ancient custom, each of them gave the lord 1d, called Rumpepeni.
 (2d 2d
 amercements 4d { John Colkok, ale taster, presents that John Brutone, John Longe, are common retailers of ale &c. Therefore amerced.

(5d 1d 3½d
 { And that John Colcok has 2 pigs & 6 piglets, William Bryght has 2 piglets, Thomas Wakefelde has 7 piglets,
 (2½d 6d 7½d 4½d
 Pannage 2s 6d { Robert Morley has five piglets, William Haukyn 12 piglets, Thomas Lane 15 piglets, John Brutone has 4 pigs
 (
 { & 1 piglet, for which each gave to the lord as Pannage, of ancient custom, 1d for each pig over a year old, & a halfpenny
 (
 { for each piglet under a year.

Sworn into the tithing (Richard Elys & David Thomas are sworn into a tithing of the lord King at this View, & John Colcok is elected to the office
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 { of Constable in place of John Brutone, & is sworn. Richard atte Hylle is elected to the office of ale ~~taster~~
 Elections of Officers (
 { taster in place of John Colkok, & is sworn.

cc----- Now follows of the small Court held there, the day & Year above-stated

Excuses none

3d 3d 3d 3d 3d
 (The Homage, sworn, present that Thomas Wakefelde, Roger Tornour, John Denewey, Juliana Fayrher, Thomas Colyn,
 amercements 18d (3d
 { Thomas Lacche, make default at the Court. Therefore in mercy. And it is ordered to distrain them before the next, that they
 To distrain before (
 the next (be there to remedy several defaults of common suit.

(John Wynter, with the rest of his feoffees, gives the lord as a fine for postponing his suit [of Court] until the feast of saint
 Fine . 6d. {
 (Michael, as appears in the heading

(To this [Court] came Simon Dockyng, & surrendered into the lord's hands 1 messuage & 10 acres of land, with appurtenances,
 (
 Heriot 3s 4d (lately John Pottysblod's, to the use of William Broune, whereby be falls to the lord as a heriot, according to custom, as much as he
 (
 Fine . 3s 4d { gave the lord as rent, because he had no animals. And seisin thereof is conceded to the said William, by the rod, in open Court,
 (

Fealty (To hold to himself & his [heirs] at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof formerly owed
(
(& accustomed. And he gave 3s 4d as a fine for having entry, And he made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.

6d or
(William Haukyn has not yet taken down or removed his hedge \wedge fence around his land in the Common field at the Napse,
(
amercement 6d { as he was elsewhere ordered. Therefore amerced. And he is still ordered to remove & take that down before the next [court], under
(
(penalty of 6s 8d.

(To this [Court] came Juliana Fayrher, & surrendered into the lord's hands, by her attorneys John Brutone & Walter Knyght,
([&] a half
(1 \wedge acre of land in the field called Newmanesfielde, lying between land of William Gonylde, on the east side, & land of the
(
Fine 6d. { said Juliana, on the west side, to the use of Thomas Lane, To whom seisin is conceded, by the rod, in open Court, To hold
(
(to himself & his [heirs], at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof [formerly]
Fealty (
(owed & accustomed. And he gave 6d as a fine for having entry. And he made fealty to the lord, & he was admitted.

(At this [Court] it is testified that Thomas Debylle, who held of the lord one tenement & 11 acres of land, with appurtenances, which were
(
heriot none { lately his mother Sibelle Ketyll's, has closed his last day, whereby nothing [befalls to the lord] as a heriot, because his wife Alice was
(
(jointly ~~one~~ enfeoffed in the said lands & tenement with the aforesaid Thomas, her husband, as appears by their copy here shown
(
(in the present Court &c., and the Rolls of the Court agree, & it is conceded to her, To hold [to herself & her heirs] at the will of the lord,
Fealty (
(according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof [formerly] owed & accustomed. And she made fealty to the lord, &
(she was admitted.

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3d

(cc- William FitzWaty, plaintiff, against Simon Dockyng in a plea of debt.; prosecution pledges: John Longe & William Uytence -----
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amercements 6d (Simon, allocuted thereto, acknowledges the debt &c. Therefore &c.
(3d not present
(cc-Thomas Lane, plaintiff, against Richard Knyght, Butcher, in a plea of debt; prosecution pledges: John Brutone & W Nutone. And
the bailiff, because it is a matter for the beadle, [is ordered to attach] the said Richard before the next [court], &c.

(cc—Walter Knyght ----)
Assessors { } Sworn Total of the Court with View [blank]
(cc—Richard at Hylle --)

[End of C7. There appear to be bloodstains, or similar, on the right-hand side, one of them obliterating a surname ('Uytence'?).]