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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 E1 [previously D1] (front)

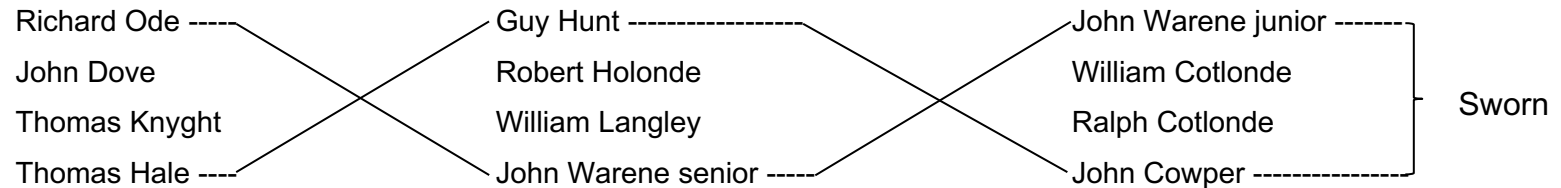
Part 1 19 Jan 1486

Dulwych View of Frankpledge with Court held there on the 19 day of January in the First regnal Year of
D.1 **King Henry the Seventh.**

Excuses none.

common)
fine) 4s
{ John Dove & Thomas Knyght, Head tithing-men there, Sworn, come And gave [for] the lord King as the common fine for themselves
4d
{ & their Tithings, always assuredly payable yearly at this day, 4s, as appears in the heading, And they present that Thomas Horneby
{ made an assault on John Casyngherst with 1 staff valued at 1d, And he drew blood, in breach of the lord King's peace. Therefore he is
4d
{ amerced, And because the same Head tithing-men have not produced the said staff there, Therefore they are amerced. And that John
{ Warene junior made an assault on Richard Lane with 1 bill-hook, in breach of the lord King's peace. Therefore he is amerced, And
4d
{ because the same Head tithing-men have not produced the said bill-hook there, Therefore they are amerced. And that Richard Lane
{ made an assault on the said John Warene with 1 pitchfork valued at 4d, And he drew blood, for which he is amerced. And because the
4d
{ same Head tithing-men there have not produced the said pitchfork, Therefore they are amerced. And that Thomas Cowper made an
{ assault on Thomas Paupelyn, with 1 staff valued at 1d, And he drew blood, Therefore he is amerced, And because the Head tithing-men
{ there have not produced the said staff, Therefore they are amerced. And 'dis' [blank]
2d. 2d. 2d.
{ John Morley, Ale taster there, sworn, comes & presents that Thomas Knyght, John Dove, & Thomas Webster,
{ sell tapped ale by cups & bowls, & other false measures. Therefore they are amerced.
amercements 6d
Taster of
ale there)

12 for the King.



4d.

Who come And say, that all and singular the above presentations are true. And further, they present the default of William Lacy,
 { 4d. 4d. 4d. 4d. 4d.
 { John Wylde, John Knyght, Henry Knyght, John Bradwell, John Carter, free tenants who owe suit at this
 {
 { day. Therefore they are amerced.

penalty stands ----- {

Likewise they present that John Armestronge has not yet scoured his ditches at Berdes, as he was required in the order by the
 { Court most recently held here. And now at this day comes the aforesaid John, & seeks a day for repairing, amending & scouring
 { the aforesaid ditches before the feast of saint John the Baptist next to come. And it is allowed to him by the Court here, under
 { penalty of 40d to the benefit of the lord, to be executed on the goods & chattels of the aforesaid John if there should happen to be
 { any defect in the aforesaid repair at the aforesaid feast. And the penalty stands. And that Richard Ode has allowed his ditch at
 { Howlettes to be unscoured and flooded by reason of lack of repair by the aforesaid Richard, to the serious harm of his neighbours
 { and of all the lord King's people riding and passing-by there. And now at this day comes the aforesaid Richard, & seeks a day
 { for repairing, amending & scouring the aforesaid ditches before the feast of saint John the Baptist next to come. And it is allowed
 { to him by the Court here, under penalty of 20d to the benefit of the lord, to be executed on the goods & chattels of the aforesaid
 { Richard if there should happen to be any defect in the aforesaid repair at the aforesaid feast. And the penalty stands.

Summons -----

John Stace complains of John Michell on a plea of debt, concerning a demand of 4s, who does not come nor has been
 summoned. Therefore he is to be summoned.

Election of Constable And they elected Thomas Knyght to the office of Constable there for this Year, who remains sworn to discharge this well & faithfully.

Election of Tithing-head And they elected Robert Holonde to the office of Head Tithingman there for this Year, who remains sworn to discharge this well & faithfully.

Assessors of }
the Court -----} Richard Ode ----- } Sworn
Robert Holonde ----- }

Total -----8s

Part 2 *5 May 1486*

Dulwych. Court held there on Thursday, the fifth day of May, in the first regnal Year of King Henry the Seventh.

Excuses Felicia Morgane, through John Knyght, is excused from common suit at this day.

amercements 12d. { (The Homage there, charged & sworn, come, And present the Default of William Lacy, John A Leghe, the holder of the lands lately
[sic, Margaret] 4d. 4d.
(Katherine Armestronge, & John Warene junior, free tenants who owe suit of Court at this day, Therefore they are amerced.

Ordered to Seize } { (At this Court it is testified by the Steward, that William Stevyns of London, Baker, came & surrendered into the lord's hands three
{ acres of land lying next to Gasconys Pytte, lately Katherine Astone's, to the benefit of John Wylde, who at this day does not come
{ (to put forward his claim to the aforesaid lands, or to seek to have them out of the lord's hands. Therefore the bailiff is ordered to
{ seize them into the lord's hands, such that he might answer to the lord for their profits until, &c, saving the right, &c.

proclamation stands } { (Now at this day a first proclamation is made concerning the lands lately Margaret Armestronge's, if Anyone wants to claim them out title, of the lord's hands by virtue of Anyone's /claim, right or interest, at which day no-one ~~no one~~ comes, for which a third default is here recorded by the Court on the lord's behalf. Therefore it is ordered, as before, that according to the the custom of the manor let proclamation be made concerning the aforesaid lands, if anyone wants to take them out of the lord's hands. And the proclamation stands.

It is ordered to distraint William Lacy, to make fealty to the lord for the lands & tenements which lately Roger Philpot held of the lord by [blank]

in the lord's hands --- } { (At this Court it is testified by the Steward, that John Carter came & surrendered into the lord's hands various lands in Dulwich called Newmede & Hilcroftes --- To the benefit of William Lacy, who at this day does not come to to put forward his claim to the rendering liable or enjoying[?] aforesaid lands, or to seek to have them out of the lord's hands. Therefore the bailiff is ordered to seize them into the lord's hands, { such that he might answer to the lord for their profits until, &c, Saving the right, &c.

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Roll E1 [previously D1] (back)

[Additional piece of vellum or parchment, about one-fifth of the total length, is here stitched to the Roll, on which the following is barely legible :]

Dulwyeh Rolls of the Court there held on the feast of Saint Michael
'seel--- -----ing' Henry VII 6th by -----
'-um Vis—' R

Court
Rolls of King
Henry 7th

1486

Roll
D.1-8

[If this Court was held on Michaelmas 6 Hen VII, that would give a date of 29 Sep 1490.]

Part 3

4 Dec 1486

D 1 v

Dulwyeh. Court of law with View of Frank pledge, held[sic] there held on the feast of saint Andrew the
Apostle, in the Second Year of the reign of the reign[sic] of King Henry the Seventh.

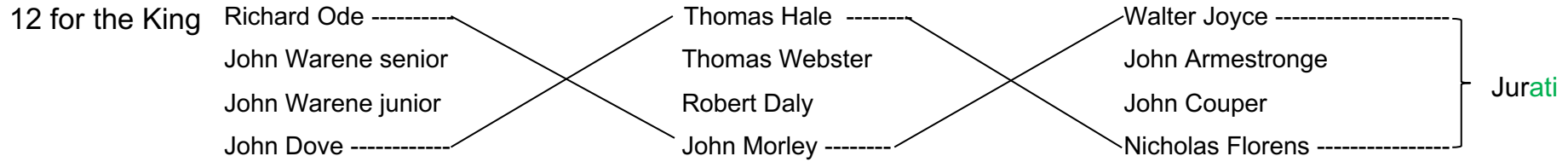
Constable Thomas Knyght, Constable of the Court there, comes, And presents nothing.

Tithing Headmen (John Dove & Robert Holonde, Headmen there, come And present the default of Richard Skynner, William Lacy, John Wylde, 4d. 4d. 4d.)

amercements 2s. (4d. 4d. 4d. [remitted?]
 { John Carter, John Knyght, Henry Knyght, Guy Hunte, who owe suit at this day, Therefore they are
 (amerced.

Ale taster {
 amercements 6d. (sell tapped ale by cups, dishes, & other false measures, Therefore they are amerced.
 (John Morley, Ale Taster there, sworn, comes And presents that John Dove, Thomas Knyght, & John Casyngherst
 (2d. 2d. 2d.

[blank] At this day come the aforesaid Constable, & Headmen with their tithings, And give [for] the lord King as the common fine for themselves & their Tithings, always assuredly payable yearly at this day, 4s, as appears in the heading.



amercements 2s 8d (Who come, and upon their Oath say that all & singular the above presentations are true, And further they say that John Lane unjustly
 (erected a fence on the lord's common opposite Grenestrete, without the lord's licence, in great prejudice of the lord & of all his
 (neighbours & tenants there residing & inhabiting, Therefore he is amerced, And the aforesaid John is to be distrained, To answer to the
 (lord for the aforesaid trespass, And further it is ordered that the aforesaid fence is to be taken down before the next Court under further
 (12d
 to be distrained ---) (penalty. And that John Armestronge allowed his ditch opposite the high way at Grenestrete to be unscoured, To the serious harm of
) (the neighbours & tenants there residing & inhabiting, Therefore he is amerced, And he is to be distrained. And that the high way at the
 { east end of Grenestrete is ruined & flooded & muddy to the extent of 4 perches, for want of repair of all the tenants & residents of the
 (vill of Estdilwyche, Therefore they are amerced for the want of repair &c. And upon this come the aforesaid tenants & residents, as a
 penalty) --- { Homage, And seek a day for repairing & emending the aforesaid way, before the feast of saint John the Baptist next to come, And this
 stands) (

(is conceded to them by the Court, under penalty of 13s 4d to be levied on the goods & chattels of the aforesaid tenants & residents if
 (there should happen to be any deficiency in the aforesaid repairing & emending at the aforesaid feast. And the penalty stands. And
 (6d. 6d.
 (that John Michelle broke the lord's penfold, in breach of the lord King's peace, Therefore he is amerced. And that the same John owns
 (dogs which savaged various animals of his neighbours', namely horses, bulls, cows, pigs & sheep, to the serious damage of his
 (neighbours and of other subjects of the lord King there inhabiting, Therefore he is amerced. And that Richard Knyght, aged 12 years,
 (residing with his father Thomas Knyght, comes And is sworn to the Assize of the lord King, And stands sworn.

Total of the Court -----5s 2d

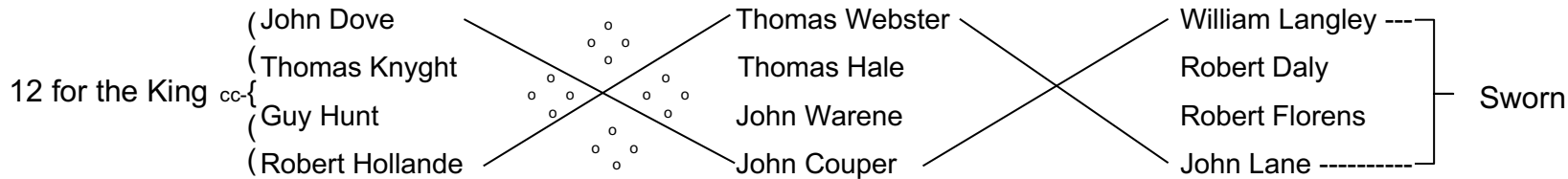
Part 4 *3 Dec 1487*

Dulwych cc--- View of Frankpledge with manor Court there held on the Monday next before the feast of
 Saint Andrew the Apostle in the third regnal year of king Henry VII

Excuses none

Constable cc--- Thomas Webster, Constable there, sworn, comes And presents nothing.

Headman there cc- Thomas Hale, Head man there, sworn, comes And presents nothing.



{ common fine } 4s. (Who come & give [for] the lord King, as the common fine for themselves & their Tithings, always assuredly payable yearly
 (at this day, 4s, as appears in the heading. And that John Lane & Richard Lane are common gossips & disturbers of the peace
 (of the the lord King, to the serious harm of their neighbours there, therefore they are amerced. And that Olive Michelle
 (12d 8d 8d.

(12d
 (& Joan Gashyngherst are common Gossips & disturbers of the peace of the lord King, to the serious harm of
 amercements 4s 10d { their neighbours there inhabiting, therefore they are amerced. And that John A Lee, Richard Skynner,
 (2d 2d 2d
 (William Lacy, John Warene, Henry Knyght, are suitors of the Court & make default, therefore they are amerced.
 (8d
 (And that John Lane allows his ditch to be unscoured, to the serious harm of his neighbours there, therefore
 (he is amerced.

(As appears elsewhere of the Court held here on Thursday the fifth day of May, in the first year of the aforesaid King, by
 (concerning five acres called Berdys,
 (the process had therein, by several continuances of proclamation ^ of land lately Margaret Armestronge's, ^ according to
 (the custom of the manor, against all those who want to seek for the aforesaid, which are in the lord's hands until three
 { land adjudicated }) {
 (defaults had been freely made & recorded, namely at this day. At which day no-one comes to seek for the aforesaid
 (lands. Therefore it is adjudged to remain in the lord's hands.

(As appears elsewhere of the Court held here on Thursday the fifth day of May, in the first year of the aforesaid King,
 (that John Carter came, & surrendered into the lord's hands [----- blank -----]
 ([----- blank -----] to the benefit of William Lacy, who at this day does not come to put
 { the bailiff to }) { his claim to the aforesaid lands, or to seek to take them out of the lord's hands. Therefore the bailiff is ordered
 { answer for }) (
 { the profits }) (to seize them into the lord's hands, So as to answer to the lord for their profits, until &c., Saving the
 (right of whomsoever &c.

Total ----- 8s. 10d.

[End of Roll E1 [previously D1].]