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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**.

Roll E2 [previously D2] (front)

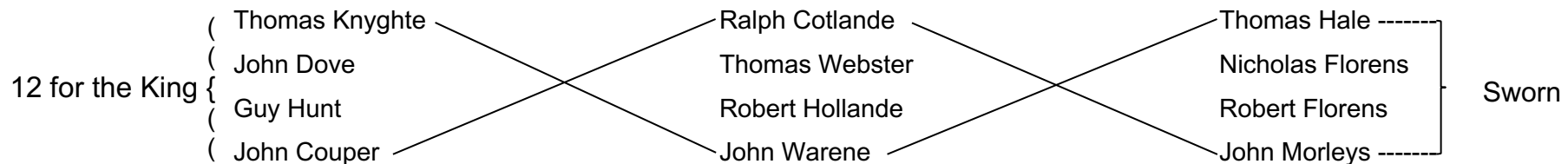
Part 1 22 Dec 1488

Dulwyche View of Frank pledge with legal Manor Court there held on the Monday next before the D.2 feast of the Lord's Birth [i.e. Christmas] in the Fourth regnal Year of king Henry VIIth.

Excuses none

(Common) (Thomas Knyghte, Constable, & John Dove & Robert Hollande, Headmen there, sworn, come & give the lord as the
(fine) 4s { common fine for themselves & their Tithings, always assuredly payable yearly at this day, as appears in the heading.

Ale taster there (John Morley, Ale taster there, sworn, comes & presents that Thomas Knyghte is a common Tapster, & sells tapped ale
amercements -6d { 6d (by bowls, Cups, & other false measures, therefore he is amerced.



amercements -4s 2d. (Who come, & upon oath present, that the Tenants of the land lately Philpotte's, the Tenants of the land of John Carter, the Tenants of
 (the land of William [Stephens?], John a Lyghe, John Wareyne, Richard Skynner, John Carter, who owe suit at this day, [make
 [sic, 4s 6d.] (default], therefore they are amerced, And that Richard Lane assaulted Nicholas Florens with 1 pitchfork, & drew blood in breach of the
 { 20d.
 (lord King's peace, therefore he is amerced, And that the same Nicholas Florens assaulted the aforesaid Richard Lane in defending
 (himself with one staff, & drew blood in breach of the lord King's peace, therefore he is amerced.

Elections of Officers { (Thomas Webster, [to the office of] Constable there, & Thomas Hale & Richard Lane to the office of Head tithing-men there, And

(William Langley to the office of [Ale] Taster.

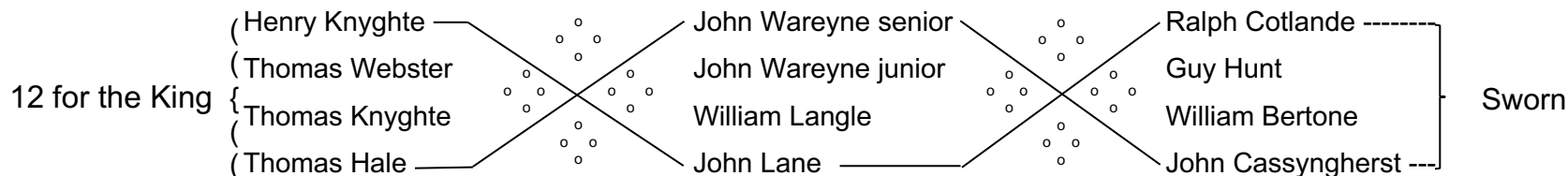
Total of the Court – 6s. 8d.

Part 2 23 Nov 1489

Dulwyche View of Frankpledge with Manor Court there held on the Monday next before the feast of Saint Katherine the Virgin in the Fifth regnal Year of king Henry VIIth

Excuses none

common fine –4s. (The Constable & Head tithingmen there, sworn, come & give to the lord as the common fine for themselves & their Constable & Headmen there) { tithings, always assuredly payable yearly at this day, as appears in the heading.



(Who come, & Upon Their Oath present, that the Lord of this Manor allows his ditch called Asshpole to be unscoured for want of cleaning by the same lord, therefore he is amerced [!], And that John Dove allows his ditch at Medelfelde to be unscoured containing 30 perches at the lower end, to the serious harm of his neighbours there living, therefore he is amerced.

(And that William Bowle, lately of Suthwark in the County of Surrei [deletion], Richard Bowle, lately of Newyntone, Butcher, & John Stacy, on the feast of the Apostles Simon & Jude in the said fifth Year of the aforesaid King [i.e. on 28 Oct 1489] came together with their Dogs, with which they savaged various of his/their animals of their Neighbours, to the serious damage & harm of the aforesaid neighbours, therefore they are amerced. And that Robert Sparowe of Suthwerk in the

[Wed., 28 Oct. 1489] ameracements –11s

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 (County of Surrei, Brewer, & his servants, came with dogs, namely on Thursday next after the feast of saint Hillary
 ([*Thur., 15 Jan. 1489*] (in the said fifth [*sic, fourth*] Year of the aforesaid King [*i.e. on 15 Jan 1489*] & with his aforesaid Dogs killed one
 ((bullock worth 10s, in breach of the peace of the lord King, therefore he is amerced.

Wilde pro tribus acris
 redditus annualis xij^d
 Finis ----- x s iij^s

Now at this same Court it is testified by the whole homage that William Stephyns, outside the Court, according to
 the custom of the Manor, surrendered into the lord's hands three acres of land lying lying [*sic*] next to Gasconys
 ((Pytte, which were lately Katherine Astone's, to the benefit of John Wylde, To have & to hold to himself, his heirs and
 ({his assigns by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the Manor, by the rent & services thereof
 ((hitherto owed & by law accustomed. And he gave the lord as a fine for his having entry as appears in the Heading.
 ((And he made fealty to the lord & he was admitted tenant therein.

(finis)
 (terre) iij s
 (fidelitas

Total of the Court c--- 18s.

Part 3 *13 Dec 1490*

Dulwyche View of Frank pledge with Manor Court, there held on the Monday next after
 the feast of the Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary, in the 6th regnal Year of king Henry the
 Excuses none Seventh After the conquest of England.

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(surrendered into the lord's hands, in the presence of Richard Ode & of Guy Hunt, tenants of the lord,
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(one Croft called Carterscrofte, to the benefit of John Dove, to himself & his heirs forever, To whom, by
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let him be distrained { his Steward, the lord conceded seisin, To have & to hold, by the rod, according to the custom of the Manor,
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(by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & by law accustomed. And he gave the lord as the fine for
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(having his entry, as appears in the Heading. And let the same John be distrained to make fealty to the
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(lord for the aforesaid croft & land. And let him be distrained.

(And now to this Court came Edith Armestronge, daughter & heir of Margaret Armestronge, & took out
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(of the lord's hands five acres of land which were lately the aforesaid Margaret Armestronge's, To whom, by
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(fine of)
{ } 40d (his Steward, the lord conceded seisin, To have & to hold to herself, her heirs & assigns, by the rod, at the
(land)
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(will of the lord, according to the custom of the Manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & by
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she made fealty (law accustomed, forever. And she gave the lord as the fine for having her entry, as appears in the Heading.
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(And she made fealty to the lord, & she was admitted tenant therein.

(Elsewhere, as appears [in the roll of] the Court held here the day & Year aforesaid, that John Carter came & surrendered
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(into the lord's hands [----- blank -----])
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{to the benefit of William Lacy, who at this day does not come to to put forward his claim to the aforesaid land, or
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(let the bailiff)
{ answer }
(for the profits)
(or to seek to have it/them out of the lord's hands. Therefore the bailiff is ordered to seize them into the lord's hands,
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(Such that he might answer to the lord for their profits until, &c, Saving the right of whomsever, &c.

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6d. 6d.
(Likewise the 12 present that John Launce, lately of Lewysham in the County of Kent, Labourer, [blank] Tymber of
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vj d.

amercements --18d (the same vill & County, Labourer, [blank] Willsons, of the same vill & County, Labourer, on several Occasions, namely
 (the 4th & 8th days of July in the third regnal Year of king Henry VIIth [1488], the Tenth day of October & the first day of
 (November in the fourth regnal Year of king Henry VIIth [1488], Came by force, and in breach of the peace of the lord King,
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 (into the lord's wood within this lordship, & felled various trees & underwood of the lord there lately growing, & in breach
 (of the peace of the aforesaid lord King took, carried and carted [them] away, without the licence of the Lord or of any other
 (of his officers, Therefore they are amerced. And let them be distrained to answer to the lord for the aforesaid trespass,
 (or otherwise by short [writ] at common law, &c.

(let him be)
 (distrained, or)
 (short [writ])

40d.

amercements ---5s. (And now at this Court the Bailiff is Ordered that he distrain William Bowle, lately of Suthwerk in the County of Surrei,
 (20d.
 (Butcher, Richard Bowle, lately of Newinctone in the County of Surrei, Butcher, John Stacy, lately of Camerwelle
 (in the County of Surrei, Labourer, & Robert Sparowe, lately of Suthwerk in the County of Surrei, Brewer, to answer
 { to the lord for various very great trespasses and offences done to him, Whence by the Enquiry elsewhere taken,
 (in the View of Frank pledge held here on the Monday next before the feast of saint Katherine the Virgin in the fifth
 (regnal Year of king Henry VIIth, they stand accused. And let them be distrained to answer to the lord for the aforesaid trespass,
 (or otherwise by short [writ] at common law.

(let him be)
 (distrained, or)
 (short [writ])

Total of the Court c---20s. 4d.

Total of all 6 Courts there held from the nineteenth day of -----)
 [19 Jan 1486] January in the first Year of King Henry VIIth until the feast of)
 } £3 8s.

[13 Dec 1490] the Conception of the Virgin Mary in the 6th Year of the same)
King, namely for six[sic, five] whole Years -----)

[End of Roll E2 [previously D2].]