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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 E5 [previously D5] (front)

9 Apr 1494

D.5.

Dulwyche ¶ Court there held on Thursday the 9th Day of April in the Ninth Regnal Year of King Henry VIIth &c.

Excuses ¶ None

(The Homage there, namely Henry Knyght, John Warene, Thomas Hale, John Lane, Guy Hunt, and Richard Oode,
Suit of Court
(amercements −6d. {sworn and charged upon the matters of the Court, ∧ that John Wylde, John A Leght, and Thomas A Lee, make default of suit
(of Court, therefore they should remain amerced.

in the hands) (At this Court the Bailiff ansswers that he has made to seize into the lord's hands One Croft called the Wattes Crofte, just of the Lord --) {
 (as he had been ordered at the last Court.

To this Court come Guy Hunt and John Dove, tenants of this Manor, and report a certain surrender made into

the lord's hands, whereby John Warene senior surrendered into the lord's hands 3 acres of land lying

fine of land)

in a certain Field called the Napis, of which one acre A in the same Field, and one Headland thereof abuts upon the east and the other Headland thereof abuts upon the west, and on land of John Dove, called Corne londe, on the south side, and on land of John Warene junior on the north side, and the other two acres lie in Litill napis, namely between land of John Lane on the north side, and land of the lord on the south side, to the benefit of John Warene junior, his heirs and

Fealty &

assigns, To whom the lord conceded seissin thereof, to have to himself, his heirs &assigns, according to the custom of the Manor, by the rent & services thereof owed and accustomed, and so he was admitted. And he made fealty, And he gave the lord as a fine for his having entry, &c.

A Day given penalty ---40s. At this Court John Lane, who wrongfully encroached [upon] the lord's land at his Field called the Silipis 'assumpcio super se iacto' [?by throwing up a mound?] outside the lord's land there, And that he should make to repair his close there before the feast of Pentecost next to come, under penalty of 40s, and a day is given to the aforesaid John Lane under the aforesaid penalty &c.

[End of E5 [previously D5] (front). E5 [previously D5] (back) follows below.]

Roll E5 [previously D5] (back)

Dulwych 9th Year of Henry VIIth

[End of Roll E5 [previously D5].]