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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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Dulwyche ¶ Court held there on the Tenth day of July, in the Twelfth Regnal Year of King Henry the Seventh.

D.8.

Excuses ¶ None, &c.

The Homage there, } Thomas a Lee, Henry Knyght, John Dove, John Wareene, Guy Hunt, Thomas Webster, & Thomas Knyght, Sworn,
namely ----- } present upon their oath that John Leygh & John Wylde make default of suit of Court, Therefore they are
amerced.

Now at this same Court, the bailiff is ordered to distrain Robert Crosby, to show [his deeds], & to answer to the lord for certain lands & tenements which he held of the lord, at the Suit of the Court of this manor, &c.

{ fine of land -----
-----not paid----- }

At this Court, the Homage present that Michael Skynner, who held of the lord, has closed his last day, by Copy of the Court, according to the custom of the manor, 7 acres of land called Goneld's Lande, has died after the last Court, seised thereof, & nothing befalls to the lord as a heriot, because it is not heriotable, And that William Skynner is the brother & heir of the said Michael, who is present in Court & seeks to be admitted thereto, To whom the lord conceded seisin thereof to the said William, to have & to hold to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services therein owed & accustomed. And he made fealty to the lord, And he gave the lord as a fine for thus having such entry therein, as appears in the Heading.

To this Court came John Dove & Guy Hunt, tenants of this manor, & reported a certain surrender made into the lord's hands, whereby Felicia Morgone, widow, surrendered into the lord's hands One Messuage & 7 acres ^{& a half,} of

[a hundred years earlier!]

fine of land -----
----- 13s
-----4d -----

land which were lately[!] Eliena Wodsyre's, to the benefit of Thomas Knyghte, his heirs & assigns, under this form & condition following, namely that the aforesaid Thomas Knyghte & his heirs well & faithfully pay, or cause to be paid, to the aforesaid Filicia 20s yearly during the lifetime of the same Filicia, payable at the usual four times of the year, And if there should be default in payment of the said 20s, ///// at any of the usual days for payment, that then the aforesaid surrender shall have no effect, And the aforesaid Filicia shall be in [her] former state, the aforesaid surrender notwithstanding, To which the lord conceded seisin to the aforesaid Thomas Knyghte, to have to himself, his heirs & assigns, in the aforesaid form, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services therein owed & accustomed. And he made fealty, And thus he was admitted tenant And he gave the lord as a fine for thus having such entry therein ----- .

The Homage present that John Lane, who held of the lord, has closed his last day, by copy of the Court, according to the custom of the manor, One Messuage & thirty acres of land, with appurtenances, died after the last Court, seised thereof, Whereby befalls to the lord, as a heriot, one cow worth 9s, & that Richard Lane is the youngest son of the same John Lane, & sole heir by the custom of this manor, just as is testified by the Homage here, And that the aforesaid Richard Lane is present in Court, & seeks to be admitted therein, To whom the lord conceded seisin thereof, to hold to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the [rent &]services thereof owed & accustomed. And he made fealty, And thus he was admitted tenant, And he gave the lord as a fine for thus having such entry therein ----- .

fine of land -----
----- 19s



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{ fine of land }
----- 12d

Further, the Homage present that John Lane, who held of the lord, has closed his last day, by copy of the Court, according to the custom of the manor, one half acre of land lying in a certain field, namely between lands now William Skynner's (which were lately William Goneld's) on the east side, & lands of Henry Knyght on the west side, which were lately Juliana Tyler's, died after the last Court, seised [thereof], & nothing befalls to the lord as a heriot, because it is not heritable, And that Richard Lane is the youngest son of the same John Lane, & sole heir by the custom of this manor, who is present [in] Court & seeks to be admitted therein, To whom the lord conceded seisin thereof, to have to himself & his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof owed & accustomed And he made fealty, And thus he was admitted tenant, And he gave the lord as a fine for thus having entry therein &c. -----

The rest of this Court follows on the back

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Roll E8 [previously D8] (back)

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fealty

fine -----

To this Court came Robert Holande & his wife Joan, sometime wife of John Hunt senior, who held of the lord by copy of the Court, according to the custom of the manor, in right of the same Joan herself (the same Joan examined on her own by the Steward), & surrendered into the lord's hands one croft of land there, containing two acres of land, called Walcardescrofte, which certain croft the same Robert holds in right of the same Joan for the term of her life, to the benefit of Guy Hunt, his heirs & assigns, And further, to the same Court came John Hunt junior, youngest son & nearest heir, by custom, of the same John Hunt senior, and of full age, being present here in Court, remitted, released & quitclaimed, for himself & his heirs for ever, all his right, estate, interest & demand, to the aforesaid Guy, his heirs & assigns for ever, of & in the aforesaid Croft of land. And upon this the lord, through its Court, conceded seisin thereof to the aforesaid Guy, to hold to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor, by the [rent & services therein owed & accustomed, And thus he was admitted tenant], & he made fealty, And he gave the lord as a fine not only for having such entry, but also for the release of his [i.e. John Hunt's] right therein ----- [blank, as in the margin.]

Assessors { Henry Knyght } Sworn
 { John Dove }

[End of Roll E8 [previously D8].]