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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 F1 [previously E1] (front)

[Thursday] 15 Dec 1519

Dullewyche View of Frank pledge With Court there held on the 15th day of December in the 11th regnal Year of King Henry VIIIth

Xxx Xxx Constable there, presents that John Webster, because he assaulted John Wylkokes with One
?staff to the value of 4d & drew blood from him, therefore he is amerced c-----12d.

E.1.

Headmen there Henry Dove &----- rendered to the lord as the common fine assured at this day c----- 4s.
common fine Robert Edalle -----

Ale taster John Dawborne presents that John Cassyngarst is a common ale-seller, therefore he is amerced c--- 2d, and John
amercedments Dove is a common brewer, therefore he is amerced c-----6d.

12 for the King	Richard Lane -----	} Sworn	Henry Ode -----	} Sworn	Wallter Davy -----	} Sworn
	Henry Knyghte		John Webster Junior		John Cassyngar	
	John Dove Senior		John Willcokes		Richard Olyver	
	John Dove Junior -----		Edward Hunte -----		Michael Cassyngar	
					Richard Fresby -----	

And they present that Nicholas Skirbigge, because he took away broom out of the lord's common without licence, therefore he is amerced c---4d, & further they present William Barkwith for the like, therefore he is amerced 12d, and that Robert Draper did likewise



& he is amerced 4d, & each of them has a warning not so to do again, each of them under penalty of 40d.

not
amercement 8d.

And further they present that John Wilcokes, because he felled two oaks in the demesne lands, therefore he is amerced ---8d, and that Thomas Henley, because he blocked the Road which leads to the pynfolde, & is obliged to take it down, under penalty of 40d. Likewise they present that all tenants of this manor have still allowed their pigs to go unringed, under penalty for each of them of c---12d.

Stray
not

Likewise they present that one horse coloured white, worth 6s 8d, & is in the Custody of John Willcokes, & they further present that one boar is in the custody of John Wilcokes, worth 20d, having come into this lordship as a stray for a whole year.

custom

To this Court come Richard Lane, Henry Dove, Walter Davy, John Cassyngar, Robert Edalle, Edward Hunte, John Dove senior, John Wilcokes, Richard Fresby, Richard Olyver, Michael Cassyngar, John Heryngeman, & John Webster, because they own goods & Chattels to the value of 2s 6d, & each of them gives 1d to the lord, of ancient custom called Rumpens.

Election

They elected Henry Dove into the office of Constable.

Election

They elected Robert Edalle & Richard Olyver into the office of Head Tithing-men.

Now of the Court Baron :

Fine 6s 8d.

To this Court comes William Challynere, son & heir of Agnes Challyner, & seeks to be admitted to seven acres of land called Gonnelles londes, & ~~nothing~~ nothing befalls to the lord as a heriot, because it is not heriotable, to whom the lord, by his Steward, conceded to him seisin thereof, 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 thereof owed & by law accustomed, & he made fealty to the lord, & Thus he was admitted tenant, and he gave to the lord as a fine for having such entry therein ~~6s 8d.~~ 6s 8d.

& heir

To this Court comes Edward Hunte, son [^] of Guy Hunte, & seeks to be admitted to one tenement and

ten acres of land, which was ^[sic] lately Bernard Johns' & afterwards Guy Hunte's, as appears by the Roll of

Finis ----XX s.

the Court bearing date in the 19th ^{year} [^] of Henry VII [i.e. 22/8/1503 – 21/8/1504], which said Edward is present in Court, To

whom the lord, by the Steward, conceded seisin thereof to him, to have & to hold the aforesaid tenement & other premises

with all its appurtenances to himself & the heirs ~~& a[ssigne]~~ of his body lawfully begotten, & for want of such issue

the remainder thereof to Henry Hunte, second son of the same Guy, & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, &

for want of such issue the remainder thereof to William Hunte, third son of the same Guy, & the heirs of his body

lawfully begotten, & for want of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of the same Edward ~~in perm~~ in

perpetuity, in manner & form aforesaid, To whom the lord, by the Steward, conceded seisin thereof to ~~him~~ him,

~~the same Edward, and~~ To have & to hold the aforesaid tenement & other premises, with their appurtenances, to the

aforesaid Edward & his heirs in the form aforesaid, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the

rent & services thereof owed & by law accustomed, & he made fealty to the lord, & Thus he was admitted tenant, and

he gave to the lord for a fine for having such entry therein ~~c---20s,~~ of which he paid ~~c--13s 4d.~~ & ought to pay ~~c---6s 8d~~

of Easter

by the feast [^] next to come after the present date & *the aforesaid Edward paid the rest*

[End of F1 [previously E1] (front). F1 [previously E1] (back) follows below.]

Roll F1 [previously E1] (back)



Fine ---- 2s.

To this Court comes Henry Hunte, son of Guy Hunte, & seeks to be admitted to two

for two acres
Hunte yearly rent 8d
Fine c--- 2s.

acres of land which was[sic] lately Robert Hollande's, which said Henry is present in Court,

to whom the lord, by his Steward, conceded seisin thereof to him, to have & to hold the aforesaid

two acres of land to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the custom

of the manor, by the rent & services thereof owed & by Law accustomed, & he made fealty to the lord, &

Thus he was admitted tenant, & he gave the lord for a fine for having such entry therein c--- 2s.

Fine 3s.

To this Court comes William Hunte, son of Guy Hunte, & seeks to be admitted to three

acres of land called Goorelonde, which said William is present in Court, To whom the lord, by

his Steward, conceded seisin thereof to him, to have & to hold the aforesaid three acres of

land to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by

the rent & other services thereof owed & by Law accustomed, & he made fealty to the lord, &

Thus he was admitted tenant, & he gave the lord for a fine for having such entry c--- 3s.

Fine 10s.

To this Court comes Thomas Henley, & seeks to be admitted to six acres of land lying in Nappes

for six acres of land
Henley yearly rent - 2s
Fine c--- 10s

which was[sic] lately John Warrene's, which said Thomas is present in Court, To whom the lord, by

his Steward, conceded seisin thereof to him, to have & to hold the aforesaid six acres of

land to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the manor, by

the rent & services thereof owed & by Law accustomed, & he made fealty to the lord, &
Thus he was admitted tenant, & he gave the lord for a fine for having such entry c--- 10s.

At This Court it is testified by the Steward that a certain surrender was made to him outside the Court, by
Henry Knyghte & Thomas Knyghte, of two acres of land lying at the Nappes, which was[sic] lately Ellis Godson's,
of land
& one Field ^ called Frenchefelde, & two acres of wood lying in the Napse, sometime Walter Knyghte's as
appears in the Roll of the Court bearing date in the 22nd year of Henry VII [i.e. 22/8/1506 – 21/8/1507], to the benefit
of Henry Knyghte, which said Henry is present in Court, & seeks to be admitted to the aforesaid two acres of land &
the Field aforesaid & the aforesaid two acres of wood, To whom the lord, by his Steward there, conceded seisin thereof
to him, to have & to hold the aforesaid two acres of land & the Field aforesaid & the aforesaid two acres
of wood to himself, [his] heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the manor, by the rent &
services thereof owed & by Law accustomed, & he made fealty to the lord, & Thus he was admitted tenant, & he gave
the lord for a fine for having such entry [---blank]

To This Court comes Henry Knyghte, & seeks to be admitted to one messuage, thirty acres of
land, and one-half of an acre of land lying in the Apse, & one acre of land called Cannell Acre, & half an acre
of land lately[!] Simon Dokkyng's, & there befalls to the lord, for a heriot, one 4 Bull worth 20s, To whom
the lord, by his Steward, conceded seisin thereof, 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 thereof owed & by
Law accustomed, & he made fealty to the lord, & Thus he was admitted tenant, & he gave

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whole of this
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ink. Although
illegible, traces of the
original text may still
be seen.]

the lord for a fine for having such entry [---blank.]

Fine 3s 4d.

To This Court comes Henry Knyghte, & seeks licence to demise all his lands & tenements in Dullewiche for the term of twenty years, & for having such licence therefor, he gave the lord for a fine c-----3s 4d.

John Legh, knight, William Challyner, Thomas Webstar, because they make default of suit of Court, **Therefore they are amerced** each at c----- 2d.

	Richard Lane ---	} Sworn
Assessors	Henry Ode	
	Henry Dove -----	

[End of Roll F1 [previously E1].]

N.B. The two slips shown, for Hunte and Henley, originally attached to the Roll in the positions indicated, have since I saw them in 1982 become detached. 'Ghost' impressions of the loose slips, each in a different position from its original, are shown by dotted lines.]