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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 F2 [previously E2] (front)

Part 1 [Thursday] 17 Jan 1521

Dullewyche View of Frank pledge With Court there held on the 17th day of January in the  
E2 12th regnal Year of King Henry VIII & c

Constable there Henry Dove Constable there, & presents that John Cassyngar, because he made an assault on Robert Hunte  
amercement viij d. with his bow, valued at 12d, therefore he is amerced, & further he presents that the aforesaid Robert Hunte  
amercement xij d. made an assault on the aforesaid John Cassyngar with his bow, valued at 12d, & moreover drew his  
blood, therefore he is amerced.

Head tithing-men there Robert Edalle -----  
Richard Olyver ---- } head tithing-men there, & render to the lord as the Common fine, assured at this day c----- 4s.

Taster John Daweborne, ale taster there, & presents that John Cassyngarst is a common ale-seller, therefore he is amerced c--- 2d.  
of ales & further he presents that ~~John~~ the wife of John Dove is a common brewer of ale, therefore she is amerced c-----6d.

12 for the King,  
not only residents  
but also tenants

Richard Lane -----  
Henry Knyghte  
Henry Ode  
John Dove ----- } Sworn

Thomas Webstar -----  
John Webstar  
John Heryngeman  
Walter Davy ----- } Sworn

Nicholas Symondes ----  
Edward Hunte  
Henry Hunte  
John Cassyngar ----- } Sworn

Richard Lane holds as above

Jurors



12d.

present that Richard Lane. because he took six cartloads of broom out of the lord's common without licence, therefore he is in mercy. Likewise they present that Richard Plogge, because he took one-and-a-half cartloads of broom out of the lord's common without licence, therefore he is amerced, <sup>4d.</sup> & they further present that Richard Lane encroached on the demesne land in excavating one ditch next to Wodeseyre, & how much it contains in length or width the Jurors do not know, & they seek a day to survey, & a day is given --- before the next Court.

[sworn into the Assize] To this Court comes John Davy, & is Sworn into the assize of the lord king.

each amercement 20d. Likewise they present that Richard Baker & Robert Draper, because they overloaded the lord's common called Dullwyche Wode with their cattle, therefore each of them is amerced. Likewise they present that  
First  
proclamation  
Thomas Henly has in his Custody one horse coloured Grey, valued at 6s 8d, & it came into this lordship at the feast of All Saints last past as a stray, & Likewise they present that the said Thomas Henley has in his Custody five ewes, valued at five shillings, & they came into this lordship as strays at the feast of saint John the Baptist last past.

[Rumpens 11d]  
To this Court came Richard Lane, Henry Dove, Walter Davy, John Cassyngare, Robert Edalle, Edward Hunte, John Dove, Michael Cassyngare, John Heryngeman, John Webstar, Henry Hunte, who have goods and Chattels to the value of 2s 6d, and give to the lord of ancient custom called Rumpens, namely 1d for each of them.

Election  
They elected John Webstar & John Dove into the office of Head tithing-men there.

## Now of the Court

The Homage present that John Legh, knight, William Chalwyner, & William Hunte, because they are free tenants & amercement each: 6d. make default of suit of Court, therefore each is amerced : 6d.

Fine  
4s.

To this Court came Richard Lane & his wife Margery, one of the daughters & heirs of Elizabeth Hale, & Agnes Hunte, kinsman [sic, actually granddaughter] & other heir of the aforesaid Elizabeth Hale (namely daughter of Sibelle Hunte [deceased], the other daughter of the aforesaid Elizabeth[sic] Hale) & made a fine with the lord for four acres of land lying in Myddellfeld which the same Elizabeth held by Copy of the Court & died seised thereof, & two of the aforesaid acres of land descend to the aforesaid Margery as daughter & heiress of the aforesaid Elizabeth Hale & the other two acres of land descend to the aforesaid Agnes Hunte as kinswoman & heiress of the aforesaid Elizabeth Hale, To which the lord, by the Steward, conceded seisin thereof to them, to have & to hold to themselves, their heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, by the rent & services thereof owed & by law accustomed, & thus they were admitted tenants, & each of them gave the lord for a fine cc-----2s.

Fine  
2s.

At this Court came the aforesaid Agnes Hunte, & surrendered into the lord's hands the aforesaid two acres of land lying in Myddellfeld which lately descended to her after the death of the aforesaid Elizabeth Hale [as] kinswoman & heir of the aforesaid Elizabeth Hale, to the Benefit of Henry Ode, his heirs & assigns, to have & to hold the aforesaid two acres of land 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 tennant[sic] & he gave the lord for a fine for having such entry therein cc-----2s.

Fine  
13s. 4d.

The Jurors present that Joan Ode, who held of the lord by Copy of the Court one tenement & 11 acres of land for the term of her life, & after her death it ought to remain to Henry, son of the aforesaid, & died seised thereof after the last Court, & that the aforesaid Henry is her son & heir, which said Henry is present in Court, & seeks to be admitted, To whom the lord, by his Steward, conceded seisin thereof to him, to have & to hold the aforesaid tenement & the aforesaid 11 acres of land [to himself and] his heirs and 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] cc----- 13s. 4d.

Court

At this ^ the Jurors present that John Legh, knight, holds & occupies 4 acres of land lying in the Nappse, By what right & title the Jurors do not know, & that the aforesaid 4 acres of land are held by Copy of the Court at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the manor, & that Ralph Legh, father of the same, so held it, as appears by the Roll of the Court Dated the nineteenth day of October in the 12th regnal year of King Edward IV [i.e. 19 Oct 1472] &c.

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Assessors Henry Ode } Sworn  
Walter Davy }

[End of F2 [previously E2] (front), apart from, written upside-down at the bottom :]

Robert Bishop of St Aspe & Abbot of  
Bermondsey Lord of the  
Manor 29<sup>th</sup> Henry 8<sup>th</sup> [e. 22/4/1537 - 21/4/1538]

[F2 [previously E2] (back) follows below.]

Roll F2 [previously E2] (back)

Part 2 *[Thursday] 27 Feb 1522*

*E2v*

**Dullewych** View of Frankpledge with Court held on the 27th February in the 13th  
Regnal Year of King Henry VIII<sup>th</sup> &c

**Constable there** Henry Dove, Constable there, & presents that all is well

**Head tithing-men**  
**there** John Webstar  
**Common Fine** John Dove ----- } head tithing-men there, & rendered to the lord as the common fine assured at this day ---- 4s.  
**4s.**

**Taster** 2d.  
John Dawborne, ale taster, & presents that John Cassyngar is a common ale-seller, therefore he is amerced  
**of ale** 4d.  
& that Roger Bostoke is a Common brewer, therefore he is amerced.

12 for the King

Henry Knyght  
Richard Lane  
Henry Ode  
Edward Hunte

Sworn

Thomas Webstar  
Henry Hunte  
Robert Edalle  
John Cassyngar

Sworn

Micaell Cassyngar  
John Heryngeman  
Thomas Henley junior  
Nicholas Symondes

Sworn

Trespass

Thomas Henley complains against John Dove in a plea of trespass.

Trespass

Thomas Henley complains against Richard Lane in a plea of trespass.

Trespass

Thomas Henley complains against John Webstar in a plea of trespass.

Penalty 12d.

All the tenants of this lordship are warned not to cut down the trees called Wet Crabtrees ['Crabetres Umentes'], each of them under penalty of 12d, however often it happens.

  
stray

Likewise they present that John Heryngman has in his Custody one horse, coloured Bay, valued at 20d, coming as a stray into this lordship within two weeks after the feast of Easter last past.

amercement 12d.

Likewise they present <sup>that</sup> Richard Baker overloaded the lord's common with all his ?things, therefore he is amerced -12d,

Penalty 20s.

& he has warning not to do so again, under penalty [of 20s.]

Custom

called Rumpens



**To this Court** come Richard Lane, Henry Dove, Walter Davy, John Dove, John Cassyngar, Robert Edalle, Edward Hunte, John Heryngman, John Webstar, Henry Hunte, Thomas Henley senior, & Thomas Henley junior, & give to the lord, of ancient custom called Rumpens, each of them 1d, who have goods & Cattle,

going out into the lord's Common, to the value of 2s 6d.

amercement 10s. **Likewise they present** that John Wylkokes, because he keeps a hostelry Called '*a blynde ostery*', &  
Penalty 20s. tolerates disordered men & women, therefore he is amerced, & he has warning not to do so again,  
under penalty [of 20s.]

Election **They elected** Michael Cassyngar into the office of aleconner [*'taster of ale'*].

### Now of the Court

Fealty **To this Court** come Thomas Henley & Henry Ode, tenants of the manor, & report a  
certain surrender made to them outside the Court, whereby William Challoner & [*sic*]  
they [*sic*] surrendered into the lord's hands 7 acres of land, lying in three parcels, within the lordship of  
Dullewyche, to the Benefit of Robert Draper, his heirs & assigns, To whom the lord, by his Steward,  
Fine 6s 8d. conceded seisin thereof to him, to have & to hold the aforesaid 7 acres, with appurtenances, 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 6s 8d, & he gives the lord for yearly rent -----2s 4d.



**To this Court** comes Ralph Legh, son & heir of Ralph ~~R~~ Legh, & seeks to be admitted to  
4 acres of land lying in Lyttell Appsse, & the aforesaid 4 acres of land are seized in the lord's  
hands, & his Admission is postponed until the next Court.

now Longe's /

**Likewise they present** that John Dove the elder, who held of the lord by Charter one barn & by estimation ten acres of land, [has closed his last day], & died seised thereof, & that Edward Dove is [his] son & heir, & eight years of age.

**Likewise they present** that John Dove the elder, who held various lands of the lord by Copy of the Court, as appears in the Rolls of the Court, & died seised thereof after the last Court, & nothing befalls to the lord as a heriot, because he was never in possession, & that Oliver Dove is his son & heir, according to the custom of the manor

**Likewise they present** that Henry Wyat, knight, John Legh, knight, & Edward Dove, because amercements 18d. they make default of suit of Court, therefore each of them is amerced -----6d.

Assessors Henry Knyght cc-----  
Henry Ode cc----- } Sworn

[End of Roll F2 [previously E2].]