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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 G1 [previously E4] (recto)

Part 1 [Thursday] 14 Jan 1533

E.4

Dulwyche View of Frank pledge with Court Baron, there held the 14th day of January, in the 24th regnal Year of king Henry VIIIth

Constable there John Webster, Constable, Sworn, presents that All is well, & c.

Head pledges there Henry Hunte c- }
Common fine c--4s. John Edwyne c- } Sworn, present as the Common fine, assured at this day, c----- 4s.

Ale taster there John Wylcokkes, ale taster there, Sworn, presents that William Knytele is a Common baker of household [i.e. non-wheaten] bread, & makes under-sized bread, and breaks the assize of the lord King, Therefore he is amerced &c.

2d.
amercements 4d. Likewise he presents that John Gardynare is a Common brewer of ale & makes unwholesome ale, and breaks the assize of the lord King, Therefore he is amerced &c.

12 not only for the lord King but also for the lord

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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Henry Knyght c-} | Thomas Henley c-} | William Carter c-----} | John Londone c-----} |
| David Morgane c-} | John Lane c-} | Nicholas Bone c-----} | Nicholas Symone c-----} |
| Henry Ode c-} | John Casynghurst c-} | Thomas Adams c-----} | Michael Basyndene c-----} |
| John Webster c-} | John Ware c-----} | Michael Casinghurst c-} | Thomas Bowmer c-----} |
| } Sworn | | } Sworn | |

penalty Who say And affirm, upon their oath, that all the above presentments are true, And further they present that the house of John Lane is in decay & very ruined, for want of a tenant living there, And that he should have a tenant living there before the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, or that he himself lives there before the said feast, And that he occupies the land with the aforesaid tenement &c., under penalty of -40s.

A stray worth one
c--- 6s. Likewise they present ^ horse coloured grey, worth 6s, which arrived as a stray during the year last & past, And remains in the Custody of John Dove on behalf of the lord &c.

amercement c---40d. Likewise they present that William Rutter Wrongfully cut down or felled thorn-bushes to the value of 4 Cart-loads In prejudice of our lord King Therefore he is amerced & c. And he is ordered not to do so more, under penalty of c---10s.

William Rutter
tenant as below

penalty Likewise the inhabitants of this lordship there are ordered that they should have pales ['sippos' = cippos] & posts before the feast of the nativity of saint John the Baptist, under penalty c---20s.

Election of officers {
(Likewise they elected John Webstar into the office of Constabellarii there.
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(Likewise they elected Henry Hunte & John Hedewene into the office of Head pledges there.
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(Likewise they elected Nicholas Bone into the office of ale taster there.

Now of the Court

amercement c---8d 4d 4d
Likewise they present that John Leghe esquire & Thomas Henley are land-holders, & make default of the Court Baron.

Therefore they are amerced & c.

A Taking out of the
lord's hands

Likewise to this view with Court came Thomas Henley junior, & took out of the lord's hands one acre of land called Wattes Crofte, which has lain in the lord's hands for several years past, for want of fine-payers, And for which proclamations were made, thereof & to hold To whom the lord, by his Steward, conceded seisin ^ to him, to have ^ to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord,

Fine c--- 20d

according to the custom of the Manor, rendering therefor to the lord & its successors four pence yearly & other services therefor owed, And he gave the lord as a fine for having such entry therein c---20d. And so he made fealty to the lord, & seisin thereof was delivered to him by the rod, saving the Right of whomsoever, &c.

A Taking out of the
lord's hands

Likewise at this Court with View the Lord conceded out of his hands To a certain Robert Draper & his heirs, according to the Custom of the manor, one roadway Containing in length 38 perches [= 627 feet] And in width 16 feet, Lying or of the demesne land &c., on the north & west sides of a Certain Field called Uppere Felde, parcel of the manor, ^ as far as land of the same Robert Draper, parcel of the tenement called Gonelle's Tenement, rendering therefor to the lord & his successors forever ----4d yearly & c.

Increase of rent 4d

R.
Fine from ancient
usage c---15d. [sic]

Likewise to this [Court] came John Edwyne, John Webstere, William Smythe, Michael Casinghurste, Nicholas Symone, Thomas Bowmer, John Casynger, Nicholas Bone, William Rutter, Thomas Henley, John Ware, John Lane, Henry

Ode, as much tenants as residents of this manor, having animals in the lord's Community to the value of two shillings & six pence, & they paid a penny called, from of old, Rome pence, as appears over their Heads &c

Romepens

Roll G1 [previously E4] (verso)

E 4v

Amercements c---8d 4d. 4d.
 Likewise they present that John Gardyner & James Foster are common brewers & of ale, & make unwholesome ale, and break the assize of the lord King. Therefore they are amerced & c.

Amercements c---4d 2d. 2d.
 Likewise they present that John Gonell & Nicholas Symonde are common retailers or Tipplers of ale, & sell ale in unlawful receptacles. Therefore they are amerced & c.

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| Henry Knyght | } Sworn | Michael Bassynden | } Sworn | John Ware | } Sworn |
| Henry Ode | | William Smythe | | Thomas Bowmer | |
| John Casynghurste | | John Goonell | | William Carter | |
| Thomas Henley | | Nicholas Symonde | | Thomas Adams | |

Strays worth c----- 3s.
 Who say and affirm upon their oath that all the above presentments are true. And further they present three sheep, coloured White, which arrived as strays after the latest feast of saint John the Baptist, of which two are rams & one is a ewe, each worth 12d. And they remain in the Custody of Katherine Dove, until &c.

Strays worth ---- 2s.
 Likewise they present two lambs, each worth 12d, which arrived as strays into this lordship after the latest feast of Pentecost. And they remain in the Custody of Katherine Dove, until &c.

1d.
Amercement c---1d Likewise they present that Nicholas Jonsone, servant of Henry Hunt, made an assault upon a certain unknown man, with one bill[hook], in breach of the peace of the lord King. Therefore he is amerced &c.

8d.
Amercement c---8d Likewise they present that Thomas Henley made an assault upon the same Nicholas Jonsone, with one staff, in breach of the peace of the lord King &c. Therefore he is amerced &c.

Election of Officers { Likewise they elected Thomas Henley into the office of Constable there. c-----
Likewise they elected Michael Basenden & Nicholas Symonde into the office of Head pledges there. } Sworn.
Likewise they elected John Ware into the office of Ale taster there. c-----

Now of the Court

4d. 4d. 2d 4d
Amercements c---14d Likewise they present that John Leghe, esquire, Robert Draper, Raphael Leghe, Thomas Henley, are land-holders, & make default of the Court Baron, Therefore they are amerced, as appears above their Heads & c.

2d 1d 1d 1d
1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d
Fine from ancient usage c----- 16d Likewise to this [Court] came Michael Bassenden (for this year & the previous year), Henry Ode, John Edwyne, John Webster, Henry Hunte, John Ware, Nicholas Symonde, Thomas Bowmer, John Lane, John Goonell, William Smythe, John Byrde, Katherine Dove, Michael Casynghurst, John Casynghurste, & they paid a penny called, from of old, Rome pence, as appears above their Heads & c.

Likewise it is ordered that no-one should collect the Crab[appl]es before the Feast of saint Bartholomew each year, under penalty of c----- 40d

Orders
Likewise that nobody with poles should beat any acres within this lordship, under the same penalty of ----- 40d.

Proclamation

Likewise, proclamation is made concerning the land of John Lane ; however, the lord is advised to the Court [?] until the next &c.

Fine c----- 40d

Likewise, at this [Court] arose a presentation by the homage of Jurors, that John Dove junior sold one acre of land, called Berdes, to a Certain Henry Dove, his brother, several years ago, without notice thereof given to the lord or to his Court, And since both of them are dead, by reason of which they say that the aforesaid acre of land, by the Custom of the manor, is forfeited to the lord. Therefore a proclamation is made in open Court, if anyone would wish to Take the aforesaid acre of land out of the lord's hands. Upon which came Walter Dove, eldest son of the same John, And sought to have the aforesaid acre of land out of the lord's hands. And in view of the premises, upon the forfeiture the same lord, of his special grace, several considerations moving him, by his Steward conceded the aforesaid acre of land to the aforesaid Walter Dove, 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 & accustomed. And he gave the lord as a fine for having such entry therein ---- 40d, And he was admitted tenant thereof, And because the same Walter is under age, therefore fealty is postponed until &c. The Custody of him is committed to his mother, Katherine Dove, until &c.

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Surrender

Likewise at this [Court] arose a presentation by the homage of Jurors, that John Dove, junior, is now dead, And that in his lifetime he himself, by the hands of Henry Ode & Henry Hunte, tenants of the lord, surrendered into the lord's hands All his customary lands within this lordship, to the benefit and use of his wife, Katherine, for her lifetime, the reversion or remainder of the same after the death of the aforesaid Katherine to his youngest son John Dove, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the Manor, Upon which came the aforesaid Katherine, & sought to have All and singular the premises out of the lord's hands, To whom the lord by his Steward conceded seisin thereof to her, to have & to hold to herself, her heirs & assigns, according to the form & effect of the aforesaid Surrender, at the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the manor, by the rent & services hitherto owed & accustomed.

Fine c----- 45s

rent 27s 8d

one

Heriot: ^ bull

worth c-----45s

And she gave the lord as a fine for having such entry therein ---- 45s, And she made fealty to the lord, And seisin thereof was delivered to her ^ by the rod, And so she was admitted tenant thereof, And she gave the lord for a heriot one bull worth ---20s, which was paid [in]to the lord's hands.

Assessors { Henry Knyght c----- } Sworn
 { Thomas Henley c----- }

Part 3 *[Thursday] 8 Oct 1534*

Dulwyche View of Frank pledge with Court Baron, there held on the Eighth day of October, in the 26th regnal Year of king Henry VIIIth

Constable there Thomas Henleye, Constable there, Sworn, presents that All is well &c.

Head pledges there { Michael Bassenden c----- } Head pledges there, Sworn, present assuredly at this day as the Common Fine c----- 4s.
 Common Fine c---4s { Nicholas Symonde c----- }

Ale taster there John Ware, Ale taster there, Sworn, presents that William Knyteley is a Common baker of household bread, & makes under-sized
 amercement c---4d bread, and breaks the assize of the lord King, Therefore he is amerced &c.

amercement c---4d Likewise he presents that George Foster is a Common Brewer of ale, & makes unwholesome ale, & breaks the assize of the lord King, Therefore he is amerced &c.

amercements c---6d 2d. 2d. 2d.
 Likewise he presents that John Goonell, Michael Basenden, Nicholas Symonde, are Common retailers or Tipplers of ale, & sell ale in unlawful receptacles, Therefore they are amerced &c

[End of Roll G1 [previously E4]. N.B. The record of this Court continues on Roll G1 [previously E5].]