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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 G2 [previously E5] (front) N.B. This Roll is a continuation of Roll G1 [previously E4].

Further of the View in the 26th Year

26 . H. 8

H 8

Regnal Year twenty six

E.5.

Part 1 *[Thursday] 8 Oct 1534 (continued)*

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

Henry Knyghte
Davy Morgane
Henry Hunte
John Lane c-----
} Sworn

John Casynghurste c---
William Smythe
Robert Judsone
Nicholas Bone c-----
} Sworn

Edward Kynge c-----
Robert Maundy
John Goonelle
John Cownsele c-----
} Sworn

Who say and affirm on their oath that All the above presentments are true, And further that
amercements c---6d. 2d. 2d. 2d.
William Carter, Thomas Bowmer, John Woodde[= Ode?], are land-holders, & make default of the View, Therefore [they are] amerced &c.

A Stray worth Likewise they present one horse Coloured Black which arrived as a stray into this lordship a year ago, worth c-----4s
c----- 4s. And it remains in the Custody of John Ware, on behalf of the lord, &c.

A Stray worth Likewise they present one foal, Coloured dark Grey, which arrived as a stray after the latest Feast of saint John the Baptist, worth c---
c----- 3s 4d. c-----3s 4d. And it remains in the Custody of Robert Sharparow, until &c.

4d
Likewise they present that John Norton made an assault upon William Smythe, in breach of the peace of the lord King, Therefore he
amercements c---8d is amerced &c. And further they present [that] the same William Smyth made an assault Upon the same John Norton, in breach of the
4d
peace of the lord King, Therefore he is amerced &c.

(Likewise They elected Henry Hunte into the office of Constable there. c-----
 Election of Officers { Likewise the Head pledges remain as appears in the preceding Court. Sworn
 (Likewise They elected Thomas Bowmer into the office of Ale Taster there. c---

Now of the Court

Amercement c-----2d Likewise they present that Henry Wodde[= Ode?] is a land-holder, & makes default of the Court Baron Therefore he is amerced &c.

Fine of ancient usage c-----12d Likewise to this [Court] come Davy Morgane, John Cownsell, John Ware, William Smythe, Robert Judsone, Nicholas Symonde, Thomas Henley, Robert Sharparowe, Henry Hunte, Michael Bassendene, John Goonelle, John Casynghurst, & paid a penny called, from of old, Rome pence, as appears over their Heads &c.

A Taking out of the lord's hands Likewise to this comes Ralph Leyhe, Kinsman & nearest heir, According to the Custom of this Manor, of Ralph Leyhe senior, namely youngest son of Ralph Leyhe, the youngest son of the aforesaid Ralph Leyhe, his grandfather, And seeks to have out of the lord's hands four acres of land lying in the Nasspe, sometime those of the aforesaid Ralph Leyhe senior, his grandfather, Which said [four] acres of land have for a long time remained in the lord's hands, for want of an heir, And because no-one came to have the premises out of the lord's hands And in view of the premises, upon forfeiture, the same lord, from his special grace, by his Steward, conceded the aforesaid 4 acres of land to the aforesaid Ralph Leyhe, Kinsman [actually grandson] & heir according to the custom of the Manor, to have & to hold

for 4 acres of land
 Leigh yearly rent 15d.
 Fine c-----5s.

Rent c-----15d himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the Manor, rendering therefor to the lord yearly c---15d, & other services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed, And he gave to the lord as a Fine for the premises, for having such entry therein,

for 3 acres of land
Wylde yearly rent 12d.
Fine c---5s.

---5s. And he made fealty to the lord, & seisin was delivered to him by the rod &c.

A Taking out of
the lord's hands

Likewise to this Court comes Roger Wylde, Cleric, youngest son of John Wylde, in his own person, And seeks to have out of the lord's hands three acres of land lying next to Gascoynes pytte, sometime Katherine Astone's, afterwards William ~~Stephyns~~ Stephyns, And recently the aforesaid John Wylde's, father of the aforesaid Roger, to whom the lord, by his Steward, conceded the aforesaid three acres of land, to have & to hold to himself, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the Manor, by yearly rent of c---12d, & other services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed, And he gave to the lord as a Fine for the premises, for having such entry therein, c---5s, And he made fealty to the lord, & seisin was delivered to him by the rod &c.

Rent c-----12d.

Fine c-----5s.

Surrender

Likewise to this [court] comes the aforesaid Roger Wylde, Cleric, after making his fealty to the lord, & in open Court surrendered into the lord's hands the aforesaid three acres of land lying next to Gascoynes pytte, as above, To the benefit and Use of his brother Henry Wylde, his heirs & assigns, according to the Custom of the Manor, Upon which comes the aforesaid Henry Wylde and seeks to be admitted to the premises, And he was admitted, 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, customs & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed, And he gave to the lord as a Fine for having such entry therein, c---5s, And he made fealty to the lord, & seisin was delivered to him by the rod &c.

Fine c-----5s.

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Death of a tenant

Likewise the Homage present that Thomas Henley, who held of the lord to himself & his heirs, according to the Custom of the Manor, one tenement & by estimation 15 acres of land, has closed his last day, whereby befalls to the lord, as a heriot, one cow worth c-10s. And that Thomas Henley is his youngest son & nearest heir, according to the custom of the Manor, who is present here in Court &

heriot c---10s.

Fine c-----13s 4d
rent not above 5s./

of full age, comes & seeks to be admitted to the premises, To which the lord, by his Steward, conceded seisin thereof, to have & to hold to himself & his heirs, at the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the Manor, by the rent & services hitherto owed & accustomed, And he made fealty to the lord, & seisin was delivered to him by the rod, & he gave to the lord as a Fine for having such entry therein, c----13s 4d.

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Custody of the heir

Likewise to this [court] comes Roger Bostocke, who has taken in wedlock the mother of a certain Oliver Dove, & has compounded with the lord for a fine for the same Oliver Dove, youngest son of John Dove senior, for his customary lands & tenements within this lordship, And for custody of the same Oliver, with his aforesaid lands, until he reaches full age, And he gave the lord in open Court, as the aforesaid fine, four[sic] pounds, whereof c----20s[sic] is for the fine of the same Oliver, And c----40s[sic] is for other causes and considerations moving the lord &c. And upon this comes Nicholas Symone, now tenant of the aforesaid lands & tenements, And pays c----£8 to the same Roger in the aforesaid open Court, for farming of the premises occupied by him for the space of four years ending at the feast of saint Michael Archangel last past, above c----40s paid to John Scotte the younger, so it is said, by Henry Pyke, for one other year, which the aforesaid John Scotte has promised to pay to the same Roger, as & when & c. And because the aforesaid Oliver is within [i.e. under] age, Therefore his fealty is postponed until & c., Saving the Right of whomsoever, &c.

Fine c-----20s.

Assessors { Henry Knyghte c---
 { Davye Morgane c--- } Sworn

[End of G2 [previously E5] (front). N.B. the slip for Wylde, shown above in its 1982 position, by 2020 had become detached and was tucked behind the slip for Leigh. G2 [previously E5] (back) follows below.]

Part 2 [Monday] 10 Jan 1536

Dullewiche View of Frank pledge with Court Baron, there held on the 10th day of January, in the 27th regnal Year of Henry the Eighth, by the grace of god King of England & France, defender of the Faith, lord of Ireland, & on earth Supreme Head of the Anglican Church.

Constable there Henry Hunte, Constable there, Sworn, presents that [All is well].

Head pledges there Namely Michael Bassendene & Nicholas Symonde, Sworn, present as the common fine, assured at this day c---4s.
Common Fine c---4s

Ale taster there Ale taster there, Sworn, presents that William Foster is a common Brewer of ale, and makes unwholesome ale, and breaks the assize of the lord King, Therefore he is amerced &c.
amercement c-----4d

amercement c-----4d Likewise he presents that Thomas Bowmer & Michael Bassendene are common retailers or tiplers of ale, & sell ale by unlawful receptacles, Therefore they are amerced &c.

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

Henry Knyght c-----
Henry Ode
John Casynghurste
William Smythe c-----
} Sworn

John Webster c-----
Robert Judsone
Nicholas Bonne
Edward Kynge c-----
} Sworn

John Cownsell c-----
Thomas Henley
Michael Casynghurste
John Olyver
Andrew Fryse c-----
} Sworn

amergements c-----4d

Who say and affirm on their oath that all the above presentments are true, And further they present that
2d 2d
William Carter, William Wytemane, make default of the View. Therefore they are amerced &c.

A Stray worth
c----- 12d

Likewise they present one sheep Coloured White, worth c----12d, which arrived as a stray in the lordship after the latest Feast of Saint John the Baptist, And remains in the Custody of Nicholas Symonde until &c.

Strays worth
c----- 6s

Likewise they present one mare & a foal Coloured Black, worth c----6s, Which arrived as strays into this lordship after the latest [feast of] Saint Michael Archangel, And remain in the Custody of Nicholas Symonde until &c.

A Stray worth
c----- 5s

Likewise they present one horse coloured Grey, worth c----5s, which arrived as a stray into this lordship after the latest Feast of Saint John the Baptist. And remain in the Custody of Thomas Henley until &c.

Election of officers there

Likewise the Constable remains as appears in the preceding View with Court &c. c-----
Likewise they Elected William Smythe & John Counsell into the office of Head pledges there.
Likewise they Elected Robert Judsone into the office of Ale Taster there. c-----

Sworn

Modo de Curia

4d 2d 2d

amercements c-----8d

Likewise they present that John Leghe, Raffe Leghe, Harry Wylde, are land-holders, & make default of the Court Baron, Therefore they are amerced &c.

Fine from ancient
Usage c----- 16d

1d 1d 1d 1d 1d
Likewise to this come Henry Ode, Thomas Henley, Robert Sharparowe, Nicholas Symonde, John Casynghurste,
1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d
Michael Casynghurste, Davyd Morgane, William Smythe, Robert Judsone, John Olyver, John Counsell,
1d 1d 1d 1d 1d
John Wooddene, Henry Hunte, John Lewes, Thomas Bowmer, Thomas Henley, not only tenants but also residents of
this Manor, having animals in the Community to the value of c---2s 6d, & paid a penny called, from of old, Rome

pence, as appears over their heads & c.

Likewise the Jurors have a further day for certain between Dove & Dove, & for the boundaries between John Leyhe, Ralph Leyhe & Lane's, And for the Road between David Morgane & Robert Sharparow, before the next Court, under penalty for each of them of c-----20s, namely the third day of February next, &c. And also they seek a further day for the boundaries of Master Leyhe & Lane's, because they do not know who is the possessor, &c.

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Likewise to this Court came not only Edward Dove, eldest son of John Dove deceased, eldest son of the first John & his wife Margaret, likewise deceased, And a certain Oliver Dove, youngest son of the aforesaid John Dove, eldest son, but

also a certain Walter Dove, eldest son of a certain John Dove, third & youngest son of the aforesaid first John Dove
And a certain John Dove, youngest son of the aforesaid John Dove the youngest son,
and Margaret, with their counsel, And [each] sought that they ought to be admitted to various customary lands and tenements
which were sometime the aforesaid first John Dove the elder's, husband of the said Margaret, and their grandfather,
formerly of a certain John Brutone & his wife Joan, with their appurtenances, and now being in the lord's hands, not only
by & after the death of the first John & of his wife Margaret, but also by & after the death of Henry Dove, second son of the
same first John Dove & Margaret. Thus much is for informing the lord's knowledge. At the same Court the Homage were
Sworn & charged to inquire, on their oath, who or which of them by the custom of the aforesaid Manor were or was the next
heir or heirs for having the premises, And the aforesaid Homage, Sworn to this, seek a further day for delivering their
verdict on the foregoing. And by the agreement of the aforesaid parties they have a further day given to them by the Court
here, until the third day of February next to come & c., And the same day is given to the aforesaid parties here & c.

Assessors { Henry Knyght } Sworn
 { Henry Ode }

[End of Roll G2 [previously E5].]