



The following document is part of a Dulwich Society project to digitise, transcribe and translate the Dulwich Manorial Court Rolls. They begin in 1333 and continue, with some breaks, to 1908.

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.

For more details and links to images of the rolls and other documents please go to <https://www.dulwichsociety.com/courtrolls/>

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 G4 [previously E7] (recto)

Part 1 *[Thursday] 3 Feb 1536*

Dullewiche Court there held on the third day of February, in the 28th Regnal Year of Henry the Eighth, by the Grace of god King of
E.7. England & France, defender of the faith, lord of Ireland, And on earth Supreme Head of the Anglican Church.

presentation of the
Homage

Likewise To this Court came not only the aforesaid Edward Dove & Oliver Dove, sons of the first John Dove's eldest son, but also a certain Walter Dove & John Dove, sons of the same John Dove's third & youngest son, between whom there is dispute, with their counsel. And the aforesaid Homage appeared, solemnly Sworn, likewise charged, who, speaking to the truth of the foregoing, present that Margaret Dove, widow, who held of the lord for her life-time certain customary lands & tenements, parcels of the premises within this lordship, has closed her last day (whereby nothing befalls the lord as a heriot, because she had no animals), which same Margaret had & held the said lands & tenements from the aforesaid surrender of the first John Dove, lately her husband, the reversion or remainder thereof after the death of the same Margaret to his eldest son John Dove & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, with further remainders as appear by the the Copy of the Court Roll of the aforesaid Manor, Bearing date the Thursday on the feast of saints Simon & Jude in the 23rd Year of King Henry the Seventh, And that the same John Dove the elder, his son, died in the lifetime of the aforesaid Margaret, And that Oliver Dove is the youngest son of the same son John, & nearest heir of his body lawfully begotten

[i.e. 28 Oct 1507]

Death of a tenant

according to the custom of the Manor. However, they further present, from notice ^{lately} given to them anew, that long before the aforesaid first John Dove, sometime husband of the aforesaid Margaret, had anything in the aforesaid lands & tenements, and other premises, a certain John Brutone & his wife Joan had & took from the lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, the aforesaid lands & tenements, amongst other lands & tenements, to have to themselves for the term of lives of the same John & Joan Brutone, as appears by the Court roll of the aforesaid Manor bearing date the 22nd day of April in the 12th Year of King Edward the Fourth, the reversion or remainder thereof, after their deaths, to the aforesaid first John Dove, lately husband of the said Margaret, & to the heirs of the body of the same first John Dove lawfully begotten, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, And for want of such issue the remainder of the premises to one Simon Ingolffe, ^{his} heirs & assigns for ever, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, as appears in the same Roll, &c. And that John Dove the younger, still being under age, is the kinsman & nearest heir of the aforesaid first John Dove,

[i.e. 22 Apr 1472]

A Day is given

sometime husband of the said Margaret, lawfully begotten of his body, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, namely the youngest son of John Dove the youngest son of the first John Dove, late husband of the aforesaid Margaret &c. Upon which came the aforesaid parties & sought to be admitted to the premises &c. However, the Court is advised [=adjourned?] until the next Court, to be held here, namely on the second day of May next to come, in the 28th Year of the above-stated King. And the same day is given to the aforesaid parties [to be] here etc. And that meanwhile there will be consultation with the lord & his counsel on the foregoing &c.

Part 2 *[Tuesday] 2 May 1536*

Dullewiche ¶ Court there held on the second day of May in the 28th Regnal Year of Henry the Eighth, by the Grace of god King of England & France, defender of the faith, lord of Ireland, And on earth Supreme Head of the Anglican Church.

The Homage, Sworn Namely Henry Knyght, Henry Ode, John Webster, & Thomas Henley, Sworn, present that John Legh, esquire, Ralph Legh, Henry Wylde, Robert Draper, [&] the tenants of the land lately Lane's, make default of the Court &c.

Order Likewise at this [Court] it is ordered that Robert Draper & Henry Knyght ought to receive the Rents & profits of all those customary lands & tenements which Margaret Dove, Widow, lately held within this lordship, And that the aforesaid Robert Draper & Henry Knyght, tenants of the lord of this Manor, that themselves, for the maintenance of the same, maintain & repair the same, where needful, with the profits & rents of the premises, until & when &c. And, further, to render an account of all that is needed to be done therein, Saving the right of whomsoever &c.

Likewise to this Court come not only the aforesaid Edward Dove & Oliver Dove, sons of the first John Dove's eldest son, but also a certain Walter Dove & John Dove, sons of a certain John Dove, the third & youngest son, between whom there is dispute, with their counsel, And seek to be admitted to the premises, however the Court is further advised [=adjourned?] until the next Court, namely at the seventeenth day of April next to come, to be held here. And the same day is given to the aforesaid parties here &c.

Part 3

[Tuesday] 17 Apr 1537

Dullewyche ¶ Viiew of Frank pledge With Court Baron, there held on Tuesday the 17th of April, in the 28th Regnal Year of Henry the Eighth, by the Grace of god King of England & France, defender of the faith, lord of Ireland, And on earth Supreme Head of the Anglican Church.

Head pledges there
Common Fine c—4s Namely William Smythe & John Counsell, Sworn, present as the Common Fine, assured at this day c—4s.

Constable there Namely Henry Hunte, Sworn, presents that All is well &c.

Ale Taster there
amercement c----- 4d Namely Robert Judsone, Sworn, presents that John Bottome Is a Common bread 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.

amercements c----- 8d Likewise he presents that James Foster & Thomas Lepar are common brewers of ale, & make unwholesome ale, and break the assize of the lord King. Therefore they are Amerced &c.

amercements c----- 4d Likewise he presents that Michael Casyngharste & Thomas Bowmer are common retailers or tipplers of Ale, and sell Ale by illegal receptacles. Therefore they are Amerced &c.

12, not only for the lord king but also for the Lord	Henry Knyght	c-----	} Sworn	Nicholas Symonde	c-----	} Sworn	Andrew Fyse	c-----	} Sworn	Robert Oliver	} Sworn
	Henry Ode			Thomas Henley			John Broune			John Lewes	
	John Webster			Michael Casynghurste			Edward Kynge			Nicholas Bonne	
	Henry Hunte	c-----		John Olyver	c-----		Thomas Bowmer			Robert Judsone	

amercements c----- 4d
 Who say and Affirm, upon their oath, that All the above presentments are true, And further they
 2d 2d
 present that Thomas Nicolsone & William Carter make default. Therefore they are Amerced &c.

Penalty
 Likewise it is ordered that Henry Ode, Master Legh, & the lord's farmer, shall scour the Ditch from Henry Ode's barn to Howlattes
 Michael
 Grene, containing by estimation 23 perches, before the Feast of Saint ^ Archangel next to come. Penalty if not done,
 for each of them c---5s.

A stray worth
 c-----6d.
 Likewise they present one sheep, Coloured White, which arrived as a stray into this lordship after the latest Feast of Saint
 Michael Archangel, worth c---6d. And it remains in the custody of the bailiff &c.

Likewise they present that Robert Sharparowe has a dog which destroyed the neighbours' animals. Therefore it is ordered that he
 shall put it away, under penalty of c---40s.

More on the back

End of G4 [previously E7] (front). G4 [previously E7] (back) follows below.]

Roll G4 [previously E7] (back)

Part 3

1506 [sic] Henry 8

Rolls in H the 8th from the 9th of his reign to the 30th

E 7v

[Tuesday] 17 Apr 1537 (continued)

Penalty

Likewise it is ordered the tenants of John Dove's land shall scour the existing Ditch against Cartars Hawe, containing by estimation 20 perches, before the Feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of 3s 4d.

Penalty

Likewise it is ordered that the heirs of Henry Dove shall scour the Ditch From Symonde's gate to the land of John Woddene [Ode?] containing by estimation twenty perches, before the Feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of c---40d. And also that they pollard the Tree which hangs over the high way, before the same Feast, under the same penalty &c.

Election of officers

The Election of officers remains as [appears] in the preceding Court &c.

Now of the Court

ameracements c---6d

4d 2d

Likewise they present that John Legh, Raphael Legh, are holders of land & make default of the Court Baron, Therefore they are Amerced &c.

Fine of ancient

1d 1d 1d 1d

Likewise to this [Court] come John Webster, Robert Sharparowe, William Smythe, John Counsell, Nicholas

Usage c-----14d

1d 1d 1d 1d 1d 1d

Symonde, Thomas Bowmer, Robert Judsone, Edward Kynge, Robert Olyver, John Olyver, John

1d 1d 1d 1d

Lewes, Henry Hunte, John Browne, Michael Casyngherst, having animals in the community To the value of

c---2s 6d, & each of them gave the lord 1d, &c.

Sworn into the Assize

for three acres
yearly rent 12d.

Draper

Fine -----3s.

[1982 position of the above
slip (which by 2020 was
stuck back upside-down)]

Likewise To this come Walter Symonde & John Casynghurste, & are Sworn to the lord King in the Assize, &c.

Likewise To this comes Henry Wylde, and in open Court Surrendered into the lord's hands three acres of land lying next to Gascoynes pytte, sometime Katherine Astone's, afterwards William Stephene's, And recently John Wylde's, To the benefit and Use of Robert Draper, his heirs & assigns, according to the custom of the Manor, Upon which comes the aforesaid Robert Draper & seeks to be admitted to the premises. And he was admitted tenant therein, to have & to hold to himself & his heirs at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the Manor, by the rent of 12d yearly & other services. And he gave the lord as a fine for having such entry therein c-----3s. And he made fealty to the lord, and seisin was delivered to him by the rod &c.

Likewise at this [Court] it is ordered that Robert Draper & Henry Knyght, tenants ~~of the lord~~ of this Manor, ought to receive the rent of one tenement, with certain land appurtenant thereto, which Margaret Dove lately held for [her] life-time, & to disburse them around repairs to the same tenement, as seem to them best, until & when &c. And, further, to render an account of what is needed to be done therein, &c.

Likewise to this Court come not only Edward Dove & Oliver [Dove], sons of the first John Dove's eldest son, but also a certain Walter Dove & John Dove, sons of a certain John Dove, the third & youngest son, between whom there is dispute, with their counsel, And the aforesaid Edward Dove & Oliver [Dove] submit a certain letter of William Paulet, knight, one of the Counsel of the lord King, signed with his hand, addressed to the Steward & Supervisor of the aforesaid Manor &c., the import of which follows in these words :

As unacquainted, I commend me to you, And Forasmuch as a dispute is moved for certain Customary lands in the parish of Camerwell between the Children of John Dove, elder son of John Dove, and [those] of John Dove the third son child, being nephews to **[actually grandchildren of]** the said John Dove, father of the said two Johns, by reason of the enrolment of a copy made at the request & upon the complaint of

the said John Dove the third son, made to the Court, in which Copy the said John the third son & the heirs of his body be made heirs, And John the eldest son & his children, and for lack of them Henry & his Children, And for lack of them Humphrey & his children, being in the remainder of Master Scott And his heirs in the Fee symple, to be put by, Which is contrary to the Grant and Surrenders made by John the Grandfather to these Complain[an]ts, For, in his Surrenders made, appear certain parcels of land Surrendered to the use of Margaret, his Wife, [for her] term of life, remainder to John his eldest son and to the heirs of his body, With various remainders over, as in the same copy, And Surrendered another parcel to the use of his son Henry & to the heirs of his body, remainder for lack of Such issue to John the eldest son & to the heirs of his body, With other remainders as in the said Copy is declared. By reason whereof, it appears that the copy made upon the submission of John the third son cannot be good. And therefore it shall be Well done for Justice for the matter to be heard & disinterestedly drawn to an end & ordered, Whereunto the King's pleasure is [that] Master Sulyarde (now sick) and I should be involved, by reason of a bill put to his grace by the Orphans, praying you it may so be, & We shall be ready all times thereunto and to put such order as shall stand with Justice as closely as by your Wisdom & ours can be thought [out]. Written the 7th day of April

Yours, William Poulet

Therefore the Court is adjourned further, until & unless the premises are heard & examined by the counsel of the said lord King &c., In accordance with the import & force of the aforesaid letter &c.

Assessors { Henry Knyght } Sworn
 { Henry Ode } Sworn

[End of Roll G4 [previously E7].]