



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.

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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 G6 [previously E9] (front)

E.9.

Part 1 *[Tuesday] 27 Nov 1537 (continued from Roll E8)*

Shall have and Enjoy the premises to Him And to the heirs of his body, and be lawfully admitted tenant, according to the Custom of the said Manor, to all the said Lands & tenements that lately were the said John Bruton's at the time of the making of the said Surrender to the said First John Dove, To have And to hold all the said lands & tenements And other the premises to the Said John Dove, now being under age, & to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and For lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs of <sup>the</sup> body of the said First John Dove, according to the purport of the said Former Surrender, And According to the Custom of the said Manor, To hold the same premises by all such rents & services As to Us And our successors do of right appertain, After & according to the Custom of the same Manor & Lordship aforesaid, and because John Dove, father of the said Oliver, before this time has spent & been at great Charges in repair of the premises, We the said Robert, now Lord of the said Manor, do Further order & decree that the said John, now being under age, shall pay or cause to be paid to the Forenamed Oliver Dove c---£10 sterling, in the form Following : [blank]

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name for guardian  
of the heir to be  
entered here

Part 2

*[Thursday] 2 May 1538*

Dullewyche

View of Frank pledge With Court Baron, there held on the Second day of May in the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 At this day assured c—4s.

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

Ale taster there Namely Robert Judsone, Sworn, presents that James Foster & Thomas Lepar are Common Brewers of ale, & make  
Amercements c---8d unwholesome ale, and break the Assize of the lord King, Therefore they are Amerced &c.

Amercements c---4d Likewise he presents that Michael Casynghurste & Thomas Bowmer Are common retailers or tipplers of ale  
& 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-----  
John Webster  
Nicholas Symondes  
Thomas Henley c-----  
} Sworn

Michael Casynghurste c-----  
John Olyver  
Robert Olyver  
Andrew Fyse c-----  
} Sworn

Edward Kynge c-----  
Thomas Bowmer  
John Lewes c-----  
Nicholas Bonne  
William Warde c-----  
} Sworn

Amercements c---10d Who say and affirm upon their oath that all the Above presentments are true, And they further present  
that Robert Mande, Thomas Nicholsone, David Morgane, Harry Crofte, Rafe Arnolde, make default of the  
View, Therefore they are Amerced &c.

Strays worth c-----4s. Likewise they present one sheep & a Lamb Coloured White, worth c-----4s, Which arrived as strays into this lordship a Year and more ago, And they remain in the Custody of Robert Sharparowe, for the lord &c.

Strays worth c-----2s. 6d. Likewise they present one ram & one teg [= a yearling sheep] Coloured White, worth c---2s 6d, Which arrived as strays into this lordship after the latest Feast of Saint Michael Archangel, And they remain in the Custody of John Counsell, until &c.

The tenants or Custodians of the lands & tenements lately John Dove's are ordered to mend or repair all houses & tenements Upon the lands of the aforesaid John Dove, as originally built, which are in decay & very ruined, To the serious nuisance & damage of his

heirs, and contrary to the custom of the Manor, before the Feast of Saint Michael Archangel next, under penalty of c-----40s.

The tenants of the lands lately John Lane's are ordered to mend or repair all houses & tenements Upon the lands of the aforesaid John Lane, as originally built, which are in decay & very ruined, To the serious nuisance & damage of his heirs, contrary to the custom of the Manor, before the Feast of Saint Michael Archangel next, under penalty of c-----40s.

The Constable there remains as in the preceding Court &c. c-----

Elections into office there

Likewise they Elected Robert Olyver into the office of head pledge there, & William Smythe.

Sworn.

Likewise they Elected John Lewes into the office of Ale Taster there. c-----

more on the back

[End of G6 [previously E9] (front). G6 [previously E9] (back) follows below.]

Roll G6 [previously E9] (back)

E9v

Now of the Court

Amercements c----6d

Likewise they present that John Legh, esquire, Raffe Legh, gent., Robert Draper, Henry Ode, Henry Wylde, make default of the Court Baron. Therefore they are Amerced.

Fine from ancient

Likewise to this [Court] come John Webster, Henry Hunte, Nicholas Symonde, John Olyver, Robert Olyver, Edward Kynges,

Usage c-----15d [sic]

Robert Sharparowe, John Cownsell, John Lewes, Nicholas Bone, Robert Willyter, John Casynger, Michael Casynghurst,

Thomas Bowmer, Henry Ode?, not only tenants but also residents of this lordship, and each gives to the lord,

as appears over their heads, &c.

Surrender into the  
lord's hands

Likewise to this [Court] came John Webster, & in open Court surrendered into the lord's hands one messuage or tenement & five  
land,  
acres of ^ called Berdes, with their appurtenances, his intention being that the lord would re-concede the premises to the aforesaid  
John & his wife Elizabeth for the term of their lives & that of the longer-lived of them, and the heirs & assigns of the same John,  
according to the custom of the Manor, Upon which came the aforesaid John & his wife Elizabeth, and sought to be admitted to the  
premises. And they were admitted tenants thereof, to Have & to hold to themselves and the heirs & assigns of the same John,  
At the will of the lord, according to the custom of the Manor, by the rent, customs & services thereof hitherto owed & accustomed,  
According to the form & effect of the aforesaid Surrender. And they made fealty to the lord, & seisin thereof was delivered to them  
by the rod, And the aforesaid Elizabeth gave to the lord as a fine for having such entry therein c-----20d &c.

Fine c-----20d

Assessors { Henry Knyghte c- } Sworn  
                  { John Webstere }

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Court Rolls from  
the 12 of Hen 8  
to the 16 :

[End of Roll G6 [previously E9].]