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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 I2 [previously G2] (front)

G.2

Part 1

[Saturday] 3 Jun 1553 (continued from Roll G1)

To this Court came Henry Knyght in open Court in the Steward's presence & surrendered into the lord's hands One Messuage [&] thirty acres of land And One and a half acres lying in the Apse, heriotable, & One Acre of land called Cannelles Acre, & One and a half acres of land lately Simon Dockyng's, To which the same Henry was Admitted tenant of the lord as appears in the Court with View of Frank Pledge held there on the fifteenth day  
[15 Dec 1519] of December in the Eleventh Year of Henry the eighth, and also two Acres of land lying at the Nappers which were once Eli Godsone's, One Field called Frenchefilde, & two Acres of wood lying in Napse, sometime Walter Knyghte's, To which the same Henry was admitted tenant of the lord as appears in the said Court with View in the aforesaid Eleventh Year, with the intention that the Lord might reconsider [= reconcede] the aforesaid Messuage, lands, meadows, woods, And other premises, with appurtenances, to the aforesaid Henry Knyght for his life-time, remainder thereof after his death to his son, Henry Knyght, & his heirs in perpetuity, And the Lord, being thus appealed to, re-conceded the aforesaid messuage, lands, and other premises, with their appurtenances, To Have & to hold of the lord to himself & the heirs of the same Henry, the son, in the form aforesaid, by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the same Manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed And by law accustomed, who gave the lord as a Fine for having such estate & entry therein as appears in the Heading, And the aforesaid Henry Knyght, the father, made fealty to the lord &c.

Fine 38s.

Lane ... Crofte

The Homage present that Richard Lane, who held of the lord of this Manor, to Himself and His Heirs, by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the Manor, One Messuage & thirty Acres of land with appurtenances, heriotable, now divided in two tenements, lying within the aforesaid lordship, To which the same Richard was Admitted tenant of the lord after the death of His Father John Lane, as appears in the Court held there on the Tenth Day of July in the Twelfth Year of Henry the seventh, and also Half an Acre of land lying in a certain Field called Newmansfilde, between land sometime William Skynner's & formerly William Gonde's on the east side & land sometime Henry Knyght's on the west side, which was sometime Juliana Tyler's, To which the same Richard was Admitted after the death of the said John Lane, His Father, as appears in the Said Court of the Twelfth Year Above-stated, Which said Richard Lane died seised thereof several years ago, And further they say that Richard Lane, the youngest son of John Lane, the youngest son of the Said Richard Lane, is his Kinsman & nearest heir according to the custom of this Manor, And of full age, who, present in Court, seeks to be Admitted To the aforesaid Messuage & lands with their appurtenances &, saving the right of Whomsoever, is Admitted tenant thereof, To have & to hold of the lord to Himself & his heirs, by the rod, At the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & by law accustomed, Which said Richard Lane gave the lord as a Fine for having such estate & entry therein, not

Fine 30s

only for himself but also for his aforesaid father John, because the same John the father occupied the aforesaid Messuage & lands for his whole life Without any Admission therein or rendering a fine therefor, or payment to the lord, as in the Court with View there held on the Tenth day of January in the twenty-seventh Year of Henry the Eighth, more fully appears & is Evident. And for because it is not known to the Court if Any Heriots due to the lord for the premises after the deaths of Richard & John or either of them were paid or not. Therefore it is decided by the Court here that the same Richard should now pay to the lord [?10]3s 4d in respect of [each of] the aforesaid heriots, and no more. And upon this the aforesaid Richard made fealty to the lord.

[10 Jan 1536]

Heriots 6s 8d.

The Homage present that Margaret[sic] Lane, lately the wife of the aforesaid Richard Lane, who held of the lord, to Herself & her heirs, by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, two acres of land lying in Mydlefeld, sometime Elizabeth Halle's, To which the same Margery[sic] was Admitted tenant of the lord after the death of the same Elizabeth, as appears in the Court with View of Frank Pledge held there on the Seventeenth Day of January in the Twelfth Year of Henry the seventh[sic, eighth], which said Margery died seised thereof several years ago, And further they say that Richard Lane is her Kinsman & nearest heir thereto, Namely the youngest son of John Lane, the youngest son of the Said Margery, And of full age, who, present in Court, seeks to be Admitted To the aforesaid Two Acres of land with appurtenances, And, saving the right of Whomsoever, is admitted tenant thereof, To Have & to hold of the lord to Himself & his heirs, by the rod, At the will of the lord, according to the Custom of the Manor, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed & by law accustomed, Who gave the lord as a Fine for having such estate & entry therein, not only for himself but also for his aforesaid father John, as appears in the Heading, because the same John Lane occupied the premises for his whole life Without any fine paid therefor, or admission as tenant therein, as in the Court with View held there on the Tenth Day of January in the twenty-seventh Year of Henry the eighth more fully appears, And the same [Richard] Lane made fealty to the lord.

[17 Jan 1521]

ccFine c---- 3s 4d

[10 Jan 1536]

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for two acres of land
Margery Lane yearly rent 8d.
Fine ----- 3s. 4d.

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Part 2 [Tuesday] 31 Oct 1553

Manor of Dulwyche ¶ First general Court of Margaret Caltone of London, widow by the death of Thomas Caltone her late husband, recently lord of the aforesaid Manor, held there on Tuesday next after the Feast of the Apostles Simon & Jude in the first regnal Year of Lady Mary, by the grace of god Queen of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, and on earth supreme Head of the English & Irish church

cc--Excuses cc- ¶ Elizabeth Draper, Widow, is excused from Common [suit] through her Attorney, Henry Draper, by payment of a penny &c.

cc-No Attornment of the tenants At this Court there is no Attornment [i.e. transfer of fealty] of any tenant, free or Customary, because the aforesaid Margaret had a conjoint estate with the aforesaid Thomas Caltone, her late husband, of & in the aforesaid Manor of Dulwyche, namely to themselves & the heirs of the bodies of them, Thomas & Margaret, lawfully begotten &c., as in the letters patent of Henry the eighth, late King of England, more fully appears &c.

The Homage Sworn Sworn Sworn Sworn Sworn Sworn Inquisition Taken, by the Steward's authority, by the oath of Henry Knyghte, Henry Hunt, Thomas Ode, John Turnour, Walter Dove, John Dove Sworn & William Godderd, who say & present that John Webbestor owes suit of this Court in respect of his Customary tenure, And at this day makes default. Therefore he is in the lady's mercy, as appears in the Heading.

default of suit of Court amercement c-4d

X amercement to the lady 5s.

And they present that the Cattle of Walter Symond, on the Twentieth day of September last Past, & at different days & times not only before but also after, were pastured in the lady's wood, to the destruction of the same wood, through the fault of Richard Pender, Robert Bacon, & Thomas Sewell, because they did not make a fence against the said wood called Curtmede, as they were obliged to do. Therefore they are in the lady's mercy, as appears in the Heading.

Lane v. Turnour

At which day, namely At this same Court, Michael Casynghurst, Bailiff of the aforesaid Manor, And Administrator of this Court, is here now instructed [to carry out] his order that was directed to him between Richard Lane, plaintiff, & John Turnour & his wife Katherine, defendants, on a

plea of trespass &c., in all services & executions, namely that he himself should summon the aforesaid John Turnour & his wife Katherine, by good & legal Summoners, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, namely by John Dene [&] Richard Fene, & upon this not only the aforesaid Richard Lane, but also the aforesaid John Turnour & his wife Katherine, were constrained, And not only the aforesaid Richard appeared in his own person, but also the aforesaid John Turnour & Katherine in their own ...

More thereof on the Back

[End of I2 [previously G2] (front). I2 [previously G2] (back) follows below.]

Roll I2 [previously G2] (back) [Tuesday] 31 Oct 1553 (continued)

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Edward the 6<sup>th</sup>, the sixth year.

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... persons Appeared, And thereto the said Richard Lane, in his own person, complained that the aforesaid John Turnour & his wife Katherine, on the twentieth day of April in the seventh regnal year of Edward the sixth, lately King of England, unbeknownst to the said Richard Lane, namely broke into five acres of land called Crabnynges cruft, with appurtenances, at Dulwyche aforesaid, within the jurisdiction of this Court, & with certain livestock, namely horses, bulls, cows, pigs & sheep, [that] were pastured there laid down on, & consumed, his grass lately growing there, to the value of twenty shillings, by which the same Richard Lane lost the profit from his aforesaid ground for a great time, namely from the aforesaid twentieth day of April until the beginning and filing of the aforesaid suit, namely the third day of June last past, And other enormities inflicted on him, of which damage to himself he complains, And thereof he says that it is made worse, & he has damage to the value of 39s 6½d, And for that reason he brings his suit &c. The aforesaid defendants have a day to answer to the aforesaid complaint, at the next Court &c.

Dove against  
Draper c-----

cc At which day, namely At this same Court, not only the aforesaid John Dove but also the aforesaid Elizabeth Draper, widow, were constrained, And the aforesaid John Dove, in his own person, opposes himself against the same Elizabeth in the aforesaid plea &c. And

the aforesaid Elizabeth, by her attorney Henry Draper, came & sought a view of the aforesaid tenements with appurtenances. And if &c.  
Therefore according to the custom of the same Manor the Bailiff of the aforesaid Manor, and the Administrator of this Court, is ordered that  
he arranges a view &c. [The 'aforesaid' references must be to an entry in an earlier, missing, Roll.]

End of I2 [previously G2] (back), apart from (in a different hand) :

*Rolls from the 6th of Edward the 6th to the 1st of Elizabeth*

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*Court Rolls from  
the first year of K.  
Phillip & Mary  
to the 18<sup>th</sup> of Q. Eliza.*

1553

[End of Roll I2 [previously G2].]