



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.

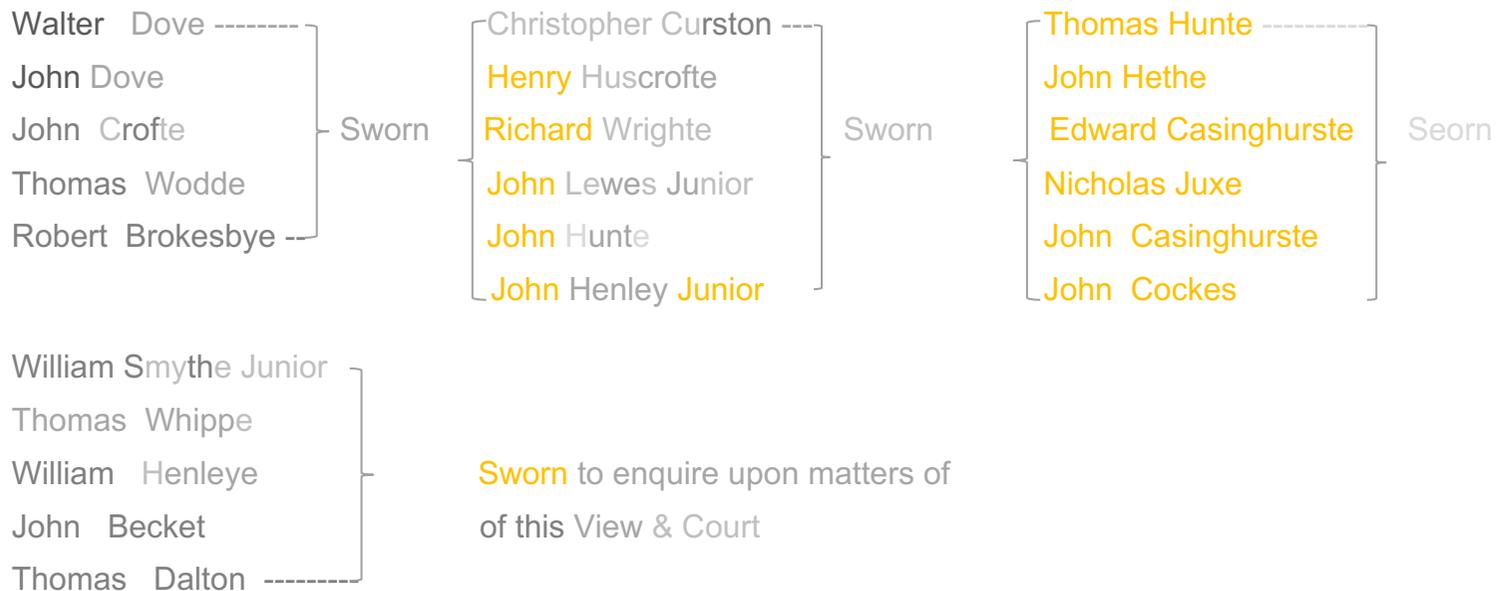
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Text in **red**, apart from modern notes by the transcriber, indicates text missing from, or entirely illegible in, the original Roll. Text in various shades of **grey** indicates text which, in the original Roll, is to a greater or lesser extent difficult to decipher. The available photographs of this Roll are unusually poor, and text which is not visible on them, but was visible to the transcriber (working from the original Roll) in 1982, is shown in **yellow**. Otherwise, all contemporaneous text is in **black**, except for presumed later additions which are indicated in **brown** or **blue**.

Dulwiche View of Frankpledge of this Manor, there held on the .....  
H.3. in the Fifth year of the Reign of the lady Elizabeth, by the grace of god Queen  
of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, &c &c.

Excuses Richard Wright owes suit of court at this day, & is excused by  
Thomas Wodde, and that William Kyppinge owes suit of court at this  
day, and is excused by John Bagger, & that Henry Knyght is a free tenant  
of this court, & is excused by Henry Huscrofte, and that Matthew Draper is a  
free tenant, & is excused by John Pery, and Robert Bagger is excused  
by Robert Bagger [?]

12 Jurors there,  
namely:



The Lord  
Fine ----- 4s

Who, Sworn, say that they gave as the common [fine] on behalf of the head pledges there, **at this day**,  
as much as appears in the heading.

Sworn into the assize

Nicholas Juxe is aged 12 **years** and above, and is **Sworn** into the assize  
for the Lady Queen.

Presentment of the  
constable:

Robert Brokesbye, Constable, presents that all's well, and in place of  
the aforesaid, Robert [**sic, aforesaid Robert, John Lewes**] is elected.

Capitales plegii

William Henley, **Giles Becke**, head pledges, present that **two**  
ewes came **within** this lordship around the feast of saint Michael  
archangel last **past**, and are appraised at 5s. And that **one** mare  
coloured black came within this lordship before the sixth day of May,  
and is appraised at 12d. Therefore the bailiff is **ordered** to make proclamation at the next market  
and church.

To this View came Walter Dove, John Dove, Thomas  
Wodde, Robert Brokesbye, Christopher Curson, **Henry Huscrofte**, **Richard**  
Wright, John Lewes, John Hunte, **Thomas Hunte**, John  
Heathe, Edward Casinghurst, **Nicholas Juxe**, **John Casinghurst**,  
John Coxe, William Smythe, Thomas Whippe, William Henley,  
John Becket, Thomas **Daltone**, William **Daltone**, **Thomas**  
Feringe, William Kypkinge [**sic**], John Smythe, Edmund Newband,  
Katherine Tedder, Joan **Symons**, who gave, for each **of them**,

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for having liberty in the commons there to pasture their pigs & cattle,  
just as [appears in the margin].

Now of the court Baron

Defecti

Who say that John Webster, John Bager, Edmund Newbande,  
John Mathewe, Thomas Custone, Nicholas Baker, John Esryre,  
Thomas Batte, & Walter Bone, have not appeared at the suit of court,  
therefore each of them is amerced c-----4d.

The Jurors present that William Henley, Edmund Newband, John Smythe,  
Robert Broxebe, William Dawton, Thomas Ode, cut down certain  
different planted trees, namely the said Edmund Newban two such trees, William Henleye  
two, John Smythe one, Robert Broxbe one, William Dawtone  
one, & Thomas Ode one planted tree, et the aforesaid Jurors find by the felling  
of their trees that there is harm to all the tenants of this Manor, and for the trespass  
so made they should make forfeit to the lady of this manor, for each planted tree so  
felled, each of them c----- 12d.

Also, they present that Thomas Crofte, for carrying out of our lady's common [small cartloads of bushes], in Eng-  
ish '*Jaggess of bosshes*', to the damage of the inhabitants there ; therefore they should make forfeit to the  
Lady of the manor c----- 12d.

Also, they present that Thomas Fearinge felled 4 trees called '*okes*',



whereby he should make forfeit of c----- 12d.

Also, the Jurors present that Walter Symond felled and carried away certain ash trees of the Lady of the manor, to the amount of One 'lode'[load] ; therefore he is amerced --- 3s.

Tippler

John Bodger is a common brewer of ale ; therefore amerced --- 2d.

Constabullarius

John Lewes is elected custable[sic] instead of Robert Brokesbye, and he is Sworn.

Hedbrowes

Thomas Hunte }  
John Beccate } are elected instead of William Henley and Giles Becke

Haleconer

Thomas Dawton is elected in the office of the aleconer

Thomas Hunt is Ordered that he himself comes, to show .....  
'sonis'[sic, ?] by what title he holds lands situated in Dulwiche, against the next Court, under pain of c----- 3s 4d.

The tenants of this manor are Ordered that each of them shall come to the house of the .....  
on the day called Corpus Christi Day 'c.....m .....ittendum .....'[?] on the same  
day, to hold a View of all the boundaries within this lordship, &  
.....  
to put them in order, under pain ..... in default, each of c----- 12d.

Because Thomas Hunt has not scoured his ditch leading from the

Aspole end hard by Bysemans Brydye, containing by estimation 4 rods, and  
for each perch not done, to forfeit a penalty of 3d ----- . Therefore  
he is amerced c--- 12d. And further the aforesaid Thomas Hunt is ordered to scour ...  
gate[?], ditch before the feast of saint Michael Archangeli ..... before .....  
four perches of land below the grate, for each rod ----- ....

It is Ordered that William Stevenson shall scour his ditch .....  
Ashpoule end, containing by estimation 16 rods, before .....  
after the feast of saint Michael next to come, under pain for each .....

It is Ordered that Robert Bruxbe shall scour his ditch .....  
vocatun 'the burne' in Croxstrete lane, containing by estimation 30 rods, from  
the grate to the end of the said ditch, before the feast of saint .....  
for each rod 20d, & for the grate end ----- ....

It is Ordered that John Lewes shall scour his ditch leading from  
the burne in Croxstrete, by estimation 10 rods, before the feast ..... next  
to come, under pain for each rod c----- xij d.

[End of I6 [previously H3] (front). N.B. Some text which was legible (albeit barely) in 1982, shown above and  
below in yellow typeface, is not legible at all on either of the photographs of the Roll taken in 2018 and 2022.]

I6 [previously H3] (back) follows below :]

Roll I6 [previously H3] (back) -- --- 1563 (continued)

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### H3v

It is Ordered that John Hunt shall scour his ditch ..... ash tree .....  
..... of the manor called .....mans .....  
the feast of All Saints next to come, under pain of ----- 40s.

It is Ordered that Henry Henley should scour one ditch leading from .....  
..... as far as the Cruchmans, before the feast of ..... next to come,  
under pain for each rod ----- 12d.

It is Ordered that no tenant as such shall at any time 'imperst' .....  
so ..... any... hold.. which 'estima..... latudine' ten 'pollices' under pain of  
forfeiting for each time so 'ob...' Year 12 d. And ..... however many times .....  
is in magnitude ..... 'pollices' to forfeit for each time .....

[The remainder of this side of the Roll is concerned with proceedings of the manors of 'Milton' and 'Goringe-cum-membris', slightly more legible than the above, but not reproduced here. Both are dated to 'Quinto' Eliz. I. (1563).]

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[Too damaged to be intelligible. 'Pollices' probably means 'pollards' (rather than thumbs!)]

[End of Roll I6 [previously H3].]