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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 17 [previously H4] (front) [Thursday] 4 May 1564 N.B. This Roll, written in 'Secretary' or Cursive hand, may well have been intended as a draft for the first part of roll 17 [previously H5], which omits lines 31-38, 45-51, 57-66, part of 69-part of 73, and 80-82 here. It also seems to have been written somewhat hurriedly.

H.4.

View of Frank pledge with the court of the Manor, there held on the

Dulwiche Fourth day of May in the Sixth Year of the Reign of our lady Elizabeth, by the grace of god Queen of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, &c.

Excuses Mathew Draper, gentleman, is excused through Henry Hunte. John Webster is excused through his wife Elizabeth.

12 Sworn for the lady Queen	John Dove ss-----	Henry Huscrofte ss-----	John Heathe ss-----
	John Crofte	Richard Wrighte	Edward Cassinghurste
	Thomas Wodde	John Lewes	Nicholas Juxe
	Robert Brokesbye	John Hunte	John Cassinghurste
	Christopher Cuesone[sic]	John Henleye	John Coxe
	Thomas Whyppe	Thomas Hunte	William Smythe
	John Mathewe	Henry Henley	John Beaket
	Henry Knyghte ss-----	John Badger ss-----	Thomas Daltone ss-----

Common Fine The Jurors present that they gave the lady as the common Fine at this day from old usage, 4s .

Sworn into the assize Simon Wilsone, Robert Etheroppe, William Baker, John Baker

Presentation of the Constable John Lewes, Constable, says that all's well, and in place of John Lewes John Mathewe is elected in the office of Constable for this Year to come, & is Sworn.

Head pledges Thomas Hunte presents that one bull calf called 'a steer' came within this lordship before the feast of Easter & is not yet proclaimed, & remains in the custody of John Coxe & John Cassinghurste. And he says further that all's well.

Headboroughs John Heathe ss----- } are elected in the office of the headboroughs for this
Henry Henley ss----- } year to come & is[sic] sworn

Taster of ale Thomas Daltone presents that John Bagger sold ale by the the[sic] pots called stone cruses & not by the pots sealed with the Seal of the clerk of the market. And also he sold ale for far too much. Therefore he is amerced ----- 12d. And in place of the aforesaid Thomas Daltone is elected Thomas Feringe for this Year to come. He was Sworn.

The Jurors present that William Dawtone is a common nuisance of his neighbours, therefore a day is given to the aforesaid William & his wife that they amend themselves before the ~~feast~~ next court to the judgment of their neighbours '*finantem eos esse exxerindi*'[??] by this presentment.

Dawsone the butcher is Ordered that he should make one water conduit called the pond at [A]spoule end, as far as the ditch of John Crofte, before the feast of All Saints next, under penalty for each rod so undone of : 12d.

John Croftes is Ordered that he should scour four rods of his ditch, leading to the pond towards the Lord[ship?], before the feast of All Saints next, under penalty for each rod of 12d.

William Stuvensone is Ordered that he should scour the ditch leading From Pery feild towards London before the said feast, under penalty for each rod of : 12d.

Robert Broxbye is Ordered that he should dig his ditch called the Kenelles, leading from the butts as far as Newlandes, before the said feast, under penalty for each Rod of 12d.

Thomas Dawton is Ordered that he should scour 6 rods of his ditch called Crow[ch]mans before the said feast under penalty for each Rod of ---12d

John Hunte is Ordered that he should scour 4 Rods of his ditch called Gory land before the said feast, under penalty for each Rod of ---12d

The Jurors present that Walter Dove, who held of the lady one acre of land, died after the last court, & that Samuell Dove is nearest heir of the aforesaid Walter, whereby befalls to the lady, as a heriot, as appears in the rolls of the court, according to the custom of the manor. Therefore the bailiff is ordered that he should seize the said land into the lady's hands, until &c.

Because William Smythe sold customary wood outside this lordship, contrary to custom, therefore he forfeits a penalty of 12d.

Because John Hunte felled certain oak of the lady of this Manor, namely 4 poles, therefore he forfeits a penalty of 2s.

The Homage is Ordered that they turn out to place the meare stones in all places where it seems most expedient, between this lordship and others, and that none of them be absent on Saint Peter's day before the 8th hour, under penalty for each of them in default of ---12d.

And that ^{the tenants} of this manor should remove their fences before the festival of Saint Peter & All Saints, under penalty for each of them of ---- 20s.

fine 3s 4d
--heriot
3s. 4d.

To this court comes[sic] Thomas Ode & his wife Elizabeth, & in open court they surrendered into the hands of the lady of this manor two acres of land lying in Mydle Feild, & abutting upon land of John Dove on the east & north sides, & the other eand abutting upon a parcel of land of the lord's demesne called Woodserne[=Woodsires], & abutting south, and on the other side abutting upon a piece of land of the lord's demesne called Three Acres on the west side, which lately befell to him by the death of his father, Henry Ode, to the benefit and use of John Dove and his heirs & assigns, To whom the lady, by her Steward, conceded seisin thereof, to have & to hold the aforesaid two acres of land to himself, the aforesaid John Dove, his heirs & assigns, at the will of the lady, according to the custom of the aforesaid manor, by the Rent & services thereof hitherto owed & by Law accustomed, And he made fealty to the lady, and he was admitted tenant therein. And he gave the lady [as appears in the heading]

Assessors John Dove
 ---John Crofte .

[End of I7 [previously H4] (front). I7 [previously H4] (back) follows below]

Roll I7 [previously H4] (back)

N.B. This side is blank apart from the following, written sideways at the bottom (possibly by Edward Alleyn) :

3rd Year of Elizabeth
to 3rd of King James

[End of Roll I7 [previously H4].]