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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 J3 [previously K1] (front)

Part 1 [Thursday] 8 Mar 1576

K.1

Manor of Dulwich	Court Baron with View of frank pledge of Joan Calton, widow, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, there held on the Eighth day of March in the Eighteenth Year of the reign of our lady Elizabeth, by the grace of god Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith &c.																								
Excuses	John Crofte is excused, through Thomas Crofte ; Henry Rawston is excused, through Christopher Curson ; Jasper Wright is excused, through Dunstan Turnor ; George Fynche is excused, through Robert Nelson.																								
Free Tenants and Suitors.	Matthew Draper ; John Crofte ; Thomas Longe.																								
Presentment of the Constable	John Mathewe presents that all's well, and nothing else, And in his place is elected Thomas Longe.																								
Head Pledges	William Kyppinge and John Shott present that all's well, and nothing else, And in their place are elected Henry Hunter and Robert Brokesbye.																								
Taster of ale	Henry Hunter presents that all's well, and nothing else, And in his place is elected Giles A Becke.																								
12 not only for the Queen but also for the lady of this Manor	<table><tr><td rowspan="5">[</td><td>William Wilkynson</td><td rowspan="5">]</td><td rowspan="5">Sworn</td><td rowspan="5">[</td><td>Walter Bone ^c</td><td rowspan="5">]</td><td rowspan="5">Sworn</td><td rowspan="5">[</td><td>Laurence Austen</td><td rowspan="5">]</td><td rowspan="5">Sworn</td></tr><tr><td>John Mathewe</td><td>John Lewes</td><td>William Dalton</td></tr><tr><td>Christopher Curson</td><td>John Heathe</td><td>Thomas Feringe</td></tr><tr><td>Thomas Longe</td><td>Giles A Becke</td><td>Richard Mathewe</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>John Shott ^c</td></tr></table>	[William Wilkynson]	Sworn	[Walter Bone ^c]	Sworn	[Laurence Austen]	Sworn	John Mathewe	John Lewes	William Dalton	Christopher Curson	John Heathe	Thomas Feringe	Thomas Longe	Giles A Becke	Richard Mathewe			John Shott ^c
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Sworn into the Assize Henry Curson, son of Christopher Curson, William Blanden, and Thomas Becke, son of Giles A Becke, were Sworn to be true subjects of the said lady Queen.

Fine c----- 4s The aforesaid Homage say and affirm that all and singular the above presentments to be true. And further they say that they assuredly gave the lady of this Manor at this day, of ancient custom, 4s.

Defaults Likewise the aforesaid Homage say that Matthew Draper owes suit at the Court Baron, and made default ;
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And that John Chapman, Roger Hamon , Richard Forrant, Thomas Salter and John Bodger are residents within the aforesaid Manor and owe suit at the Court of view of frank pledge, and made default. Therefore he and each of them is amerced, as appears on their head.

Alienation Likewise the aforesaid Homage say that Thomas Ode alienated and sold to Matthew Draper, gentleman, all his free[hold] lands and Tenements within the aforesaid lordship.

Strays Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that one Mare worth 10s came as a stray within this lordship at the feast of Saint Michael Archangel last past, and is in the custody of the aforesaid Joan Calton, And also that one calf worth 5s came as a stray within the aforesaid lordship at the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael Archangel last past, And is in the custody of Henry Pyke.

amercement 8d Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that John Chapman allowed one sow and two piglets to go unringed, Therefore he is amerced 8d.

amercement 2s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Robert Brokesbye cut down and carried away one tree called 'a stubbe of an oke' growing in the wood of the said Joan Calton, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, called Kinges Copyes [i.e. King's Coppice], Therefore he is amerced 2s.

amercement 3s 4d Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that John Bodgerson sold ale contrary to the Assize. Therefore he is amerced c----- 3s 4d.

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Encroachment
penalty .10s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Matthew Draper encroached upon the common of this Manor, in siting a certain hedge/fence hard by the house of Giles A Becke, about four feet over the aforesaid common. Therefore the aforesaid Matthew is ordered to give up the aforesaid encroachment and to put the aforesaid hedge/fence in its right course, before the feast of Pentecost next to come, under penalty of o----- 10s.

penalty .10s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Robert Brokesbye encroached [upon] the common of this Manor, in siting his garden hedge/fence about three feet over the aforesaid Common. Therefore the aforesaid Robert is ordered to give up the aforesaid encroachment and to put the aforesaid hedge/fence in its right course, before the aforesaid feast of Pentecost next to come, under penalty of o---- 10s.

penalty .10s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Dunstan Turnor removed one rustic stile, called 'a style', at the end of his orchard, leading to a certain bridge called Howlettes bridge, out of its rightful place. Therefore the aforesaid Dunstan is ordered to put the aforesaid rustic stile, called 'a style', in its rightful place, before the feast of Easter next to come, under penalty of o----- 10s.

amercement 20s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that John Chapman after he was on warning that he should scour a certain ditch leading from the end of William Dalton's house as far as his own house before a certain past date, containing by estimation twenty rods, under penalty of 12d for each rod, and he has not scoured the same ditch, Therefore he is amerced o-- 20s .

amercement c--3s 4d Likewise they present that William Wilkyns[sic] was using a non-woollen hat on Sundays, contrary to the form of the statute published and provided therefor. Therefore he is amerced o----- 3s 4d.

amercement c--3s 4d Likewise they present that Laurence Austen was using a non-woollen hat on Sundays, contrary to the form of the statute published and provided therefor. Therefore he is amerced o----- 3s 4d.

Penalty It is Ordered by the whole of the aforesaid Homage that Robert Brokesbye will scour a certain ditch containing by estimation four rods, lying and being hard by the mansion house of the same Robert, next to the Common there, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of ---- 12d for each rod.

Penalty Likewise it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid Homage that Dunstan Turnor will scour a certain ditch leading from the gate of the same Dunstan as far as the end of his orchard, containing by estimation six rods, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of 12d for each rod.

Penalty Likewise it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid Homage that George Fynche will scour one ditch at Newelandes containing by estimation Thirty rods, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of c---- 12d for each rod.

Penalty Likewise it is ordered by the whole Homage that John Chapman will scour one ditch hard by the high way leading from the end of George Fynche's close as far as a certain place called the Kenelles, containing by estimation twenty rods, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of 12d for each rod.

Penalty Likewise it is ordered by the whole Homage that William Wylkyns[sic] will scour one ditch at a certain lane called Crokestead Lane, containing by estimation six rods, and one other ditch in the same lane called Crokestead Lane, joining on to a certain ditch of Roger Hamonde's, containing by estimation four rods, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of o---- 12d for each rod.

Penalty. Likewise it is ordered by the whole Homage that Roger Hamonde will scour one ditch in the aforesaid lane called Crokestead Lane, joining on to Courte meade, containing by estimation fifty rods, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of o---- 12d for each rod.

Assessors { Laurence Austen }
 { Christopher Curson } Sworn

[End of J3 [previously K1] (front). Nothing on J3 [previously K1] (back) except, at the 'top', in two later hands :]

Rolls from the 13 to the 26 of Elizabeth
By Joan Calton. **Look at this**



Roll
K.1-7

[and, at the 'bottom', in a third (but late 16th-century) hand :]

Dulwyche
eighth day of March
18th Year of Elizabeth

[End of Roll J3 [previously K1].]