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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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K.2.

Manor of Dulwyche

View of frank pledge with Court Baron of Joan Calton, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, there held on Monday the Fourteenth day of April in the Twentieth 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 None

Free tenants and Suitors John Crofte, Thomas Longe.

Presentment of the Constable Thomas Longe, Constable there, makes default at this Court, Therefore he is amerced c—10s, And he is ordered to serve in the aforesaid office until the next Lete.

Head Pledges Robert Brokesbye, one of the Head pledges, confesses that in the House of the same Robert a game of playing cards called 'Cardes' took place, And that he himself sold ale being not sealed in accordance with the Statute &c, Therefore amercement c-- 20s he is amerced c--- 20s. And the aforesaid Robert is ordered that henceforth he does not sell any Ale within this Manor, under penalty of c--- 40s for each offence. And in the office of Head Pledges were elected William Dalton and Henry Hunter, And they were Sworn.

Taster of Ale Giles A Becke presents that all's well, and nothing else. And in his place Henry Huscrofte is elected, And he was Sworn.

12 not only for the Lady Queen, but also for the Lady of this Manor	Robert Landman c-----	} Sworn	Henry Mathye c-----	} Sworn	Thomas Fearinge c-----	} Sworn
	Thomas Sergeant		George Fynche		William Dalton	
	Nicholas Everedge		Thomas Ode		John Shott	
	Roger Hamond		Walter Bone		Thomas Shott c-----	
	Christopher Cursone c-----		John Heathe c-----			

Sworn into the Assize John Dalton, John Fearinge, Andrew Reade, and Richard Hamonde, are Sworn to be true Subjects of the said lady Queen, her heirs and successors.

Common fine 4s The aforesaid Homage say and Affirm all and singular the above presentments to be true, And they further say that they assuredly gave the Lord[sic] for the time being of this manor, at this day, by ancient custom, c---- 4s.

Death of a tenant Likewise the aforesaid homage present that Matthew Draper, who held freely of the said Joan Calton, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, one Messuage and ten acres of land, with appurtenances, called A myels, by rent of 11½d Yearly, and one Tenement called Reygatts, containing by estimation seven acres of land, by rent of 13½d & of one pound of Cumin Yearly, And one other Tenement and eight acres of land lying in a certain field called Lytle Apse, by rent of 16d Yearly, has died since the last Court, And the same Matthew Draper, on the day that he died, held of the said Joan Calton One Messuage & certain other lands lately Thomas Ode's, but the aforesaid homage do not know the definite amount of the same, or by what services [they are held]. And by his Last Will in writing, he gave and bequeathed the same Messuages, lands and Tenements (amongst others) to Edmund Bowyer, gentleman, and his heirs (so it is said).



two heriots Likewise the aforesaid homage present that the aforesaid Matthew Draper [who] held of the said Joan Calton, to himself and his heirs, by Copy of Court Roll of the aforesaid Manor, One house [and] seven acres of land lying in three parcels, by Rent of 2s 4d Yearly, And three acres of land next to Gascoignes Pytte by rent of 12d Yearly, And also four acres of land lying in the Apse by rent of 12d Yearly, has died seised thereof, after whose death there falls to the said Joan Calton his two best Beasts, for a heriot, And they further say that Bennett Fromandes, the wife of John Fromandes, Esquire, and Elizabeth Forster, the wife of William Forster, Esquire, are the sisters of the aforesaid Matthew Draper, and nearest heirs to the same lands and tenements. And they are of full age.



amercement 2s Likewise the aforesaid homage present that John Badger felled two trees called 'Crabbe trees' growing within the aforesaid Manor, contrary to the order previously imposed by[?, on] the Tenants of the same Manor. Therefore he is amerced c----2s.

amercement 2s Likewise they present that William Kyppyngge felled two trees growing within the aforesaid Manor, contrary to the aforesaid order. Therefore he is amerced c----2s.

amercement 12d **Likewise** they present that Thomas Longe shook down '*glandines*', called '*Acornes*', of oaks growing within the aforesaid Manor, contrary to the sanction previously imposed, Therefore he is amerced c----- 12d.

amercement 12d **Likewise** they present that Dunstan Turnor allowed six pigs to be, and to go, unringed upon the Common of this Manor. Therefore he is amerced c----- 12d.

amercement 8d **Likewise** they present that John Heathe allowed four piglets to be, and to go, unringed upon the aforesaid Common. Therefore he is amerced c----- 8d.

amercement 4d **Likewise** they present that Thomas Fearynge allowed two piglets to be, and to go, unringed upon the aforesaid Common. Therefore he is amerced c-----4d.

amercement 10s **Likewise** they present that John Badger, here at Dulwyche aforesaid, effected a rescue of his mare from Henry Calton & Thomas Wightman [trustees of the Calton estates] who had retrieved the said mare & wanted to impound the same for trespass made in a certain place called Kynges Copyes. Therefore he is amerced c----- 10s.

amercement 6s 8d **Likewise** they present that Christopher Curson played at playing Cards, called '*Cardes*'. Therefore he is amerced, according to the Statute promulgated in such a case, c----- 6s 8d.

penalty forfeited **Likewise** they present that William Wilkyns was put on warning at the Last Court to make two Gratings, called '*grates*', next to the land of Robert Wythe, Esquire, to carry water into the common ditch there called '*the comen Sewer*', before a certain day long past, under penalty of 20d for Each of them being undone. And he has not made the same Grates. Therefore he is amerced c----- 3s 4d.

penalty forfeited **Likewise** they present that Dunstan Turnor was put on warning at the Court held within the aforesaid Manor on the eighth day of March in the 18th Year of the reign of the said present lady Queen, to 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 a certain day long past, under penalty of 12d for each rod. And he has not scoured the aforesaid ditch. Therefore he is amerced 6s.

penalty forfeited **Likewise** they present that Audrey Hardye, widow, was put on warning at the last Court to scour a certain Ditch at Archepole, containing by estimation twenty rods, before a certain day long past, under penalty of 4d for each rod, And she has not scoured the aforesaid ditch. Therefore she is amerced c----- 6s 8d.

penalty imposed **It is Ordered** by the whole of the aforesaid homage that Henry Mathewe will scour his ditch, being in a certain Lane Called Crokesteade lane, next to the close called the Burne, containing by estimation Twenty rods, before the feast of Saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty of c----12d for each rod.

penalty imposed **Likewise** it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid homage that Roger Hamon will scour his ditch in Crokesteade lane aforesaid, next to the croft there called the Burne, containing by estimation ten rods, before the aforesaid feast of Saint John the Baptist next to come, under penalty of c----12d for each rod.

penalty imposed **Likewise** it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid homage that Giles A Becke will scour his ditch next to the common road leading from his house As far as the field there called Howlettes, containing by estimation Twenty rods, before the feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of c----12d for each rod.

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Roll J4 [previously K2] (back)

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Likewise it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid homage that Dunstan Turnor will scour his ditch leading from the end of Giles A Becke's ditch as far as the common ditch there called '*the comen Sewer*' next to Howlettes, containing by estimation twenty rods, before the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of c----12d for each rod.

Likewise it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid homage that Henry Hunter will scour his ditch leading from the close called Roger Hamon's yard as far as a certain place called Newe landes, containing by estimation twenty rods, before the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of c---12d for each rod.

Likewise it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid homage that Richard Watteford will scour his ditch between a certain place called Kenelles and Newlandes, containing by estimation fifty rods, before the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of c---12d for each rod.

Likewise it is ordered by the whole of the aforesaid homage that William Kyppyng will scour his ditch leading from the aforesaid place called Kenelles As far as his house, containing by estimation thirty rods, before the aforesaid feast of Saint Michael Archangel next to come, under penalty of c---12d for each rod.

And now To this same Court came John Fromandes, Esquire, and his wife Bennett, one of the sisters and nearest heirs of Matthew Draper, gentleman, deceased, And sought to be admitted Tenants to a mesnalty [=half-share] of one house, of seven acres of land lying in three parcels, and of three acres of land next to Gascoignes pytte, And also of four acres of land lying in the Apse, with appurtenances, being Custumary land and parcel of the aforesaid Manor, Which the aforesaid Matthew Draper at the time of his death held to himself and his heirs by Copy of the Court Roll of the aforesaid Manor, **To which** same Bennett the aforesaid Joan Calton, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, by her Steward, conceded the said Mesnalty of the aforesaid house, of the seven acres of land, & of the aforesaid three acres of land lying next to Gascoignes Pytt, and of the aforesaid four acres of land, with all their appurtenances, **To Have** and to hold to the same Bennett and her heirs, by the rod, at the will of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor according to the Custom of the same Manor, **Rendering** and making yearly therefor, to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor for the time being, the Rent and services thereof hitherto owed and by law accustomed, and the aforesaid John and Bennett gave the aforesaid Joan Calton for a Fine for having such estate c---26s. And they made fealty. And seisin was delivered to the aforesaid Bennett by the rod. And she was admitted Tenant thereof.

[End of Roll J4 [previously K2].]