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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**.

K.4

Manor of
Dulwyche

Court Baron of Joan Calton, widow, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, there held on the third day of December, in the twenty-second Year of the reign of our lady Elizabeth, by the grace of god Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c.

The homage.
not only for the
Lady Queen, but
also for the Lady
of this Manor

Nicholas Etheredge
Thomas Sargeant
Roger Hamonde
John Heathe

}
Sworn
}

Walter Bone
Thomas Shote
Richard Mathye
Robert Nelson

}
Sworn
}

Thomas Fearinge
John Shotte
Christopher Curson

}
Sworn
}

The homage

The aforesaid Homage Says and presents that Edmond Bowyer, John Crofte,
Thomas Longe, John Fromans, Thomas Warde, and Thomas Woode[=Ode],
owe suit at the Court baron, and made default, Therefore each and everyone of them
is amerced, as appears on their Heads.

Assessors John Heathe
 Christopher Curson.

To this Court came John Hunte in his own person, and in the same Court surrendered one messuage or Tenement and ten acres of land, whether more or less, with appurtenances, sometime Barnard Jones', situate, lying, and being in Dulwiche aforesaid, now or lately in the occupation of Robert Landman, into the lady's hands, to the benefit and Use of Robert Withe, Esquire, his heirs and assigns, Whereby falls to the lady as a Heriot one cow, for which the aforesaid John Hunte paid the lady of the aforesaid manor forty shillings, And upon which came the aforesaid Robert

Rent 3s

fine c-- £5

Withe, and took from the lady in the same Court the aforesaid messuage or Tenement and ten acres of land, whether more or less, with appurtenances, To Have and to hold to himself and his heirs, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid manor, making and rendering therefor, the rent, customs, and services thereof itherto owed and by law accustomed, And he gave the lady as a fine, for having such estate therein, five pounds, And seisin was delivered to him by the rod, and he was admitted Tenant thereof.

[End of J6 [previously K4] (front). Nothing on J6 [previously K4] (back), except one or two traces of writing where the ink has seeped through from the other side.]

[End of Roll J6 [previously K4].]