



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. Otherwise, all contemporaneous text is in **black**, except for presumed later additions which are indicated in **brown** or **blue**.

Manor of  
Dulwiche  
K.6

**Court Baron** with View of Frank pledge of Joan Caulton, widow, there held on the tenth day of April, in the twenty-third 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

Robert Withe Esquire, and John Badger, are excused through Robert Brokesbye ; John Higges, Henry Curson, and Stephen Curson, are excused.

presentment of  
the constable

John Heathe, Constable there, presents upon his oath that all's well, and nothing else, and in place of the aforesaid John Heathe was elected Henry Mathewe, and he was Sworn.

Head  
pledges

Henry Mathewe and Thomas Fearinge, which said Henry Mathewe makes default, Therefore he is amerced c.....5s, and Thomas Fearinge presents that all's well and nothing else, and in their place are elected Walter Bone and Thomas Shotte.

taster  
of ale

Richard Mathewe presents that all's well, and nothing else, and in his place is elected Robert Nelson, and he was Sworn &c.

The Homage, not  
only for the lady  
Queen, but also for  
the lady of this  
Manor

Christopher Curson	c-----	} Sworn
Walter Bone		
Thomas Claye		
Thomas Warde		
George Finche	c-----	

Roger Hamonde	c-----	} Sworn
William Palmer		
Robert Brokesbye		
Robert Nelson		
Thomas Fearinge	c-----	

Thomas Shotte  
Henry Huscrofte  
Giles Abecke  
Richard Mathye.

Sworn into the  
Assize

Walter Curson was Sworn to be a true subject of the said lady Queen, her heirs and successors.

- 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 lady of this manor for the year, from ancient custom, c..... 4s.
- Default Likewise the aforesaid Homage say and present that Edmond Bowyer, Esquire ;  
4d 14d 2s 6d [or 7s 6d]  
Peter Marshe ; Thomas Sargeant ; William Cooe ; John Crofte ; and Henry  
12d 3d  
Mathewe owe suit at the Court baron and make default, and that William London and  
6d  
Richard the servant of William Cooe are residents within the aforesaid manor and owe suit at the Court of View of Frank pledge, and make default, Therefore they and each of them is in mercy, as appears on their Head.
- amercement 3s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Dunstan Turnore allowed nine pigs to be, and to go upon the Common of this manor, unringed, contrary to the ordinance &c, Therefore he is amerced c..... 3s.
- amercement 2s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Thomas Fearinge allowed six piglets to be, and to go upon the aforesaid Common, unringed, therefore he is amerced c..... 2s.
- amercement 2s 6d Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that William Dalton allowed eight piglets to be, and to go upon the same Common, unringed, therefore he is amerced c..... 2s 8d.
- amercement 2s Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that John Heathe allowed six pigs to be, and to go upon the aforesaid Common, unringed, therefore he is amerced c..... 2s.
- amercement 12d Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that John Bagger cut down one fruit Tree called 'a Crabtree' lately growing upon the aforesaid Common, contrary to the ordinance &c, therefore he is amerced c..... 12d.
- amercement 12d Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Roger Hamond cut down one fruit Tree called 'a

*Crabtree* lately growing upon the aforesaid Common, contrary to the aforesaid ordinance &c, therefore he is amerced c..... 12d.

amercement 2s

Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Richard Watford cut down two fruit Trees called '*Crabtrees*' lately growing upon the same Common, contrary to the ordinance &c, therefore he is amerced c..... 2s.

stray

Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that one spayed horse called '*a nagge*', coloured [blank], worth [blank], Came as a stray within this lordship, and is in the custody of Thomas Fearinge.

Likewise the aforesaid Homage present that Dunstan Turnere cut down One Ancient oak in a certain place called Arburrowe Hill, otherwise '*the loppes*' ['*The Lapse*'?].

Assessors Christopher Curson  
Roger Hamond

**To this** Court came Philippa Henley in her own person, and took from the lady of this Manor in open Court there one Tenement and fourteen acres of land with appurtenances within the aforesaid manor, being customary land of the same Manor, and of which Henry Henley, father of the aforesaid Phillipa, died seised, To which said Philippa Henley the lady, by her Steward, conceded seisin thereof, To Have and to hold the aforesaid Tenement and fourteen acres of land with appurtenances to the aforesaid Philippa Henley and her heirs, by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, Rendering therefor yearly four shillings and eight pence a year, and all other burdens, customs and services thereof hitherto owed and accustomed, And she gave the lady as a fine for her having such entry therein as appears in the Heading, and she made fealty to the lady, and she was admitted Tenant thereof &c.

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[Deleted, and replaced by the entry below, when it was realised that the land was not copyhold, but freehold.]

~~And to this Court came Thomas Claye and his wife Agnes, daughter of Thomas Hunte deceased, and sought that the aforesaid Agnes be admitted to one Tenement and twelve acres of land with its appurtenances, lying and being in Dulwiche aforesaid, customary land and parcel of the aforesaid manor, and which the aforesaid Thomas Hunte held at the time of his death to himself and his heirs, by Copy of the Court Rolls of the aforesaid Manor, and which descended to the aforesaid Agnes after the death of the aforesaid Thomas, her father, To which same Agnes the lady, by her Steward, conceded the aforesaid Tenement and twelve acres of land, with appurtenances, To Have and to hold to the aforesaid Agnes and her heirs, at the will of the lady, according to the custome of the aforesaid Manor, by the rent and services thereof hitherto owed and by law accustomed, and she gave the lady as a fine for having such estate [blank] and heriotable when it so happens according to the custom of the manor, and seisin was delivered to her by the rod, and she made fealty, and she was admitted Tenant thereof &c.~~

To this Court came Thomas Claye and his Wife Agnes, ~~and~~ daughter of Thomas Hunte, and sought that the aforesaid Agnes be admitted to one Tenement and twelve acres of land with its appurtenances, sometime Thomas Hunte, which descended to the aforesaid Agnes after the death of the aforesaid Thomas, her father, and she was admitted.

[End of Roll J7 [previously K6] (front). Nothing on J7 [previously K6] (back) except, confusingly, at the bottom :]

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[End of Roll J7 [previously K6].]