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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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Manor of  
Dulwich

K.5

**Court Baron** of Joan Caulton, widow, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, there held on the tenth day of June, 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.

homage not only  
for the lady Queen  
but also for the  
lady of this Manor

Peter Marshe	}	Sworn
Christopher Curson		
Nicholas Foster		
Thomas Claye		

The aforesaid Homage presents that all's well, and nothing else.

**To this Court** come William Foster and his Wife Elizabeth, and seek that the aforesaid Elizabeth be admitted Tenant to the moiety of seven acres of land in Dulwiche aforesaid, lying in three parcels, and to the moiety of three acres of land lying next to Gascoignes Pytte, and of four acres of land lying in the Apps, with appurtenances, being customary land and parcel of the aforesaid manor, and that at the time of his death Matthew Draper, gentleman, held to himself and his heirs by copy of the Rolls of the Court of the aforesaid Manor, and that after the death of the aforesaid Matthew descended to the aforesaid Elizabeth, one of the sisters and co-heirs of the aforesaid Matthew, To which said Elizabeth the aforesaid Joan Caulton, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, by her Steward, conceded the said moiety of the aforesaid seven acres of land lying in three parcels, of the three acres of land lying next to Gascoignes Pytte, and of the aforesaid four acres of land lying in the Apps, with all their appurtenances, To Have and to hold to the same Elizabeth and her heirs, by the rod, at the will of the lords of the aforesaid manor, Rendering and making therefor Yearly 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 William and Elizabeth gave the lady, for a fine, 20s, and the aforesaid Elizabeth made fealty and was admitted Tenant therein. And at this same Court the same William and Elizabeth (the same Elizabeth examined alone) surrendered into the hands of the said Joan Caulton, farmer of the aforesaid manor, the aforesaid moiety of the aforesaid seven acres of land lying in three parcels, and of the aforesaid three acres of land lying next to Gascoignes Pytte, and of the aforesaid four acres of land lying in the Apps, with all their appurtenances, to the benefit and use of Bennett Fromans, Widow, sister of he said Elizabeth, and her heirs ; Whereby falls to the aforesaid lady, for a heriot, the best beast of the same William Foster, for which the aforesaid William paid the lady of the aforesaid Manor forty shillings ; And upon which to the same Court came the aforesaid Bennett Fromans and took from the lady in the same Court the aforesaid Tenements with appurtenances, To Have and to hold to herself and her heirs at the will of the lady, according to the custome of the aforesaid manor, making and rendering therefor the rent, customs and services hitherto owed and by law accustomed, and she gav the lady as a Fine for having such estate therein twenty shillings, and seisin was delivered to the same Bennett by the rod ; And she was admitted Tenant therein.

**At this same** Court the lady by her Steward conceded custody of the person and of the lands of Nicholas Knight, son and heir of Henry Knight, to Peter Marshe and the Wife of the said Peter, Joan, mother of the said Nicholas, To Have and to hold to the aforesaid Peter and Joan, and their assigns, during the minority of the same Nicholas (always however paying to the lady of the aforesaid Manor the rent and all other services thereof hitherto owed according to the custom of the aforesaid manor), and they gave the lady, for a Fine, forty-five shillings, and so on 🌀 🌀

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