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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.7

Dulvich

View of Frankpledge with Court barron of Joan Calton, Widow, farmer of the aforesaid Manor, there held on Monday, namely the twenty-sixth Day of October in the twenty-sixth Year of the reign of Our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c, by John Kytchin esquire, Steward there.

Excuses of Tithingmen

Thomas Hamond, John Hamond, William Jackson, Thomas Weldon, Benedict Smythe, John Ambler and Thomas A Becke, Are Tithingmen within the compass of the View of Frank pledge, and are excused.

Jurors for the Lady Queen and of the homage

Christopher Curson
Thomas Claye
Nicholas Foster
Walter Bone
Lawrence Staple

Sworn

Solomon Sargeante
Henry Mathewe
John Hunte
Robert Nelson
John Heathe

Sworn

John Lewis
John Shotte
Thomas Fearinge
Thomas Shott
Thomas Salter

Sworn

Common fine and for the year – 4s

In the first place They say upon their oath that the Common fine of this manor collected for the year and paid to the Lady of this manor by the Head pledges is --- 4s, And now is paid to the Lady --- 4s, by Thomas Claye, Head pledge, and still there are arrears carried for the period of Two years -----

2d 2d

Tithingmen who make default

Likewise They say that John Crofte, John Bedell, John Cassenger, Are Tithingmen, and owe suit at the View of Frank pledge, and make default, Therefore each of them is amerced, as appears over their Heads.

Amercement

Likewise They say that William Coo recruited another to cut down wood upon the waste of the lady, contrary to the ordinance made made[sic] in that respect at the last Court, Therefore he is in the Lady's mercy ----- 3s 4d.

- Amercement **Likewise** They say that Anthony [blank] , brewer of Lambeth, sold unwholesome ale within this Manor, Therefore he is in the Lady's mercy ----- 2s.
- Amercement **Likewise** They say that [blank] Brooksbeey, Widow, sold unwholesome ale within this Manor, Therefore she is in the Lady's mercy ----- 4d.
- Penalty imposed **In the first place** it is ordered that Thomas Wyghtman, gentleman, should scour his ditch at Carters hall, Twenty rods in Length, before the feast of Easter next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady for each rod thereof [undone] ----- 4d
- Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered that the Said Thomas Wyghtman should scour the Kenelles ditch where it will be necessary, before the Said feast of Easter next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady for each rod thereof --- 4d
- Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered that Henry Hunter should scour his ditch from Homandes [=Hamond's] gate as far as Newlandes, eight Rods in Length, before the feast of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady for each Rod ----- 4d.
- Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered that John Staples should scour his ditch at Newlandes, Ten Rods in Length, before the aforesaid feast of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady for each Rod ----- 4d.
- Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered that William Dalton should make ladder stiles, for walking over, upon the hill in his Close, before the feast of All Saints next to come, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady for each week thereof in Default ----- 10s.
- Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered that John Spademan should make a ladder stile at the end of his House, in the field called Warde's feild, before the aforesaid feast of All Saints next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady for each week thereof in Default ----- 10s.

Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered that Joan Turnor, Widow, should scour and maintain the 'sluce' which leads the water from the Houses, before the Twentieth day of November next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady -----4s

Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered [that] Ellis Parrye should repair and make straight his hedge/fence before the aforesaid feast of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady ----- 10s.

Penalty **Likewise** it is ordered that Robert Scott should remove his hedge/fence from the waste of the Lady, and make the same hedge/fence straight between himself and Christopher Curson before the aforesaid feast of the Purification next, Under penalty of forfeiting to the Lady ----- 10s.

Sworn into allegiance to the Lady Queen William Nevett, Edmund Curson, Gabriel Shawe, and Christopher Cassenger, Are aged Twelve years and more, and now are Sworn into allegiance of the lady Queen -----

Constable Walter Bone is elected into the aforesaid office for this Year, and is Sworn.

John Scott is elected into the aforesaid office for this Year, and is Sworn.

Head pledges Henry Mathewe is elected into the aforesaid office for this Year, and is Sworn.

Taster of ale Thomas Fearinge is elected into the aforesaid office for this Year, and is Sworn.

Now of the Court Barron

6d.

Tenants who make default **In the first place** They say upon their oath that Bene[di]ct[a] Fromans, Widow, John Crofte, and Elizabeth Wryght, Are Tenants of the Court barron and Owe suit of the Court barron, and Owe[sic, at] suit[sic, this] Day make Default. Therefore each of them is amerced, as appears over their Heads --- ---

Admission of Ellis Parrye **Likewise** They say that Robert Wythe esquire, Customary tenant of this Manor, since the last Court and outside the Court, according to the Custom of this Manor, surrendered into the Lady's hands, by the hands of Christopher Curson and Thomas Warde, Two Customary tenants of this Manor, one Messuage or tenement with appurtenances and Ten acres of land, more or less, now or late in the tenure or occupation of Christopher

fine £5 10s.

Heath or of some other Assignees of the Said Robert Wythe, To the benefit and Use of Ellis Parrye, his heirs and assigns in perpetuity, Which said Ellis, present here in Court, seeks to be admitted to the aforesaid Messuage or tenement, with appurtenances, and Ten acres of land, with appurtenances, To which said Ellis the Lady, by her Steward, conceded seisin thereof by the rod. To Have and to hold to the same Ellis, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, by the rod, at the will of the Lady, according to the Custom of the Manor, by the rent, services and customs thereof hitherto Owed and accustomed, and heriotable whenever it should happen. And the said Ellis Gave the Lady As a fine as appears in the Margin, and he made fealty to the Lady, and he was admitted tenant thereof. And now falls to the Lady one heriot, according to the custom of this Manor, by virtue of this surrender.

Bowyer

Likewise They say that at the Court held within this Manor on the eleventh Day of April in the twenty-fourth Year of our now Lady Queen, Thomas Ode, in his own person, in the same Court, surrendered into the Lady's hands Eleven acres of Customary land Lying at Howlettes bridge, with appurtenances, To the benefit and use of Edmund Bowyer esquire, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, whereby falls to the Lady as a heriot one mare worth ----- 40s. And now at this Court They further say that Elizabeth Ode, lately wife of the aforesaid Thomas Ode, outside the Court, surrendered into the Lady's hands, by the hands of Christopher Curson and Thomas Warde, Two Customary tenants of this Manor, all Right, title, estate, Claim, Interest, and Demand of and in the same Eleven acres of land, with appurtenances, To the benefit and use of the aforesaid Edmund Bowyer, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity.

Admission of
Thomas Calton

Likewise to this Court came William Dalton, Customary tenant of this Manor, in his own person, [and] surrendered into the Lady's hands one acre of land, with appurtenances, called Beardes, sometime Walter Dove's, as appears by the Roll of the Court bearing Date the Twenty-fifth Year of Henry the Eighth, And afterwards Walter[sic, Samuel] Dove's, son of the Said Walter, as appears by the Roll of the Court bearing Date the sixth Year of our present queen, and now that of the Said William Dalton, by the surrender of the said Samuel, as appears by the roll of the Court bearing Date the Sixteenth Year of our present queen,

To the benefit and Use of Thomas Calton, son of the said Joan Calton, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity. Which said Thomas Calton, by his guardian Henry Calton, sought to be admitted to the aforesaid acre of land, with appurtenances, To whom the Lady, by her aforesaid steward, conceded seisin thereof by the Rod, To Have and to hold to the same Thomas Calton, his heirs and assigns, by the Rod, at the will of the Lady, according to the custom of this Manor, by yearly rent of ----- 4d, And other services thereof hitherto Owed and accustomed. And at this Court the said Thomas Calton, by his aforesaid guardian, was admitted tenant thereof, the fealty of the said Thomas, however, was postponed until he is of full age, And the Lady, of her grace, forgave the fine of the said Thomas Calton.

More of this Court appears on the Back of this roll.

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Roll J9 [previously K7] (back) [Monday] 26 Oct 1584 (continued)

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Seizure

At this Court the Bailiff is ordered to seize into the Lady's hands Half and acre of land
Newmans feild,
Lying in *Newlandes alias* ^ lately in the tenure or occupation of John Crofte or of his assigns,
and to answer to the Lady for the profits thereof.

first
proclamation

At this Court the first proclamation is made that John Crofte should show at the next
Court to be held here within this Manor, by what title he holds One messuage or tenement and
the said
thirteen acres of land now in the tenure of ^ John Crofte or of his assigns, let them *[sic]* come and
be heard, otherwise they will be seized into the Lady's hands ----

Encroachment

Likewise They say that the furnace House of John Crofte encroaches a little upon the land of Edmund Bowyer esquire

Assessed by Christopher Cursone and
Nicholas Foster }

executed by me, John Kytchyn, Steward §

[End of J9 [previously K7] (back), apart from, at the bottom :]

Court

Rolls from the

18th to the 26th of

Queen Elizabeth

[End of J9 [previously K7].]