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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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Dulwich

View of Frank pledge cum [space] Court Baron of Francis Caltone Esquire, there held on Thursday, namely the Nineteenth day of October in the Twenty-ninth Year of the reign of our lady Queen Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c, by William Bettes, gentleman, Steward there

Tithingmen Excused

Peter Marshe, Henry Cursone, Thomas Salter, Nicholas Foster, Edmund Cursone, Thomas Hamonde, John Spadman, John Casingerste, Christopher Casingerste, Francis Formans gentleman, Benedict Smythe, Nicholas Frende, Robert Hamdene, John Fletcher, William Londone, William Boane, John Mathewe, Edmund Bowyer Esquire, Agnes Wrighte, Are Tithingmen within the bounds of the View of Frank pledge, and are excused --- ---

Jurors

Christopher Cursone	-----	}	Sworn	John Halle	-----	}	Sworn	John Staple	-----	}	Sworn	Thomas Claye	-----	}	Sworn
John Boane	-----			John Heathe	-----			Henry Hunter	-----			Henry Mathewe	-----		
Walter Boane	-----			John Ambler	-----			Solomon Sergante	-----			John Bedell	-----		
Robert Bagerson senior	-----			William Daltone	-----										

The Common fine is yearly – 4s

Firstly they say upon their oath That the Common fine of this Manor is yearly ----- 4s Payable at the View of Frank pledge held wihin a month of Michaelmas, And it is now paid by the Head pledges.

penalty imposed

Firstly it is Ordered That Thomas Wughtman should make his ditch of [space] Bornes to be Scoured before the feast of saint Andrew the Apostle next, under penalty of forfeiture for each rod c-- 8d. he defaulted

penalty repaired **Likewise** it is Ordered That [blank] Sarey, widow, should make her ditch of Butchers feilde, by estimation ten rods, to be Scoured before Christmas next, under penalty of forfeiture for each rod c----- 12d.

penalty repaired **Likewise** it is Ordered That Henry Mathewe should make his ditch between his Gate and the further end of his land to be Scoured before Christmas next, under penalty of forfeiting for each rod c----- 12d.

penalty repaired **Likewise** it is Ordered that [blank] Escore[sic, ?Eason] , widow, should make her ditch at the end of the meadow of [blank] pynner to be Scoured before Christmas next, under penalty of forfeiting for each rod c----- 12d.

penalty repaired **Likewise** it is Ordered that William Doulton should make his ditch towards the end of the road of [blank] Ashpowle and[sic] to be scoured before Christmas next, under penalty of forfeiting for each rod c----- 12d.

penalty repaired **Likewise** it is Ordered That John Doulton should have each and Every one of his Beasts off the Common before the feast of All feasts [sic, saints] next, under penalty of forfeiting c----- £5

penalty repaired **Likewise** it is Ordered That Thomas Becke otherwise Gyles should have All his Beasts called Pasture Oxen [*Roother Lease*] Off the Common before the feast of All Saints next, under penalty of forfeiture c----- £5

amercement **Likewise** they present Stephen Funder of Croydone, Brewer, because his Ale is not good. Therefore he is amerced c----- 3s 4d.

amercement **Likewise** presentant John Lewes, John Ferringe, Henry Jacksone and John Hamon, because they Played at bowls. Therefore each of them is amerced c----- 4d.

amercement **Likewise** they present William Fletcher, because he drew blood in breach of the peace of the lady Queen. Therefore he is amerced c----- 3s 4d.

Constable Roger Hamond is elected into the aforesaid Office for this Year, and is Sworn.

Head pledges John Staple and John Hall are elected into the aforesaid Office for this Year, and are Sworn.

Taster of ale William Fletcher is elected into the aforesaid Office for this Year, and is Sworn.

Now of the Court Baron

Firstly They say That Ellis Parrye, Custumary tenant of this Manor, in his own person, surrendered into the lord's hands, by the hands of Christopher and Thome Claye, Two Custumary tenants of this Manor, One messuage or tenement, with appurtenances, and Ten acres of land, be it more or less, now or late in the tenure or Occupation of John Ambler, or of other Assigns of the said Ellis, to the benefit and use of the said Ellis Parrye and of his wife Marion, their heirs or Assigns, in perpetuity. Which said Ellis and Marion, present here in Court, seek to be admitted to the aforesaid Messuage or tenement, with appurtenances, and Ten acres of land, with appurtenances. **[To]** Which said Ellis and Marion the lord, by his Steward, Conceded seisin thereof by the Rod, to have and to hold to the same Ellis and Marion, their heirs and Assigns, in perpetuity, by the rod, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the Manor &c. And the said Ellis and Marion gave the lord as a fine, as appears in the Margin, and they made fealty to the lord, and they were admitted tenants thereof, as much as, &c., because he had no animals c--- 3s

Fine c- £3

paid c---3s

[End of J11 [previously L2] (front). J11 [previously L2] (back) continues below.]

Roll J11 [previously L2] (back)

L2v In these Rolls are Cases of younger sons being heirs according to Custom , &
If no sons then Co-heiresses admitted; a Customary tenant died & left 5 daughters, one
of which died before any of them were admitted, & ^{2 of} the other 4 came & were each
admitted to a fifth part of the Copyhold lands by the father's death, & a fourth part
of a fifth part by the sister's death ; each paid a fine.

A Tenant died seised of two Copyholds, & two Cows were sold for heriots, and where no
animal is, they paid 4d an acre for a heriot, being a year's quit rent.

32nd Elizabeth : Customary tenants give up their Right to Bushes & Sprays ;

a man fined 3s 4d for assault & drawing Blood ;

a Guardian for an infant admitted by the Court, & paid a fine

2nd of King James I : Ordered by & with the consent of all & singular

the tenants, that if any should take any Bushes out of the Manor

they should pay 10s a Load, & several were fined for cutting

Bushes & for putting Cattle into the Woods; & for breaking gaps.

*Dulwich Court
Rolls
3rd Year of Elizabeth.
to the third year
of King James*

[End of Roll J11 [previously L2].]