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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**.

Roll J12 [previously L4] (front) [Friday] 19 Apr 1588

N.B. The court session recorded on this side of Roll J12 [previously L4] is earlier than that on Roll J13 [previously L3]. The transcription and translation of Roll J12 [previously L4] (back) (which is later than Roll J13 [previously L3]) have been filed elsewhere.

Dulwich ¶ View of frank pledge with Court Baron there held on the 19th day of April in the thirtieth Year of the reign of Elizabeth, by the grace of god Queen of England, France & Ireland, defender of the faith, &c., by William Danby, gentleman, Steward to Francis Caltone esquire.

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Excuses ¶ none

Great Inquisition

¶ Thomas Crofte	} Sworn	Christopher Cursone	} Sworn	Simon Payne	} Sworn	Robert Badger	} Sworn
Thomas Warde		Salomon Sarjant		Henry Mathewe		Robert Nelson	
Nicholas Foster		John Hethe		William Daltone		John Amblere	
Thomas Cley		John Halle		John Staple		John Grene	

¶ To this Court came Robert Smyth, otherwise Myller, & his wife Agnes, one of the daughters of *Richard Wrighte* deceased, & Thomas Crofte, son & heir of John Crofte, & the aforesaid Agnes examined alone by the Steward, esquire, surrendered into the hands of Francis Caltone [^] lord of the aforesaid Manor, a fourth part of one Messuage & fifteen acres of land called Lane's Land, to the benefit and use of the aforesaid Francis & his heirs in perpetuity.

¶ The Jurors present that Edmund Bowyer, Peter Marshe, Francis Fromams, Ellis Parrye, Nicholas Frende, John Ferryngge, John Masone, Walter Boane, Henry Jacksone, William Boane, Richard Watforde, Thomas Salter, Thomas Shotte, John Lewes Junior, John Spadmane, John Hunt, Roger Hamonde, Robert Kynssmane, William Newet, John Badger, & Mathew Kempssalle, at this Court make default. Therefore each of them is amerced 2d.

[End of J12 [previously L4] (front). J12 [previously L4] (back) is filed separately.]