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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**.

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Dulwich

View of frank pledge there held on the thirteenth day of April in the thirty-second 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

Ellis Parry	Christopher Heath	Benedict Smyth
Nicholas Frind	John Casingherst	John Hamond
Mary Wright	William Bone	Henry Shott
Helen Wright	Thomas Hamond	Robert Bager Junior
Robert Badger	William Hamond	Thomas Gyles
Henry Bone	William Rooke	Edmund Hunter
John Mason	Christopher Casingherst	

12 for the lady Queen

John Bone		Simon Payne	
Walter Bone		John Shott	
John Hall	Sworn	Thomas Shott	
John Staple		Robert Nelson	Sworn
Salomon Serjant		William Dalton	
John Heath		Henry Mathew	
		Lawrence Otway	

Constable

Roger Hamond } Sworn, with a great Oath, to give true judgment.

Head pledges

{ John Ambler }
{ John Bedell } Sworn, with a great Oath, to give true judgment.

Tester of
ale

{John Hunt } Sworn likewise, with a great Oath, to give true judgment.

amercement(s) c- 2s

Who say upon their oath that Roger Savage, John Feringe, Gabriel Shory, John Lewis the tailor,
Robert Lewis, Henry Jacsone, John Hudson, Henry Feringe, Christopher Savage, Edmund Curston,
John Lewis, and William Pare, are residents within the bounds of this Court, and at this Court make
default. Therefore each of them is amerced, as appears over their heads.

amercement c- 2s

And further they present that Richard Jenkinson has not repaired six perches of his ditch, as he was ordered
to do at the last Court, under penalty for each perch of c----- 4d. Therefore he is amerced c----- 2s.

ameracements c— 4s 4d

And further they present that Solomon Serjant allowed his six pigs, John Hall one [pig], John Staple
one [pig] and six piglets, Thomas Hamond three [pigs], Walter Bone one [pig], John Casinghurst one [pig],
Simon Payne one [pig], **Robert Nelson five piglets**, **Henry Hunter two [pigs]**, Gabriel Shorye two [pigs],
John Longe three [pigs], and John Heath one [pig], to go unringed upon the common of Dulwich, within the
jurisdiction of this Court, contrary to the previously-made ordinance of this Court. Therefore each of them is
amerced, as appears over their heads .

penalty c----- 4s

And further Richard Eston is ordered to scour his ditch at the upper end of Bochers Close, by estimation
and three feet wide,
12 perches, and to make that ditch two feet deep \wedge before the feast of Pentecost next, under penalty for each
rod not done in the aforesaid form c----- 4d. *he defaulted*

penalty c---- 3s 4d

And further Robert Badger is ordered to make an adequate bridge between his land and the land of
Roger Savage before the feast of Pentecost next, under penalty of c----- 3s 4d *he defaulted*

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[End of J13 [previously L3] (front). J13 [previously L3] (back) continues below.]

Roll J13 [previously L3] (back)

[Monday] 13 Apr 1590 (continued)

L 3 v

Dulwich Manor Court there held on the thirteenth day of April in the thirty-second 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 Ellis Parry } Nicholas Frind }
 Mary Wright } Helen Wright }

The Homage Thomas Croftes }
 Christopher Curston } Sworn
 Nicholas Forster }
 Thomas Claye }

Who say upon their oath that Edmund ^{he is ill} Bowyer esquire, Peter ^{he is ill} March gentleman, Francis ^{released} Fromondes gentleman, Thomas ^{he is ill} Ward, are tenants of this Manor who Owe suit at this Court, and at this day make default. ^{is released,}
And no amerancements, because each of them [^] as appears over their heads.

Surrender of Croftes **To this Court** came Thomas Croftes, customary tenant of this Manor, and surrendered into the hands of the lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the hands of James Patchinge, gentleman, Steward of his aforesaid Manor, One cottage

newly erected and constructed upon a parcel of customary land of the aforesaid Manor, besides One garden adjoining to the same cottage, also a parcel of customary land of the aforesaid Manor, to the Use of John Garret and his wife Agnes,

of them,
for their lifetime and that of the longer-lived ^ and after their death to the Use of Richard Basingden and the heirs of the body of the same Richard lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue the remainder thereof to Katherine Brittainne and one horse worth – £3, paid.

Heriot. a horse worth £3, paid

her heirs in perpetuity, whereby falls to the lord as a heriot ^ And afterwards at this same court came the aforesaid John Garret and his wife Agnes, and sought to be admitted to the aforesaid cottage and garden, with appurtenances, according to the effect of the aforesaid Surrender, Which the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the hand of James Patchinge, his Steward of the aforesaid Manor, in open court, conceded seisin thereof by the rod, to have and to hold to the same John Garrett and his wife Agnes for their lifetime and that of the Longer-lived of them, remainder thereof to the said Richard Basingden and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for Want of such issue the remainder thereof to the said Katherine Brittainne and her heirs in perpetuity. And for having such estate and such entry therein the same John and Agnes Gave the lord As a fine c--- 40s, paid. And they were admitted tenants thereof by the rod, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, and they made fealty to the Lord. and the rent thereof was apportioned at 4d Yearly.

fine c--- 40s, paid

admission of Garrett.

death of Knight .

And further, at this Court the homage present that Henry Knight, who hald to himself and his heirs at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, Two Messuages [and] fifty-seven acres of land, meadow, pasture, and wood, parcels of the customary land of the aforesaid Manor, died so seised thereof, whereby falls to the lord as a heriot one bull, paid. And that the aforesaid[sic] Nicholas Knight is his Youngest son, and the heir according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, and is now aged fourteen years and more. And thereupon came the aforesaid Nicholas Knight to this Court and sought to be admitted to the aforesaid Two Messuages and fifty-seven acres of land, meadow, pasture, and wood, with appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the hand of James Patchinge, his Steward of the aforesaid Manor, conceded seisin thereof by the rod, To Have to himself and his heirs at the will of the Lord according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the yearly rent of 19s and other burdens and services thereof hitherto owed and by Law accustomed, And for having such estate and such entry therein the same Nicholas Knight gave the Lord as

heriot

younger son admitted

fine c-----£19

admission of Knight.

a fine £19. And he was admitted tenant thereof, and he made fealty to the Lord.

And further, to this Court came the aforesaid John Garrett and his wife Agnes, now customary tenants of this Manor, as by the Rolls of this Court is made fully apparent and clear, And since regarding a certain pending lawsuit between the Lord of this Manor and his customary tenants and others concerning the branches, in English called '*the sprayes*' Of oak, ash and elm, growing in or upon the common Of Dulwich aforesaid, in order to have a settlement thereof the Said Lord has conceded to each tenant inhabiting in any Tenement within the aforesaid Manor one cartload of sticks, that is to say having '*one lode of brush bavins*' yearly upon the aforesaid common &c., as by a certain indentured charter made thereon is made fully apparent and clear, now the aforesaid John Garret and the aforesaid Agnes, his wife (Agnes herself being Duly interviewed alone and privately), surrendered, remitted, and for themselves, their heirs and their sub-tenants, released to Francis Calton, lord of the aforesaid Manor, his heirs and assigns in perpetuity, all their right, title, interest, claim and demand of, in, or to the aforesaid branches called '*sprayes of Oke ashe and elme*' and of, in, or to the aforesaid Yearly cartload of sticks, in English '*lode of brush bavins*'.

Assessors

Christopher Cursons	c	} Sworn.
Thomas Claye	c	

[End of Roll J13 [previously L3], although at the foot of this side is the 'ghost image', reversed and upside-down, of the first few lines of the other side.]