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Roll

8 Dec 1596 [39 Eliz I]

N.B. This Roll is not extant, but the transactions below are comprised in Muniments 408 and 409 (as they were summarised by me, Patrick Darby, in 1982) and must have been included in a Roll of this date.

View of Frank pledge & Court Baron held on Wednesday, 8th December 39 Eliz I [1596]. Death reported of Francis Fromans, customary tenant of the manor, who held of the lord of the manor, to himself & his heirs, by custom of the manor and payment of 5s[sic, 4s 8d] per annum & other customs & services, a messuage or tenement & 14 acres of customary & heriotable land, namely etc. Heir : John Fromans aged 21 and more, a brother of the said Francis. Being present in Court, he comes & seeks admission to the premises. The lord & homage recognise his claim to be just & right, and he is accordingly conceded the premises by the lord's Steward, to have & to hold to himself & his heirs by copy of court roll, according to custom. He gave the lord £3 as a fine, made fealty, and was admitted tenant.

John Fromans, a customary tenant, came and surrendered, by the hand of the steward of the manor, the same messuage & 14 customary acres of land to the use of John Bowyer, Esquire, and Emma, wife of the same John Bowyer, & their heirs & assigns, for the lifetime of the survivor of them, remainder after both their deaths to the right heirs of John Bowyer. John Fromans is accountable for 2 heriots due to the lord. Being present in Court, John Bowyer comes & seeks admission to the premises for himself & his said wife Emma, and they are admitted according to the above conditions, to hold at the lord's will according to custom. John Bowyer paid the lord £4 for the entry fine of himself & his wife, and £6 in respect of John Fromans' liability for 2 heriots. He also made fealty, and was admitted tenant in the aforesaid form.

The first of these transactions appears to be a re-statement, with slight variations, of Roll J14 [previously L5] (recto), ll. 45 to 51.