



The following document is part of a Dulwich Society project to digitise, transcribe and translate the Dulwich Manorial Court Rolls. They begin in 1333 and continue, with some breaks, to 1908.

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 K2 [previously L7] (front) [Saturday] 27 Oct 1604

N.B. This is not a Court Roll, but a copyhold title deed. cf Roll K3 [previously L8] (back), ll. 13 to 23.]

Dulwich || At the View of Frank pledge with Court of Francis Caltone Esquire, there held on Saturday, being the twenty-seventh day of October in the Year of the Reign of lord James, by the grace of god King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the faith &c., of England, France & Ireland the second, & of Scotland the thirty-Eighth, in the presence of Henry Longe, gentleman, Steward of the aforesaid Lete & suit of the aforesaid Court, according to the custom of that Court, **Is Thus Enrolled** || **At this Court** it is found by the aforesaid homage that Humphrey Emersone, one of the customary tenants of this Manor, after the last Court died seised of & in one Acre of customary land, with appurtenances, called Kennalls, whereby falls to the lord a heriot, namely 4d, being the rent of one Year owed to the lord for the aforesaid acre of land according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, because at the time of his death the aforesaid Humphrey had no animals, **And that** Henry Emersone is his kinsman & nearest heir according to the custom of that Manor, & of full age **Upon which** [to] this Court now sitting here comes the aforesaid Henry Emerson in his own person, & humbly seeks of the lord of this Manor to be admitted tenant to the aforesaid acre of land with appurtenances, To whom the lord, by his aforesaid Steward, conceded seisin thereof to him, To Have & to hold to himself and his heirs of the lord of that Manor, by the rod, & [sic, at] the will of the lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by fealty, suit of Court, rent, & other customs & services thereof hitherto owed & by law accustomed **And the same** Henry Emersone paid the lord the aforesaid [?] relief, gave the lord as a fine for [having] his entry as appears in the Heading, made fealty therefor to the lord, & was admitted tenant thereof to hold in the aforesaid form.

Fine §--17s

Executed by me, Henry Longe, Steward there

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