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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**.

ℒ.9.

## Manor of Dulwich

|| **Court** barron of Francis Cawltton, Esquire of his aforesaid Manor, there held on Wednesday, namely the Twenty-seventh Day of March in the Third Year of the Reign of our Lord James, by the grace of god King of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland [in] the Thirty-eighth [Year], in the presence of William Barnard, Steward there.

## Essoines

None .

## Homage

Ellis Parry  
Nicholas Foster } Sworn

Edmond Curson and  
Henry Emersonne } Sworn

**Firstly** They say upon their oath that Thomas Parrye, gentleman, Customary tenant of this Manor, since the Last Court, namely on the Twentieth day of March 1604, and in the second Year of King James, Surrendered into the Hands of the Lord of this Manor, by the Hands of Henry Emerson and Ellis Parrye, Two Customary tenants of this Manor, in the presence of Nicholas Foster, Edmond Curson, John Mathew, John Ewen, John Howe, and John Staple, ~~Customary tenants of this Manor~~ witnesses to this, Three parts or shares divided into four parts [i.e. three-quarters] of One Messuage or tenement then in the tenure or occupation of the Said Thomas Parrye, with all barns, stables, edifices, gardens, orchards,

or

Curtilages, with the appurtenances belonging <sup>^</sup> appertaining to the Said Messuage or tenement, together with three parts or shares (divided into four parts) of One field called Home Fielde, containing by estimation six acres, be it more or less, of One other Field called Churchfielde, containing by estimation four acres, of One other Field called Litle Browninges, containing by estimation Two acres, and of One other field called the Lordshipp Cloase, containing by estimation three Acres, be it more or less, to the benefit and Use of John Berrye of Dulwich, yeoman, his heirs and assigns, for ever <sup>^</sup> <sup>according to he custom of the aforesaid Manor</sup> Which said John Berrye, now present here in Court in his own person, seeks to be himself admitted to the same three parts or shares (divided into four parts) of the aforesaid Messuage or tenement, with all and singular its aforesaid premises, with appurtenances, according to the Form and intention of the aforesaid Surrender, And because the petition of the same John Berrye is found by the Steward, Homage and Court now here, with the assent of the Lord, to be True, Just and Reasonable, Therefore the Lord, by his Steward now here at the same Court, conceded to the same John Berrye all those three parts or shares, divided into four parts, of the Said Messuage or tenement, with all its appurtenances, together with the three parts or shares, divided into four parts, of the aforesaid separate closes with appurtenances, To have and to hold to the same John Berrye, his heirs and assigns, of the Lord of this Manor, by copy of the Court rolls, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, and by the rent, services and customs thereof hitherto Owed and by Law accustomed, And he gave the Lord As a fine therefor  $\text{§}-----\text{£}4\ 10\text{s}$ , and he made fealty to him thereof <sup>^</sup>, and he has seisin thereof by the rod, and he was admitted tenant thereof.

Fine  $\text{§}---$   $\text{£}4\ 10\text{s}$

[Note : the other one-quarter share of the premises had been surrendered to Francis Calton himself by Agnes Smith (née Wright) and her husband Robert Smith *alias* Miller on 19 April 1588 – see Roll J12 [previously L3] (back), ll. 9 to 13.]

[apparently in the same hand, but with a finer nib : ]

At this Court Henry Emersone, Customary tenant of this Manor, present here in Court in his own person, Surrendered into the hands of the Lord One acre

of land or pasture, be it more or less, called or known by the name Of  
Kennells Acre, and all the Right, title, claim and demand that he has, or might in  
future have -- . now in the tenure or occupation of the said Henry, or of  
his assigns -- .

[End of K4 [previously L9] (front). K4 [previously L9] (back) is completely blank.]

[End of Roll K4 [previously L9].]