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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 K5 [This Roll was previously named M1.]

Roll K5 [previously M1] (front) [Tuesday] 7 Oct 1606

§ Dulwich in the
County of Surrey
1606

M1

View of Frank Pledge together with Court Baron of Edward Allen, Esquire, Held there on the Seventh day of October in the Fourth Year of the reign of our lord James, by the grace of god King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c., and in the Fortieth of Scotland, in the presence of John Harryes, esquire, steward there.

Excuses [blank]

Complaints
None

None

None

None

Constable

John Hall Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath. And now at this day he is discharged. And John Ewen is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Tithingmen

John Lewys
and
Robert Bager junior } They appear and are Sworn, and present with an Oath. And now at this day they are discharged.
And John How and Robert Bager senior are newly elected, and they are Sworn.

John Boane, John Bagger, and Walter Boane junior are Sworn to Allegiance to the lord King.

Head pledges
and homage

[Ellis Parrey, gentleman]	Sworn	[John Mathew]	Sworn.
	John Ewen				John How		
	John Berry				John Feringe		
	Nicholas Foster				John Casinghurst		
	Edmund Curston				Arthur Kingesland		
	Anthony Kitchen				Richard Watford		
	John Hall				and		
	John Longe				Thomas Beck .		

Common fine 4s
paid to the lord

Who say upon their oath that they gave the lord as the Common fine at this day, for Dulwich, as appears in the heading.

The Homage aforesaid, Sworn and charged to enquire upon various matters not only for the lord King, as aforesaid, but also for the lord of this Manor, say upon their oath that Reynoldes Kete, George Sharpe, Thomas Lane and [blank] Wood are Residents within the boundary of this Manor, and owe suit of Court, and at this day make default. Therefore each of them is amerced o----- 6d.

Likewise they present that [blank] Younge, One of the Inhabitants of this Manor, sold his grain by a certain measure called 'a *Bushell*' Lacking measure, Contrary to the form of the Statute published and provided in such a Case. Therefore he incurs the penalty imposed in the same Statute.

Likewise the Homage presents that John Lewys, Since the last Court and before this Court, made an affray upon a boy of a Certain John Ferynge within this Leet, And there drew blood from him. Therefore he is amerced o--- 3s 4d

Likewise they present that John Berrye, one of the Tenants of this Manor, by Copy[hold], ought to have a Common way called 'a *Cartway*' through part of the Close of Thomas Calton, gentleman, now being in the tenure of the said Thomas, which was recently divided from the aforesaid John Berry by the same Thomas Calton, And [as] if the said part of the aforesaid Close were Conceded[?] by the Jurors, and recorded in the Court Roll.

Likewise the Homage further presents that Thomas Calton, gentleman, has not repaired his fences. Therefore he is amerced o--- [blank]

The Homage presents that All tenants of the Manor of Dulwich aforesaid do not have the branches, in English '*the Sprayes*', of oaks, elms & ash trees, that they ought to have.

Now of the Court :

Elizabeth
Ewen

[2 Oct 1533]

[4 May 1564]

[(22 Feb 1574 &
26 Oct 1584)]

Rent --- 4d

fine – 6s 8d.

To this Court came Thomas Calton, gentleman, one of the Customary Tenants of this Manor, in his own person, and surrendered into the Lord's hands one acre of Customary land, be it more or less, with appurtenances, called Bearddes, sometime Walter Dove's, as appears by the Court Roll bearing date the twenty-fifth Year of Henry the Eighth, And afterwards that of Samuel Dove, son of the said Walter, as appears by the Court Roll bearing date the ~~twenty~~ twenty sixth Year of Queen Elizabeth, And lately William Dalton's, as appears by the Court Roll bearing date the twenty-sixth Year of Queen Elizabeth, And now the said Thomas Calton's by the surrender of the said William Dalton, To the benefit and use of Elizabeth Ewen, daughter of John Ewen, one of the free Tenants of the aforesaid Manor, the heirs and Assigns of the said Elizabeth for ever, at the will of the Lord, according to the Custom of the same Manor. Which said Elizabeth, by the aforesaid John Ewen her father, seeks to be admitted to the aforesaid acre of land, with appurtenances, to Whom the Lord, by his aforesaid Steward, Conceded seisin thereof by the rod, To Have and to Hold to the same Elizabeth Ewen, her heirs and assigns, by the rod, at the will of the Lord, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, by Rent of ----- 4d, And other services thereof hitherto owed and Accustomed, And at this Court the said Elizabeth Ewen, by her aforesaid father, was admitted tenant thereof, the said Elizabeth's fealty, however, being Postponed until her full age. And (s)he gave the Lord for a fine as appears in the heading.

{ Assessed by the whole Homage }

[End of K5 [previously M1] (front). K5 [previously M1] (back) continues below.]

Roll K5 [previously M1] (back)

[Tuesday] 6 Oct 1607

M1v

Dulwich in the
County of Surrey
1607

View of Frank Pledge With Court Baron of Edward Allen, Held there on the Sixth day of October in the fifth Year of the Reign of our Lord James, by the grace of god King of England, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c, & of Scotland the Forty-first [Year], in the presence of John Harryes, esquire, Steward there.

Excuses: Arthur Kingsland, John Casinghurst, John Badger, and Christopher Casinghurst

Complaints : None

Constable: John Ewen Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath, and now at this day he is discharged, And Thomas Abeck is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Tithingman: John Howe and Robert Bager senior appear and, Sworn, present with an Oath, and now at this day they are discharged, and Robert Best and Christopher Savage are Newly elected.
Robert Kingsland at this Court is elected Taster of Ales by the homage, and he is Sworn.

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Thomas Calton gentleman
John Ewen
Nicholas Foster
John Mathew
John Staple
Robert Bager junior
Robert Best
Edward Curston
Anthony Kitchen gentleman

Sworn

John Howe
Christopher Savadge
Robert Badger senior
John Hall
John Longe
John Boane
Robert Kingsland

Sworn

Common fine 4s paid to the Lord
Who Say upon their oath that The gave the Lord as the Common fine for Dulwich at this day, as appears in the Heading.

And who – Sworn and charged to enquire upon various Matters, not only for the Lord King, as aforesaid, but also for the Lord of this Manor, Say upon their oath that Ellis Parrey, gentleman, is a free tenant of this Manor, and at this Court has not appeared. Therefore he is in the mercy of the Lord o----- 6d.

The Jurors further present that Robert Starkey, John Feringe, Timothy Cooke, George Sharpe, Thomas Lane, Thomas Beck and William Mathew, are Residents within the precinct of this Court, and Owe suit of Court, and at this Day make Default. Therefore each of them is amerced o----- 4d.

Likewise they further present that Richard Ward, Thomas Lane, George Sharpe, and Thomas Walker, are co-habitants, in English '*Inmates*' Within the precinct of this Manor, and have continued So for a Great time, namely : the aforesaid
of half a year to the aforesaid date ; the aforesaid Thomas Lane for the space
Richard Ward in the House of Thomas Abeck for the space ^ of three Years in the House of Walter Bone ; the
aforesaid George Sharpe in the House of John Heath for the space of Two Years ; and the aforesaid Thomas Walker
in the House of John Ewen for the space of three weeks, Contrary to the form of the Statute published and provided
in such a Case. Therefore each of them bears the penalty imposed by that Statute.

Likewise they further present that Since the last Court and before this one, John Hall brought his Cart into one Close within the boundary of this Manor, called Wickers Oake Coppice, contrary to the custom of this Manor. Therefore he is amerced o----- 6d. And it is ordered by the homage that if the aforesaid John Hall -/- does so hereafter he shall forfeit to the Lord of this Manor, for each time it happens, o---- 10s.

Likewise the homage Further present that Since the last Court and before this Court, a certain [blank] Wilson, baker, sold White bread within the precinct of this Manor lacking legal Assize, Contrary to the form of the Statute published and provided in that Case. Therefore he is amerced --- 12d, and henceforth he will suffer the penalty imposed by the same Statute.

Likewise they further present that William Cockett has not ringed his pig, in English '*his boare*', according to the custom of this Manor since the last Court ; Therefore he is amerced o----- 4d for each month (since the last Court), which in total binds him to o----- 4s for twelve months.

Likewise they further present that William Cockett has not cleansed the ditch lying between the land of [John] Staple and the land of the same William, so that the water may have its free run, Therefore he is amerced o----- 6d. And now it is ordered that if the aforesaid William has not cleansed the aforesaid ditch before the first day of May next coming, he shall forfeit to the Lord o---- 10s.

Likewise it is further Ordered that no inhabitant of this Manor shall break any stiles within the boundary of this Manor, under penalty of o----- 10s.

Likewise it is further Ordered that no inhabitant of this Manor shall at any time break any fences within this Manor, nor walk frequently [in] closes in which they ought not to walk, to the harm of the grass growing there, under penalty of o----- 5s.

Likewise it is further Ordered that John Boane should repair the footway Leading out of Croxted Lane into the land called Court Meade before the first day of May next coming, under penalty of o----- 5s.

Likewise it is further Ordered that Henry Mathewes should construct a footbridge over the ditch called '*the Common Sewer*', lying between lands called Mathewe's Bournes and Chassinghurst's Bournes, and to place a grate there, And that the aforesaid Henry will procure an adequate iron post there to support the aforesaid grate, before the first day of

May next coming, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lord o----- 5s. And it is likewise ordered that John Cassinghurst shall procure another adequate iron post ^{there} to support the aforesaid grate, before the first day of May next coming, under penalty of o----- 5s.

Likewise they further present that Edward Curson and John Longe were without licence absent from the rest of the Jurors in making these presentments. Therefore each of them is amerced o----- 12d

Now of the Court :

It is found by the homage that John Berry, one of the Customary tenants of this Manor, after the Last Court and before this Court, namely on the sixteenth day of October in the Year of the Lord 1606, Surrendered into the hands of Edward Allen esquire, Lord of this Manor, by the hands of Ellis Parrey and Edward Curston, Two of the customary tenants of this Manor, All those three parts divided into four parts, [i.e. three-quarters] of and in one Messuage or tenement then in the tenure of the same John Berrye, together with all barns, stables, buildings, gardens, orchards, with their general appurtenances, appertaining or belonging to the same Messuage or tenement, Together with three parts divided into four parts of and in One field called Home Feilde, Containing by estimation six acres of land, be it more or less, and of and in one other field called Church feilde containing by estimation four acres of land, and [line here accidentally omitted by the scribe] of and in one other field called Little Brownings, containing by estimation two acres of land, be it more or less, and of and in one other field called the Lordshipp close Containing by estimation three acres of land, be it more or less, to the sole benefit and use of Edward Allen, Lord of his Manor, his heirs and assigns, forever.

At this Court it is Found by the homage that Ellis Parrey and his wife Marian, after the last Court and before this Court, namely on the twenty-second day of October in the Year of the Lord 1607, the same Marian examined alone and separately by herself in the Presence of John Harryes esquire, Steward of the aforesaid Manor, Surrendered into the Lord's hands, by the hands of the Steward of the same Manor, all those three Customary tenements, together with all and singular barns, stables, orchards and gardens, with their appurtenances appertaining to the same, besides twenty Two acres of arable and pasture land, be it more or less, and all other commodities and hereditaments with their general appurtenances to the same three customary tenements belonging or in any way appertaining, now or late in the separate tenures or occupations of John Lewis, Anthony Kitchen, and Elizabeth Ambler, widow, or otherwise their assigns, situate,

lying and being in Dulwich aforesaid, in the parish of Camberwell in the County of Surrey aforesaid, held of the aforesaid Manor Of Dulwich by Copy of Court Roll, and also all other Customary tenements, lands, and hereditaments of the same Ellis and Marian, or of either of them, in the County of Surrey, held of the Manor of Dulwich aforesaid, To the sole benefit and use of the aforesaid Edward Allen esquire, Lord of the aforesaid Manor, his heirs and assigns forever.

Assessed by	Thomas Calton, gentleman	} Sworn
	Edward Curston	
	Nicholas Foster	
	Robert Kingsland	

[End of Roll K5 [previously M1].]