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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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Roll K7 [This Roll was previously named M3.]

Roll K7 [previously M3] (front) [Friday] 25 May 1610

M.3.

Dulwich in  
the County  
of Surrey  
1610

**View of Frank Pledge** With Court Barron of Edward Allen, Esquire,  
there held on the Twenty-fifth day of May in the Eighth year of the reign of our lord James, by  
the grace of god King of England, France and Ireland, and in the forty-third of Scotland, in  
the presence of John Harryes, esquire, Steward there.

Excuses John Cassinghurst, Matthew Wythers, and Nicholas Foster

Complaints None None None None

Constable John Berrye } appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath **And** now, at this Court, he is discharged,  
And Anthony Kitchen is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Headmen John Staple } does not appear, Therefore he is amerced o---- 20s, by the lord's grace **he is pardoned**, later appearing,  
and }  
John Feiringe } He appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath, and now at this Court they are **[sic]** discharged,  
And John Lewes and Henry Collyns } are newly elected, and they are Sworn.

Taster Robert Starkye } appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath, And now at this Court he is discharged,  
of Ale } And Arthur Kingsland } is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Head  
Pledges  
and Homage

[	Edward Curson	x	]	} Sworn	[	John Hall	x	x	x	]	} Sworn				
	Robert Badger senior					Walter Boane	.								
	Robert Badger junior					Thomas Abecke,									
	Robert Best	x				x	x	John Staple junior							
	John Ewyne	x				x	x	John Feiringe	x			x			
	Anthony Kitchen							x	x			x	x	x	x
	John Lewes	x				x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x

Common Fine  
for Dulwich  
o---4s

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

**Who** also Sworn and charged to enquire of and upon various Matters, not only for the lord King but also for the lord of this Manor, say upon their oath that Humphrey Abdye is resident within the boundary of this Manor and owes suit of Court, and now at this day makes default, Therefore he is amerced o----- 2d

**The Jurors** further say, and present upon their oath, in these English words following, that is to say: "We present Humphrey Abdy for incroaching with his hedge upon the ground called the Pingle, *alias* the halfe acre, in the tenure of Henry Collyns, for as much as the said Hedge stands in the ground of the said Henry Collyns the breadth of the said Hedge, And it is ordered: That if he does not remove the said fence, before the second day of November next, or shall set the said Fence in the same place, or elsewhere in the ground of the said Henry Collyns, he shall forfeit o----- 20s

**Likewise** it is ordered that the said Humphrey Abdy shall, before the second day of November next, make & scour a sufficient ditch of two spits depth

throughout, between the six acres in the occupation of Henry Collyns & the field called the Eighteene acres in the tenure of the said Humphrey Abdye, or else, for every rod then undone, he shall forfeit o----- 4d

**Likewise** it is ordered, That whereas Richard Collyns greatly annoys the Inhabitants of Dulwich with the stink of starch water, That if he does or shall continue the said annoyance at any time after the second day of November next, then he shall forfeit o----- 40s

**Likewise** it is ordered, that Edmund Pigion & Thomas Hamond shall scour their separate ditches, from Ashepoole ende to the Lordship Close, before the second day of November next, upon penalty for every rod then found undone o----- 4d

**Likewise** it is also ordered, that Henry Holmes shall well and sufficiently scour his ditch between his close & the field in the tenure of William Mathewe, before the second day of November next, upon penalty for every rod then undone: 6d

**Likewise** it is ordered, that Matthew Wythers shall scour his ditch next to the Lane, from his dwelling-house to the ground of Robert Best, before the second day of November next, upon penalty for every rod then undone o----- 4d

**Likewise** we also present the said Matthew Wythers for blocking the footway through his yard & backside into Greenestreet : And it is ordered, That if he does not lay the said Footway open & allow passage for people before the second day of November next, he shall forfeit o----- 3s 4d

### Now of the Court:

At this Court it is Testified by John Harryes, esquire, Steward of the aforesaid Manor, that John

Bowyar esquire, and his wife Emma (after the last Court and before this Court, namely on the eighteenth day of December, in the Sixth 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 of Scotland the forty-second year), Came into the presence of John Harryes esquire, steward of the aforesaid Manor, in their own persons, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, at the Principal house of Edmund Bowyar, knight, situate at Cammerwell in the county of Surrey, and sought to be admitted tenants to One Messuage or Tenement and fourteen acres of customary land, with appurtenances, lying and being in Dulwich aforesaid, held of the aforesaid Manor by Copy of Court Rolls, according to the custom of this Manor, To Which same John and his wife Emma the lord, by his aforesaid steward, conceded seisin thereof by the rod, To have and to hold to the same John and his wife Emma, and the heirs of John himself, in perpetuity, at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by Rent of o---[blank], suit of Court, and other services hitherto owed therefor, and by law accustomed, &c.

**And further** it is Testified by the aforesaid John Harryes esquire, Steward of the aforesaid Manor, that afterwards on the same aforesaid day and year, the Aforesaid John Bowyar esquire, and his wife Emma, likewise came into the presence of the aforesaid Steward of the aforesaid Manor, according to the custom of this Manor (Emma herself, by herself, examined alone and privately by the aforesaid Steward of the aforesaid Manor, at the aforesaid Principal house of the same Edmund Bowyar, knight, situate at Camerwell aforesaid), And surrendered into the lord's hands, by the hands of the steward of the aforesaid Manor, according to the custom of this Manor, the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement, and fourteen acres of customary land, with appurtenances, lying and being in Dulwich aforesaid, held of the aforesaid Manor by copy of the Court rolls, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, **And also** all their other customary lands and tenements held of the aforesaid Manor, besides all the estate, right, title and interest, for her lifetime or otherwise, of the same Emma, of and in the aforesaid premises, or any part thereof, **To**

the sole benefit and use of Edward Allen esquire, lord of the aforesaid Manor, of his heirs and assigns in perpetuity. And afterwards at this Court the admission and surrender is found by the aforesaid Homage to be made and taken to the use aforesaid, in manner and form as aforesaid

See more on the back, of the  
presentments of this Court.

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Roll K7 [previously M3] (back)

[Friday] 25 May 1610 (continued)

### M3v

**Likewise** the Jury further present William Parke of London, Joiner, not being a tenant or resident within this Lordship, for laying his Trees in the Common of Dulwich, and causing a sawpit to be dug and made there, without the consent of the Lord of this Manor, & amerce him o----- 6s 8d.

**Likewise** we also present Robert Starkeye for his foot way, from the stile to his house, lying between Lane's pond & his barn or shed, And it is ordered that if he does not set a sufficient hedge or fence to inclose the said way from the pond, convenient for people to pass without danger, before the 29th day of September next, he shall forfeit o----- 5s

**Likewise** the Jury present Edward Wilson of Lambeth, Baker, for not making

his bread according to the Assize, limited by the statute, & amerce him o---6s 8d.

**Likewise** the Jury present William Poole of Camerwell, Brewer, for selling lesser quantities of beer to the barrel to the victuallers of Dulwiche than is limited by Statute, & amerce him o-----5s.

**Likewise** the Jury present Robert Starkey, in that, gauging the barrels of the said William Poole & finding them faulty at several times, he did not inform this Jury of the said offence, & amerce him o----- 12d.

**Likewise** we present Robert Starkey for allowing the filth of his dung, not only in his shed or barn but also in the Lane before his door, to issue forth into Lane's pond, to the annoyance of the Inhabitants. And it is ordered that if he continues the said annoyance after the second day of November next, then he shall forfeit o----- 3s 4d.

**Likewise** it is found that the ditch between Hathorne field & the land of John Cassinghurst, all the way through to a close called Wateringes, presented [at] the last court, is not done by the quantity of 16 rods : o----- 8s.

**Likewise**, whereas John Hall was amerced at o--- 10d, & John Ewen at o--- 5s [at] the last Court, concerning the making of a post & a grate, It is ordered That if the ditch is found to be a common sewer, then the said John Ewen is to forfeit one half of the said o--- 5s, & the said John Hall the other half part, And also the said o----- 10d.

**Likewise** we present Henry Collyns for his ditches, namely : that ditch of the Acre, next to the Lane, & the ditch of his half acre, And it is ordered that if he does not make sufficient ditches in those places before the second day of November next, he shall forfeit for every rod then

undone o----- 4d.

**N**ote:



**Likewise** we find & present, that the open ground or Common on the Hill & adjoining on the south part of Viccars oake Coppice, and extending & abutting as follows : namely, in length from East to West from Lowe Crosse coppice to Viccars oake, and in breadth throughout from North to South from Viccars oake Coppice to the high way there leading from Lewisham to Croiden[Croydon], is to the knowledge of several of this Jury the ground or soil of the Lord of this Manor ; And that the lops & tops of trees there have been lopped, & disposed of, by and to the use of the Lord of this Manor, or of his assigns, during all the time of their remembrance.

**Assessed by the whole Homage.**

[End of Roll K7 [previously M3].]