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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 K9 (front) [This Roll was previously named M5.]

Part 1 [Thursday] 9 Dec 1613

Dulwich
in the County of
Surrey 1613.

M.5. **View of Frank Pledge** With Court Barron of Edward Allen Esquire,
held there on Thursday, the ninth day of December, in the Eleventh 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-seventh Year, in the Presence of John Harryes Esquire, Steward there.

Excuses Arthur Kingsland ; Lawrence Ottwaye.

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

Tithingmen Edmund Curson } They appear and, Sworn, present with an Oath, and at this Court they are
and } discharged, **And** Matthew Wythers & Richard Peare are newly elected,
Timothy Cooke } and they are Sworn.

Taster Richard Freelove } Departed this liberty before this Court, **And** now at this Court Richard
of Ales } Warde is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Robert Huett
Humphrey Abdy, gent. } Sworn to Allegiance to the Lord King.

[Head pledges
and Homage]

Thomas Calton, gent.	}	Sworn	John Mathewe	}	Sworn
Humphrey Abdye, gent.			Walter Boane .		
Nicholas Foster x x			Robert Bodger senior		
Edmund Cursune			Thomas Abeck senior:		
Richard Stoughton			Robert Huett x x		
John Boane x x			John Staple		
John Cassinghurst			x x x x x x x x		

Common Fine for
Dullwich o---4s,
paid to the Lord.

Who say upon their oath, that they gave the Lord as the Fine for Dullwich
as appears in the heading.

[Monday, 27 Oct
1600.]

It is found by the Homage that at the View of Frank Pledge, with until recently the Court Barron of Francis Calton Esquire, now Knight, held at Dullwich within the aforesaid Manor on Monday the twenty-seventh day of October in the forty-second Year of the Reign of the Lady Elizabeth, lately Queen of England, that one Nicholas Knight, customary tenant of this Manor, Surrendered into the Lord's hands, by the hands of Thomas Parrye & Nicholas Foster, at that time two like customary tenants of this Manor, all those parcels of the following customary land, that is to say: one messuage, one barn, one orchard, with their appurtenances, one pigtle, containing by estimation one acre, a piece of land called Howletts, containing by estimation five acres, one close called the Wheattfeild, containing by estimation twelve acres, one close called the Otefeild, containing by estimation twelve acres, one close called the Fallowe, or the Wheatefeild, then sown, & the Coppes [plural]

around the same, containing by estimation seven and one half acres, the bornes with the Coppes [plural] around them, containing by estimation three acres, the Slippe & the Coppes [plural] adjoining to the Eighteene acres, containing by estimation three acres, the Coppes [plural] with the Wateringe, containing by estimation two acres, with all and singular their appurtenances, To the benefit and use of a certain Edward Duke, gentleman, now knight, and his heirs according to the custom of the same Manor, under this condition following, that is to say : that if the aforesaid Edward Duke & one Francis Calton, their heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or any of them, well & faithfully pay the aforesaid Nicholas Knighte, his executors, administrators or assigns, four hundred pounds of good & legal English money in the manner & form following, that is to say : One hundred pounds thereof upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle next following the date of the aforesaid Surrender ; And upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle which will be in the Year of the Lord One thousand six hundred and one, another One hundred pounds ; And upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle which will be in the Year of the Lord One thousand six hundred and two, another One hundred pounds; And upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle which will be in the Year of the Lord One thousand six hundred and three, the other One hundred pounds ; at the then mansion house of one Humphrey Emersone, gentleman, in the Burrowe of Sowthwarke, according to the conditions of four separate written obligations therein made by the aforesaid Francis Calton and a certain Edward Willsons, Clerk, to the aforesaid Nicholas Knighte, but if there shall have been default in any of the said Sums, then the aforesaid surrender, & all admissions thereunder, shall be considered void, And that then and thenceforth it shall be lawful for the aforesaid Nicholas Knight and his heirs to re-enter upon the aforesaid premises, with appurtenances, and to have the same again in their former state, notwithstanding this present surrender or any to the same effect to the contrary, as appears in the Rolls of this Court ; And now at this Court it is found by the Homage

that the aforesaid Francis Calton, now knight, well and faithfully paid the aforesaid Nicholas Knight the aforesaid sum of four hundred pounds of good and legal English money, in manner and form following, that is to say : One hundred pounds thereof upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle next following the date of the aforesaid Surrender ; And upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle which was in the Year of the Lord One thousand six hundred and one, another One hundred pounds ; And upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle which was in the Year of the Lord One thousand six hundred and two, another One hundred pounds; And upon the feast day of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle which was in the Year of the Lord One thousand six hundred and three, the other One hundred pounds ; at the then mansion house of one Humphrey Emersone, gentleman, in the Burrowe of Sowthwarke, according to the form of conditions of the aforesaid four separate written obligations therein made Upon which at this Court came the aforesaid Edward Duke, in his own person, And in open ^{Court} by the Appointment and request of the aforesaid Francis Calton, and Surrendered into the lord's hands, by the hands of the Steward of the aforesaid Manor, All that one messuage, one barn, one orchard, with their appurtenances, one pightle, containing by estimation one acre, a piece of land called Howletts, containing by estimation five acres, one close called the Wheattfeild, containing by estimation twelve acres, one close called the Otefeild, containing by estimation twelve acres, one close called the Fallowe, or the Wheatefeild, then sown, & the Coppes [plural] around the same, containing by estimation one seven and ^{one} half acres, the bornes with the Coppes [plural] around them, containing by estimation three acres, the Slippe & the Coppes [plural] adjoining to the Eighteene acres, containing by estimation three acres, the Coppes [plural] with the Wateringe, containing by estimation two acres, with all and singular their appurtenances, To the sole benefit and use of Edward Allen Esquire, now Lord of the aforesaid Manor, his heirs and assigns for ever &c.

Tithingmen

Matthew Withers
and
Richard Peare

} Appear and, Sworn, present with an Oath, and now at this Court they are discharged, And Arthur Kingsland & Robert Starkeye are newly elected, and the aforesaid Arthur is now Sworn. and afterwards the aforesaid Robert, on the first of June next, was Sworn.

Taster of Ales

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Richard Warde

} Appears and, Sworn, presents with an Oath, And now at this Court he is discharged, and Thomas Walker is newly elected, and he is Sworn.

Head pledges and Homage

Nicholas Foster x
John Cassinghurst
Richard Stoughton x
John Boane x
Robert Badger senior
Thomas Abeck x
John Mathewe
Christopher Cassinghurst

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Sworn

Robert Hewett x x
Robert Badger senior [sic, junior]
John Staple x
Henry Collyns x
Arthur Kingsland x
Matthew Wythers x
William Mathewes
x x x x x x x x

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Sworn

Common

Common Fine for Dulwich o--- 4s.

Who say upon their oath, that they gave the Lord as the ^ 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, gentleman, Thomas Calton, gentleman, John Woodward gentleman, Robert Starkeye, John Feeringe senior, John Feeringe junior, William Hatton, John Stevens, and Thomas Lane, are residents within the boundary of this Manor, and owe suit of Court, and now at this day they make default, Therefore each of them is amerced, as

appears over their Heads.

The Jurors further say, and present upon their oath, in these English words following, namely:

It is ordered by the Jury that Matthew Withers shall make a good & sufficient stile at the further end of his yard, and a bridge into the field next adjoining to his yard, before the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist next, upon penalty of ----- 10s.

Likewise it is also ordered that the said Matthew Withers shall scour his ditch in the Lane lying by his house, so far as it now needs to be scoured, And also his ditch lying within Robert Beste's yard, before the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist next, upon penalty for every rod then found undone ----- 12d.

Likewise it is also **ordered** that [John] Townleye Esquire shall scour his ditch from Howlette's bridge all along against his ground, to the further end of his field there called the Ten Acres, and make the same four feet wide, And also that he shall cause a grate to be made, and a post to be set, on his side of his land there, to hang the same upon, and that the ditch there is to be made two feet wider than it is now in the place where the grate shall be hung, that is to say: in the usual place where the grate has hitherto been accustomed to be set, before the feast of St John the Baptist next, upon penalty for every rod then undone: --12d; And for not setting up the grate: -----10s.

Likewise it is also ordered that John Cassinghurst shall cause a post to be set, to support the said grate on his land next adjoining to the lands of the said Mr Townleye, before the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist next, upon penalty of 2s.

Likewise the Jury present Edward Willson of Lambeth, Baker, for selling bread within this Lordship lacking four ounces of weight in the wheaten loaf since 16th of Aprill last past, contrary to the form of the Statute made & provided in that case, and amerce him -- 20s.

Likewise they also present John Feeringe the elder, for being drunk within this Lordship

since the last Court, and amerce him ----- 5s

Likewise they also present John Lewys the Victualler, for not selling a quart of strong beer for a penny, and amerce him ----- 10s.

Likewise the Jury also present that there came as strays into this Lordship four steers and two heifers, taken up by Thomas Lane on the Eleventh day of September last, and they were appraised by Mr Thomas Calton, Richard Stoughtone, and Robert Badger, at ----- £9.

At this Court It is found by the Homage that Edmund Curson, one of the Customary Tenants of this Manor, who held to himself and his heirs, through the Lord of this Manor, by Copy of the Rolls of the Court, according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, one messuage and three acres of Customary land, be it more or less, with appurtenances, called Gorye Landes, or by whatever other name it is called or known, lying and being in Dullwich aforesaid, died after the last Court, and before this Court, seised thereof, Whereby falls to the Lord as a heriot one cow worth 40s. And that Henry Curson, aged seven years, is his youngest son, and nearest heir according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor. Upon which, at this Court, comes the aforesaid Henry Curson, by his mother and guardian Alice Curson, and seeks to be admitted tenant to the premises. To which said Henry, by his aforesaid guardian, the Lord by his aforesaid Steward conceded seisin thereof by the rod, To have and to hold the aforesaid premises to the same Henry, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, At the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the Rent of --- 12d a Year, suit of Court, and the other services thereof hitherto owed and by law accustomed, And [s]he gave the lord as a Fine for having his entry, as appears in the heading, fealty being respited until he reaches full age. And he was admitted tenant therein therein *[sic]*

Heriot: one cow
worth --- 40s.

Rent: --- 12d

Fine --- £3

At the same Court Custody, not only of the Body but also of the aforesaid Customary lands and Tenements of the aforesaid Henry Curson, being within the boundary of this Manor and held of

