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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 N3 [This Roll was previously named TT1.]

Roll N3 [previously TT1] (front)

TT 1

Part 1 [Monday] 16 April 1649

**Manor -----
of Dulwich -----
in the County of Surrey ---**

At the Court View of Frank Pledge With Court Baron there held on Monday x x
the sixteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred and forty
nine

Excuses none

Jurors for the Republic.	Robert Dawlman	Sworn	Nicholas Bodger	Sworn	Thomas Rand	Sworn	John Barrett	Sworn
	Phillipp Collins		Richard Wells		Thomas Stevens		Valentyne Daniell	
	Thomas Hamond		Daniel Scrivener		Richard Perry		John Starkye & Mathew Shepparde	

The Jurors present that John Hall was elected in the office of Constable for this district for one whole Year following, and undertook the oath to execute his office.

And also Thomas Wingfeild and Jeremy James were elected ~~also~~ in the office of Headborough for this district for one whole Year following, and undertook the oath to execute their office.

And also Francis Feareinge was elected ~~also~~ in the office of Aleconner for this district for one whole Year following, and undertook the oath to execute his office.

Curstone

It is testified by all the Jurors here in Court that Edmund Curson, native [i.e. customary] tenant of this Manor, to himself and to his heirs at the will of the Lords according to the custom of the Manor, of one tenement and three acres of Custumary land, with appurtenances, held of this Manor, since the last Court died seised thereof, **And** that Thomas Curson is the surviving son and heir of the aforesaid Edmund according to the Custom of the aforesaid Manor, and at the time of ^{his} aforesaid father's death was aged thirteen years, and is still under age, **And now** comes Elizabeth Curson, widow and relict of the aforesaid Edmund, mother of the aforesaid Thomas, and seeks that the aforesaid Thomas be admitted to the aforesaid premises, **To whom** the Lords, by their aforesaid Steward, ^{by} his mother as guardian, delivered seisin thereof, by the rod, of the aforesaid tenement and three acres of land **To have** and to hold to the same Thomas Curson and to his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the rent and other customs and services thereof hitherto owed and by law accustomed, **And** (s)he gave the Lords, as the fine, six pounds of lawful English money, and not more because of the minority and poverty of the aforesaid Thomas, **And** fealty was postponed, **And** he was admitted tenant thereof.

Also, they present ^{that} John Abbott, ^{10s} George Portman, ^{10s} Robert Ballett, ^{10s} Anthony Hancock, for default of Appearance at this Court, each of them is amerced, as appears over their heads.

amercement

Also, they present that John Abbot has not built his bridge for the carrying of waste water to the common channel, in English '*the Sewer*', as he ought, and for the default therein he is amerced ----- 10s.

amercement

Also, they present that the same John Abbot has not scoured his ditch, in English '*his ditche*', from the house of Phillip Collins as far as the end of '*les Rayles*' [the rails] leading into the common road, in English '*the highe way*', ~~going~~, by estimation twelve rods, as he ought, and for the default therein he is amerced ----- 24s.

Also, it is ordered that Bethia Downer, widow, make an adequate fence against the eastern part of her land, lying nearest to Lane's pond, and for each rod under-done at the feast of the nativity of saint

amercement John the Baptist next to come, to be amerced ----- 12d.
Also, it is ordered that Richard Perry shall scour the common channel, in English 'Sewer', from the south-eastern ^{corner} of her orchard, as far as the corner of Court Mead, for the carrying of water from the Common, and if he has not done it before or at the feast of saint Michael next, to be amerced for each ^{rod} amercement ^{rod} then still undone ----- 12d.
Also, it is ordered that Robert Glover, Bailiff, shall maintain the pound, in English '*the pounce*', [with] '*sabulo*', in English '*with gravell*', so that animals impounded there be not muddied and spoiled, and if he does not comply before or at the feast of saint Michael next, then he will be amerced ---- 10s.
 amercement **Also**, it is Ordered that Thomas Rand scours his ditch in the northern end of Thomas Stephens' home-field, as far as the corner, in English '*the Corner*', lying next to Matthew Sheppard's house, and that he makes a bridge at the gate going into the same Thomas Rand's home-field, and for each rod under-scoured at the amercement feast of the nativity of the Lord next, that he shall be amerced ---- 12d.
Also, it is Ordered that George Portman scours his ditch from the corner of Robert Dawlman's house called Newlandes, and that he makes a bridge at the entrance of the same George's forecourt, and for each rod under-scoured at the feast of the Nativity of saint John the Baptist next, that he shall amercement be amerced 12d.
Also, it is Ordered that the same John[sic, George] Portman scours his ditch at he end of the three amercement acres next to Bournes, and for each rod under-scoured at the feast of saint John the Baptist next, that he shall be amerced 12d.
Also, it is Ordered that John Hall scours his ditch against Bournes, next to Croxstead lane, and for each rod thereof under-scoured at the feast of saint John the Baptist next, that amercement he shall be amerced 12d.
Also, it is Ordered that Nicholaus Bodger scours his ditch, from the house of Thomas Hamond as far

as the end of the same Nicholas' orchard, and that he makes a bridge for the carrying of water out of the road, in English '*the high way*', to the entrance of his field, in English '*his home feild*', and for each rod thereof
amercement under-scoured at the feast of saint Michael Archangel next, that he shall be amerced ----- 12d.

Also, it is Ordered that Elizabeth Cursons, widow, scours her ditch from the upper part of the Crowchmans as far as the pound, in English '*the pounce*', and for each rod under-scoured at
amercement the feast of saint Michael Archangel next, that she shall be amerced ----- 12d.

Also, it is Ordered that Dennis[=*Dionis/Denise*] Redman, widow, scours her ditch '*from over against*' the College gate to the upper end of Spelmans, and that she makes a bridge at the entry-gate of the six acres, and for each rod thereof under-done at the feast of saint Michael next, that she
amercement shall be amerced ----- 12d.

Also, they present that Thomas Wingfeild, Aleconner, did not inform the same Jurors of the assize of
amercement bread, according to his office thereof, ^{therefore} amerced ----- 20s.

the end

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erasure

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Steward there

[End of N3 [previously TT1] (front). N3 [previously TT1] (back) follows below.]

Surrey

The Manor of Dulwich in the County



At the Court View of Frank Pledge held there on Friday the tenth day of May, in the Year of the Lord One thousand Six hundred and Fifty.

Excuses

Valentine Daniell, William Lee, John Savage, Robert Homes.

Jurors for the Republic



George Portman, gentleman
Thomas Hamond -----
John Starkey -----
John Hall -----
John Kempshall -----
Daniel Scrivener -----

Sworn

Richard Wells -----
William Mathewe -----
Matthew Sheppard -----
William Rand -----
Thomas Oxley -----
John Barrett & Thomas Wingfeild -----

Sworn

Phillip Collins fined for Contempt, in not swearing upon the Inquest, but refusing to undertake the oath.

John Kempshall was sworn in the office of Constable for one whole Year now next ensuing.

Nicholas Bodger & Robert Glover were sworn in the office of the Headboroughs for one whole Year now next ensuing.

Walter Skynner was sworn in the Office of Aleconner [for one Year now] [not deleted] for one whole Year now next ensuing.

Part 3

[Wednesday] 20 April 1651

Surrey

The Manor of Dulwich in the County

At the Court View of Frank Pledge held there on Wednesday, the twentieth day of April in the Year of the Lord One thousand Six hundred and Fifty one.

Essonia nullus /

Jurors for the Republic

George Portman, gentleman	}	Sworn
Nicholas Staples -----		
John Starkey -----		
Thomas Hamond -----		
John Hall -----		
Daniel Scrivener -----		

Richard Wells -----	}	Sworn
John Kempsall -----		
Matthew Sheppard -----		
John Barrett -----		
Thomas Oxley -----		
John Redman & Nicholas Bodger -----		

John Redman was elected & sworn in the office of Constable for one whole Year now next ensuing.

Samuel Oxley and Walter Skynner were elected & sworn in the office of Headboroughs for one whole Year now next ensuing.

Francis Pare was elected and sworn in the Office of Aleconner for one whole Year now next ensuing.

Part 4

[Friday] 14 May 1652

Surrey

The Manor of Dulwich

At the Court Leet or View of Frank Pledge there held on Friday
the Fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand
six hundred Fifty two.

Essonia

Thomas Hamond made excuse for Roger Hamond
Robert Glover made excuse for Barnaby Gamon

Sworne

Phillipp Collins gent

George Portman gent -----

Mathew Sheppard -----

Nicholas Staples -----

Richard Wells -----

John Kempshall -----

Jur [sic]

Thomas Hamond

John Hall -----

John Redman -----

Thomas Oxley -----

Arthur Pease [Pearse] -----

John Barrett & Nicholas Bodger

Sworn

Nicholas Bodger chosen & sworn in the office of Constable for one year now next ensuing.

Nicholas Staples & Valentine Daniell chosen & sworn in the office of Headboroughs for one year now next ensuing.

William Lee chosen & sworn in the office of Aleconner for one year now next ensuing.

The presentments & amercements of the Jurors :

Firstly, we amerce Francis Payre, Aleconner, for not appearing at the Court : two shillings ;

Jurors

Also, we amerce Thomas Wingfeild for not appearing at the Court : one shilling & six pence ;

Also, we amerce William Hutton for not appearing at the Court : one shilling & six pence ;

Also, we amerce Francis Feeringe for not appearing at the Court : two pence ;

Also, we amerce George Heather for not appearing at the Court : two pence ;

Also, we amerce John Rumsey for not appearing at the Court : two pence ;

Also, we amerce Phillipp Cane for not appearing at the Court : two pence ;

Also, we amerce Robert Budder for not appearing at the Court : two pence.

Also, we amerce &ii)[?]

[End of Roll N3 [previously TT1]. The record of this court session continues on Roll N4 (previously TT2).]