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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 N4 [This Roll was previously named TT2.]

Roll N4 [previously TT2] (front)

TT 2

Part 1 [Friday] 14 May 1652 (continued from Roll N3, part 4)

Also, we amerce Robert Dawlman Esquire, for not sending two labourers into the service of the high-ways six days, according to the Statute in that case provided, for the year of our Lord one Thousand six hundred and Fifty : twelve shillings.

Also, we amerce Robert Dawlman Esquire, for not sending two labourers into the service of the highways six days, according to the Statute in that case provided, for the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty one : twelve shillings.

Also, we present Phillipp Cane and John Ramsey, to level the pits made in the highway near the burial place, by digging of Loam, & in case it be not sufficiently levelled between this and the first of July next, to pay the sum of ten shillings, to be equally rated upon either of them.

Also, we amerce William Hutton, Miller, for taking excessive Toll of Robert Glover, about the twentieth day of April last past : the sum of Twenty shillings.

Also, we amerce William Hutton, Miller, for taking excessive Toll of John Savadge, about the thirtieth day of November last past : the sum of Twenty shillings.

Also, we amerce William Hutton, Miller, for taking excessive Toll of Mathew Sheppard, about the Fifteenth of December last past: **the sum of Twenty shillings.**

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We, the Master, Warden, Fellows, Brethren, Sisters, and Scholars of God's Gift College in Dulwich aforesaid, Lords of the said Manor, for Consideracions moving us, as lie in us accordinge to the Custom of the said Manor anciently used for the Lords of that Manor, Do give and grant power & licence to Robert Dawlman Esquire, a Copyhold tenant of the same Manor, to fell, cut down, and convert to his own use Pollards and trees growing and being upon the same Copyholds, the same not exceeding the number of one hundred and thirty, And the said Robert Dawlman gave the said Lords a fine for for the said Licence. Given under the Common seal of the said College the Twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty and two.

Fine £5 – 10s

And the said trees are to be taken off before the first day of March next, one thowsand six hundred Fifty & three.

Be it remembered that It is agreed between Robert Dawlman of Newington, Esquire, and Nicholas Robert Dawlman 15d Staples of Dullwich, labourer, That the said Robert Dawllman shall pay for his part of the copyhold one shilling and three pence yearly for his part of the said Copyhold, And that the said Nicholas Staples shall pay for his part of the said Copyhold which he now enjoys three shillings and five pence yearly. Whereunto both parties have agreed, And hereunto have set Nich: Staples 3s – 5d their hands, the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred Fifty and three.



Part 2

[Thursday] 5 May 1653

**Surrey
The Mannor
of Dulwich**



At the view of Frank pledge there held the fifth day of May in the
Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty and three, before me
Thomas Edgar, Steward there:

Essoins

Robert Harsmet[sic, Roger Harsnett], John Rumsey, John Redman, Thomas Wingfeild, Roger Hamond, John
Harris, Robert Holmes, Francis Feeringe, Thomas Hoy , Barnaby Gamon.

Sworne

Phillipp Collins, gent
Thomas Hamond ----
John Starkye -----
Mathewe Sheppard



John Hall
John Kempsall ----
Nicholas Staples
John Barrett



Valentine Daniell --
Daniel Scrivener --
Richard Welles --
Arthur Perse



Nicholas
Badger
Sworn

Headboroughs

John Oxley & Robert Budder elected by the Leet and sworn into the office of Headboroughs for a
year next ensuing, for the precinct of this Court.

Aleconner Phillip Cane elected by the Leet and sworn into the office of Aleconner for a year next ensuing, for the precinct of this Court.

Constable George Portman elected by the Leet and sworn into the Office of Constable, but was not present, & therefore the taking of his Oath was to be before a Justice of peace of the said County, upon a certificate of his election.

p^resentment^s

Firstly, the Jury amerce George Portman, gent, for not appearing at the Court to do his suit and service : three shillings and four pence.

Also, we amerce Richard Dawlman, gent, for not sending two sufficient labourers to work six days in the highways the last year, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided : twelve shillings.

Also, we amerce Phillip Cruff, Baker, for making his Wheaten penny loaf four ounces lighter then the assize of bread : the sum of twenty shillings

ALSO, it is presented by the Jury in these words following, namely : that it is agreed and concluded by us Jurors of the Manor of Dulwiche that every occupier of land that holds twenty acres of land and has no Team shall do two days' service with a Team towards the repair of the highways, and he that holds thirty acres three days, and he that holds Forty acres four days, &c., and so rateably according for every ten acres one day's work with a Team, and he that holds above threescore acres to do rateably for every ten acres one day's work with a Team, or else to pay Five shillings for every day's work.

Also, they order Richard Dawlman to scour up the Common Sewer, beginning at the East end of Newlandes & extending to the end of the twelve acres, and for every Rod unscoured

at Christmas next, we pain him to pay : one shilling.

Also, they order George Portman to scour up the Common Sewer from his yard gate down to Newlandes, and for every Rod unscoured at Christmas next, we pain him to pay : one shilling.



[End of N4 [previously TT2] (front). N4 [previously TT2] (back) follows below.]

Roll N4 [previously TT2] (back)

[TT2v]

Part 3

[Thursday] 20 April 1654

**Surrey
The Manor
of
Dulwich**

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The Court Leet or View of Frank pledge With A Court Baron, there held on Thursday the Twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty four, by Thomas Edgar Esquire, Steward there.

Inquest	Phillipp Collins Roger Harsnett George Portman Thomas Hamond	} Sworne	Mathewe Sheppard Richard Welles John Kempzell John Barrett	} Sworne	Nicholas Staples John Oxleye John Starkye Valentine Daniell	} Sworne	Arthur Peirse sworne
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Essoins

Thomas Hamond Essoins for Roger Hamond ;
John Kempzell essoins for Robert Holmes, John Underwood, & Barnaby Gamon ;
John Oxleye essoins for William Lee & Thomas Oxleye; Nicholas Bodger essoins for Benjamin Pursell.

Valentine Daniell essoins for William Ashdon ;
Daniel Scrivener essoins for [blank] and for Ambrose [Hussey] ;
John Hall essoins for Thomas Godfreye.

John Barrett elected in the office of a Constable for one Year next ensuing, & sworne in Court.
Silvester Cutter & Thomas Wingfeild elected in the office of Headboroughs for one year next ensuing; Silvester Cutter sworn in Court.

Phillip Cane newly elected to continue Aleconner for a Year next ensuing, and again took an Oath. [These five lines, with variations, are repeated in a smaller hand below.]

Staples
surrender

At this Court it was testified by the Steward that Nicholas Staples, copyhold tenant of this Manor of a certain messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in the occupation of several persons, copyhold of this Manor, And also of certain lands, copyhold of the same Manor, **And** did, on the Nineteenth day of April one thousand six hundred Fifty four, come before Thomas Edgar, Esquire, Steward of the said Manor, **And** did Surrender into the hands of the Lords, by the hands of the said Steward, All his the said Nicholas' estate, right, title, & interest of & in the said copyhold messuage & lands, To and for the use of Margaret Grimble & her heirs, at the Will of the Lord, according to the custom of the said Manor, Upon Condition that if the said Nicholas Staples shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Margaret Grimble, her heirs, executors, or Administrators or assigns, the full & entire sum of Fifty three pounds lawful English money, in and upon the Nineteenth day of April which shall be in the Year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred Fifty and five, at or in the present dwelling-house of the said Margaret, situate & being at or close to the Bridgfoote[probably = footbridge] in Southwark, in the County of Surrey, called or commonly known by the name or sign of 'The Maidenhead',

Then the said Surrender to be void & of no effect, or else to remain in full force.

Constable

John Barrett elected in the office of a Constable for one year next ensuing, and was sworn in Court.

Hedborowes

Silvester Cutter and Thomas Wingfeild elected in the Office of Headborowes for one year next ensuing, and the said Silvester Cutter was sworn in Court.

Aleconner

Phillipp Cane was newly elected to continue as Aleconner for a year next ensuing, & again took an Oath.

Presentments

Firstly, We amerce Thomas Godfrey, for not appearing at the Court : ---- 12d.

Also, we amerce Ambrose Hussey, for not appearing at the Court : ---- 2s - 6d.

Also, we amerce Robert Dawlman, for not appearing at the Court : ---- 3s - 4d.

Also, we amerce Thomas Collins for not appearing at the Court : ---- 6d.

Also, we amerce Phillip Cruffe, Baker, for making his penny wheaten Loaf lighter then the Assize of bread by two ounces & one half in the penny loaf, the twentieth of Aprill last past, to : ----- 10s.

Also, we present Robert Dawlman, to scour & cleanse the Watercourse beginning at the East end at Mr Dawlman's eight acres & ending at the South-west corner of Mr Dawlman's twelve acres, and for every rod not sufficiently Cleansed & Scoured at Christmas next to pay : ---- 12d.

Also, we Amerce Nicholas Bodger, for not Scouring the ditches lying next to the high ways, from the North End of his Orchard to the Whelme lying over against John Hall's barn, & to make sufficient Bridges and Whelms for the Conveying of the Water, the sum : Five shillings.

Also, we amerce Francis Payre, for keeping of Strangers' sheep upon the Common, not being his own goods, & continuing of them certain times for Fourteen days together, the sum : six shillings and eight pence.

Also, the homage present Dennis Redman, widow, for the undue use of the furzes of the Common, And if she continues her abusing of the said furzes after Midsummer next, for every abuse to pay : 12d.

Likewise, the homage also present Phillipp Cane, for the undue use of the furzes of the Common, And if he

continues the abusinge of the furzes after Midsummer next, to pay for every abuse : -----2s.

Also, the homage likewise present Abigail Perrye, Widow, for the undue use of the furzes of the Common,

And if she continues the abusinge of the furzes after Midsummer next, to paye for every abuse – 12s[sic]

Also, they likewise present Robert Dawlman, for continuing a Cottage one whole year, & not laying four acres of his own Freehold[sic, copyhold] land to the same, contrary to the Statute in that case made and provided.

Also, they further present Bethia Downer, widow, for the undue use of the furzes of the Common, And If she continues the abusinge of the furzes after Midsummer next, to pay for every abuse 12d.

The end of this Court

Part 4 [Thursday] 10 May 1655

Surrey

Manor of
Dulwich

} **The Court** Leet or View of Frank pledge With a Court Baron, there held on Thursday the Tenth day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand six hundred Fifty five, before Thomas Edgar Esquire, Steward there.

Essoins

Thomas Wingfeild by Roger Harsnett
Ambrose Hussey by Daniell Scrivner

Roger Hammon by Thomas Hammon
Thomas Collins by Robert Budder

	Phillip Collins	Daniel Scrivner	Silvester Cutter	Arthur Pearce
Homage	Roger Harsnett	John Kempshall	John Eason	John Doe *
	George Portman	John Barrett	John Hall	Richard Roe *&
	Thomas Hammon	Nicholas Staples	John Oxleye	Anthony Poe *

* a 'man of straw', i.e. a fictional person

At this Court Nicholas Staples, copyhold tenant of this Manor, **did** compound with the Lords of this Manor **because he** had heretofore leased part of his copyhold lands for more than a year, contrary to the custom of this Manor, and so committed a Forfeiture ; and thereupon, **And** to prevent seisure, **did** in open Court pay **To** and for the use of the said Lords, in satisfaction, **And** for dispensation of such forfeiture, the sum of Three pounds and Ten shillings.

Fine £3 -- 10s

more of this Court in the next Roll

Whereas at a court Leet & Court Baron &c

[End of Roll N4 [previously TT2].]