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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 N6 [This Roll was previously named U1.]

Roll N6 [previously U1] (front)

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Part 1 [Thursday] 23 April 1657

Manor of
Dulwich in
Surrey

The Court Leet and View of Frank Pledge, with a
Court Baron, x x x x x there held on Thursday, the Twenty-third day
of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Seven,
by Thomas Edgar, Esquire, Steward there. It is thus enrolled:

Excuses
John Peacock and John Rumsey, excused by Richard Welles
Phillip Collins, by George Portman
Nicholas Bodger & Roger Hamond, by Thomas Hamond
Thomas Collins, by John Halfpenny
Robert Holmes, by Silvester Cutter
Ambrose Hussey & Robert Butterby, by Thomas Butterfeild

Jurors
George Portman --- }
Thomas Hamond -- } Sworn }
John Starkye ---- }
Richard Welles ---- }
John Easton ----- }
Silvester Cutter } Sworn }
Henry Stonestreet }
Nicholas Staples }
Valentine Daniell }
John Hall ----- } Sworn }
Thomas Wingfeild }
Thomas Oxley }
Thomas }
Butterfeild }
Sworn }

Nicholas Staples'
surrender

At this court came Nicholas Staples, copyhold tenant of this Manor, and in open Court **did** surrender, by by the 'verge' [i.e. wand, or rod], into the hands of the Lords, by the hands of their Steward, **All** his copyhold messuages, lands, and tenements, held of this Manor, **To** and for the use and benefit of himself, the said Nicholas, and of Godly, now his wife, for and during the term of their natural lives and [of] the longer liver of them, and afterwards **To** & for the use of the heirs of the said Nicholas, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor. **And now** in open Court, sitting [as] the Court, the Lords of the said Manor, by their said Steward, upon the humble request of the said Nicholas and Godly to be admitted, did by the wand grant seisin To the said Nicholas and the said Godly, his wife, of the premises so surrendered as aforesaid, namely a messuage, with appurtenances, and four acres of land, by estimation, being in two fields, **To hold** to the said Nicholas and the said Godly, his wife, and to the heirs of the said Nicholas, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, by the rents & services therefor due, & of right accustomed, And they gave a fine to the Lords, and were admitted, saving the right of whomsoever, &c.

Fine £5 – 2 -- 6d

And at the same Court the Jury present that Richard Hunt, to whom the said Nicholas Staples did at the last Court surrender Conditionally, as thereby may appear, ^{for} payment of sixty-one pounds & sixteen shillings, at the time & place mentioned in such surrender, did before the day required for payment, in discharge of the said condition, pay the same [illegible] as appears by a deed of release under the hand & seal of the said Richard Hunt, bearing date the Fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Six, now produced in Court.

Constable

The Jury present Benjamin Pursell to be Constable, for the year next ensuing, for the precinct of this Leet, and he was accordingly sworn in open Court;

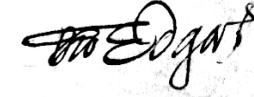
Headboroughs **They** also present John Halfpenny & Ralph Crane to be Headboroughs, for the year next ensuing, for the precinct of this Leet, and both were sworn in open Court;

Aleconner **They** also present John Bowden to be Aleconner, for the year next ensuing, for the precinct of this Leet, but he was not present, nor sworn.

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Licence

Whereas Thomas Cursons, the only son & heir of Edmond Cursons [the only son and heir of Edmond Cursons] deceased, who died a copyhold tenant of this Manor, of two tenements and about three acres, by estimation, of land held of this Manor, To all which said copyhold premises (except one of the said tenements) the said Thomas, at a Court Leet and Court Baron held here on Monday, the Sixteenth day of April One Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Nine, as a minor, by Elizabeth, his Mother & guardian, was admitted tenant, to himself and his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, **Now**, this Twenty-third day of April One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Seven, the said Thomas, having attained his age of twenty-one years, Did desire of the Lords of this Manor to be admitted, as heir of his said father, to the said tenement, as also to the residue, being now of full age, **To Whom** the Lords, by their Steward, did grant seisin of all and every the said copyhold premises accordingly, to hold to himself the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, by the rents and services therefor due and of right accustomed, and he gave to the Lords a fine only for & in respect of the said tenement, having paid the fine upon the former admittance for other reasons ; **And at** the same time the Lords of the said Manor did license the said Thomas, after his admittance as aforesaid, to lease all the said copyhold premises to Silvester Cutter and the said Elizabeth, his wife, for forty years hence next ensuing, if the said Elizabeth shall so long live, at the yearly rent of five pounds, to be paid at the feast of St Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of our blessed

Lady Mary the Virgin, by equal portions, for which the said Thomas gave to the Lords a fyne.



Part 2 [Thursday] 6 May 1658

Manor of
Dulwich in
Surrey

At A Court leet or View of Frank Pledge with a Court Baron, there held
on Thursday, the Sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thosand Six Hundred
and Fifty Eight, by Thomas Edgar, Esquire, Steward there, It is thus enrolled:

Excuses

John Redman and John Peacock, by vantrire[sic, Valentine] Daniell ; William Budd, by John Halfpenny ;
Roger Hamond, by Thomas Collins ; William Lee, by Ralph Crane ;
John Barrett, by John Eson

Homage

Henry Stonestreet, gent	} sworn	Beniamyne Purshall	} sworn	John Eson -----	} sworn
George Portman, gent		Thomas Oxley ---		Thomas Wingfeild	
John Starkye -----		Richard Welles ---		Thomas Butterfeild	
Daniell Scrivener ----		Silvester Cutter		Nicholas Bodger	
Nicholas Staples ----		Vallentine Daniell			

Constable Thomas Wingfeild elected Constable for one year next ensuing by the Inquest, & was sworn accordingly in open Court at the Leet ;

Headboroughs Thomas Payer & Thomas Collins elected Headboroughs for one year next ensuing by the Inquest, and were both of them sworn accordingly in open Court at the Leet ;

Aleconner They also present William Budd to be Aleconner for one yeere next ensuing for the precinct of this Leet, but he was not present, nor was he sworn.

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[End of N6 [previously U1] (front). N6 [previously U1] (back) follows below.]

Roll N6 [previously U1] (back)

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Part 2 [Thursday] 6 May 1658 (continued)

At this Court it was attested by the Steward, and found by the Jury, that on the Twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Seven, Thomas Cursons, son and heir of Edmond Cursons deceased, copyhold tenant of this Manor, to himself and his heirs, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the said Manor, of **One** messuage and one tenement and about two[sic, three] acres of land, came before Thomas Edgar Esquire, Steward of the said Manor, and **did** then surrender

into the hands of the Lords of the said Manor, by the hands of their said Steward, **All** his copyhold messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments held of this Manor by copy of Court Roll, **To the** use of Charles Wytherby, Citizen and Cook of London, and his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, in reversion immediately at, and expectant upon, expiration of a lease lately made, by licence of the Lords of the said Manor, by the said Thomas Cursons, of the premises, **To** Silvester Cutter and Elizabeth his wife, mother of the said Thomas Cursons, for forty years if she should live so long, **Provided** always, and upon Condition, **that** if the said Thomas Cursons, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, shall pay, or cause to be paid, at the dwelling-house of the said Charles Wytherby situated in the Tower Street in the parish of St Margaret Pattens, London, the sum of forty pounds of lawful English money, **To** and for the use of the said Charles Wytherby, his executors or administrators, in and upon the Twenty-seventh day of April which shall be in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine, **then** this Surrender to be void, or else to remain in force.

Part 3

[Thursday] 28 April 1659

Manor of
Dulwich in
Surry 

At a Court leet, or view of Frankpledge, with a Court Baron there held on Thursday, the Twenty-Eighth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine, by Thomas Edgar, Esquire, Steward there, It is thus enrolled:

Excuses } Simon Hewyt, essoined by John Starky ;
 John Rudman, essoined by Francis Pear [or Pare, Payre] ;
 Robert Holmes & Richard Eaton, essoined by Nicholas Staples.

Homage

Henry Stonestreet	John Oxely	Thomas Collyns	} sworn
Benjamin Purshall	Nicholas Bodger	Daniel Scrivener	
Thomas Wyngfeild	Nicholas Staples	John Hall	
Thomas Oxely	John Eason	Thomas Butterfeild	
		Thomas Hamond	

At this Court it was attested by the Steward, and found by the Jury, That on the Eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Eight, John Hathway, copyhold tenant to himself and his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, of a copyhold messuage, orchard, and two acres of copyhold land, or thereabouts, held of this Manor, came before me, Thomas Edgar, Esquire, Steward of the said Manor, And the said John Hathway did then surrender into the hands of the said Lords, by the hands of their said Steward, **All** and every his, the said John's, copyhold messuage, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with the appurtenances, held of this Manor, **To** and for the use, benefit, and necessity of the said John Hathway and his wife Elizabeth, and the survivor of them, and their heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, **and** immediately upon and after the said

surrender so made and executed, the said John Hathway did humbly desire of the Lords of this Manor that the said John and his said wife Elizabeth might, according to the custom of the said Manor, be admitted to the said messuage and premises accordingly, **To which** said John and his wife Elizabeth the Lords of this Manor, by their said Steward, and with the particular assent and direction of the Master and Warden of God's Gift College in Dulwich, in the County of Surrey, on behalf of themselves and the other Lords of this Manor, did grant and deliver seisin by the wand, To hold to and for the use of the said John Hathway and his wife Elizabeth, for their lives and [the life of] the survivor or them and the heirs of them the said John Hathway and Elizabeth, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, by the rents and services therefor due and of right accustomed, And they gave to the Lords a fine of Thirty shillings, and were admitted tenants thereto, saving everyone their right &c.

Admittance of John Hathway and his wife

Fine 30s.

Whereas at a Court Leet & Court Baron there held on Thursday, the Sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Eight, It was attested by the Steward, and found by the homage, that on the Twenty-seventh day of April, One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Seven, Thomas Cursons, son and heir of Edmond Cursons, deceased, copyhold tenant of this Manor to himself and his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, of one messuage and one tenement and about three acres of land, came before Thomas Edgar, Esquire, Steward of the said Manor, and did then Surrender into the hands of the Lords of the said Manor, by the hands

of their Steward, All his copyhold messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments held of this Manor by copy of Court Roll, To the use of Charles Wytherby, Citizen and Cook of London, and his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the said Manor, in reversion immediately expectant upon a lease of the premises then lately made, by licence of the Lords of the said Manor, by the said Thomas Cursons to Silvester Cutter and his wife Elizabeth, mother of the said Thomas Cursons, for forty years if she should live so long, Provided always, and upon condition, that if the said Thomas Cursons, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns should pay, or cause to be paid, at the dwelling-house of the said Charles Wytherby, situated in the Tower Street in the parish of St Margaret Pattens, London, the sum of forty pounds of lawful English money To and for the use of the said Charles Wytherby, his executors or administrators, in and upon the Twenty-seventh day of April which then should be in the year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine, Then this Surrender to be void, or else to remain in force.

Now, at this Court, came the said Thomas Cursons, and in open Court, before the Jury, acknowledged that the said sum of forty pounds was not paid, nor any part thereof, in accordance with the said condition, but that the said condition was, and is, broken,

And

[End of Roll N6 [previously U1]. Continued on Roll N7 [previously U2].]