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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 N8 [This Roll was previously named U3.]

Roll N8 [previously U3] (front)

Part 1 U3r [Thursday] 14 May 1663

The Manor of Dulwhich in the County of Surry Court view of Frank pledge there held on Thursday, the Fourteenth day of May in the Fifteenth Year of the reign of King Charles the Second, now King of England &c., And in the Year of the Lord 1663.

Jurors	Robert West		Thomas Butterfeild		John Barrett
	John Starky		Thomas Rench		Silvester Cutter
	Thomas Hamond	Sworn	John Bowden	Sworn	John Redman
	Richard Wells		Daniel Scrivener		John Oxley
	Thomas Wingfeild		Nicholas Staples -----copyholder		Richard Perry

Excuses: Robert Budder, by John Bowden  
essoin: William Budd, by Leonard Lydcoate

Thomas Butterfeild elected into the office of Constable for one whole year, & sworn in open Court.

Simon Huett & } are elected in the office of Headborough for one whole **year**, & for the following, and <sup>Simon</sup> was sworn in open Court.  
Thomas Collins } Thomas Collins, absent, was not Sworn [erasure]

Richard Perry is elected in the office of Aleconner for one whole year, and was sworn for the executing of the aforesaid office.

**At** this Court it is testified by the Steward, & found by the Jury, that Richard Dawlman, <sup>copyhold</sup> tenant of this Manor, on the Twenty-eighth day of April in the Fourteenth Year of the reign of our lord Charles <sup>the Second,</sup> now King of England, &c., outside the Court, came into the presence of Thomas Edgar, esquire, steward of the Court of this Manor, And surrendered [his] copyhold lands and tenements held of this Manor, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the wand, into the hands of the lords, by the hands of the aforesaid Thomas Edgar, Steward, that is to say: one piece or parcel of land containing by estimation two acres, be it more or less, lying upon certain lands of the College towards the north and upon other lands of the same College towards the south & west, And upon other lands of the aforesaid College towards the east; And one other piece or parcel of land containing by estimation two acres, be it more or less, lying between certain lands of the aforesaid College; and one other piece or parcel of land containing by estimation two acres, be it more or less, lying upon certain lands of the aforesaid College towards the east, west, north, and south, in separate parts thereof, To the sole benefit and use of Albert Skynner, citizen & merchant of London, & of his heirs, under the condition that if the aforesaid Richard Dawlman, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall well & faithfully pay, or cause to be paid, to the aforesaid Albert Skynner, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, the sum of Fifty pounds of good and legal English money in, or at, the now mansion house of the aforesaid Albert Skynner situated in Newington Butts in the County of Surrey in and upon the Twenty-fourth day of June which shall be in the year of the lord Christ One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy, that then this surrender shall be void and of no effect, otherwise it will remain in full force and effect. And now at this Court comes the aforesaid Albert Skynner and seeks of the lords, from their special grace, to be admitted to the aforesaid tenements, with appurtenances, To whom the lords, by their Steward, in open Court, delivered seisin, To have and to hold to the aforesaid Albert Skynner, <sup>and</sup> his heirs, at the will of the lords, according to the custom of the aforesaid <sup>Manor,</sup> under

the aforesaid condition, by the rent & services thereof hitherto owed and by law accustomed, And he gave the lords for a fine, And he made fealty &c. £3 fine, but agreed that if a Forfeiture the fine to be increased [to] four pounds 10s.

[In Thomas Edgar's own normal hand-writing:]

The Jurors present these tenants and residents within the aforesaid manor who made default in <sup>not</sup> attending at this Court; <sup>therefore amerced</sup> as appears over the heads of each of them, as follows:

Charles Wytherby, copyhold tenant	3s 4d	John Hathway, copyhold tenant	3s 4d
William Ballard	2s 6d	Francis Payer	1s
		Thomas Oxlye	2s 6d

Part 2

Thursday 4 May 1663 [supposedly – more likely Wednesday 4 May 1664] (in Thomas Edgar's handwriting)

The Manor of Dulwich  
in the County of Surrye

Court View of Frank pledge there held on Thursday, the Fourth day of May in the Sixteenth Year of the reign of our lord Charles the Second, now King of England, &c. and A. D. 1663[sic]

Jurors	Thomas Wrench	Sworn	Thomas Wingfeild
	Thomas Hamond		John Bowden
	John Starkye		Thomas Collins
	Daniel Scrivener		William Lee
	Charles Wytherby		Nicholas Bodger
	Nicholas Staples		John Redman
	John Hathway		Francis Payre
	Thomas Butterfeild		

fines imposed

The Steward, in open Court, after the Jurors were impanelled and sworn, imposed a fine of ten shillings upon Richard Wells, because the same Richard, appearing in Court and impanelled as a Juryman, disappeared from the Court, in c contempt thereof. To be barred from being sworn in the panel, & the fine so imposed was ten shillings &c.

Excused from Common [suit]	Matthew Sheppard	by John Barrett
	John Hamond	by Thomas Collins

was  
Silvester Cutter by the Jurors  $\wedge$  elected, & [in] open Court sworn, in the office of Constable within the precinct of this leet, executing for one whole year now next ensuing, &c.

Thomas Wrench by the Jurors was elected, & in open Court sworn, in the office of one of the Headboroughs within the precinct of this Leet, executing for one whole year now next ensuing.

William Budd by the Jurors was also elected in the other office of the headboroughs within the precinct of this leet, executing for one whole year <sup>following</sup>  $\wedge$ , but certified absent &c., a Justice of the peace, &c.

William Eson by the Jurors was elected in the office of Aleconner within the precinct, & for the aforesaid time, but certified absent &c., a Justice of the peace, &c.

The Jurors present nothing, because all's well.

by  Steward there

[End of N8 [previously U3] (front). N8 [previously U3] (back) follows below.]

Part 3

[Thursday] 20 April 1665

The Manor of  
Dulwich in the  
County of Surry

Court View of Frank pledge there held on Thursday, the Twentieth day of April in the Seventeenth Year of the reign of our lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God [King] of England, &c., and A.D. 1665

Juratores	George Reynolls	} Sworn	Thomas Collins
	Daniel Scrivener		John Redman
	Nicholas Staples		Edmund Nellum
	Thomas Wrench		Robert Budder
	Thomas Butterfeild		John Starkey
	Valentine Daniell		John Hamond
	Thomas Oxley		

Excused from Common [suit]	John Godman	by Nicholas Staples	
	Nicholas Bodger	by Thomas Wrench	Francis Pare & Charles Lane
	Richard Eaton	by William Budd	
	Thomas Woodmansee	by Leonard Lidcot	
	Simon Hewit	by John Barrett	

Robert Budder was elected by the Jurors in the office of Constable, executing for a whole year following within the precinct of this leet, &, present in Court, undertook the oath &c.

Edmund Nellum was elected by the Jurors in the office of <sup>one of</sup> the Headboroughs for a whole year <sup>following</sup> within the precinct of this leet &, present in Court, undertook the oath &c.

John Godman was likewise elected by the Jurors in the office of one of the Headboroughs for the year following, executing within the precinct of this Leet, and being absent for the oath certified acceptance &c.

Nicholas Weeks was likewise elected in the office of Aleconner, executing for a year following within the precinct of this Leet &, present in Court, undertook the oath &c.

*Part 4 [Thursday] 10 May 1666*

The Manor of  
Dulwich in the  
County of Surry

Court View of Frank pledge there held on Thursday, the Tenth day of May in the Eighteenth Year of the reign of lord Charles the Second, now King of England, &c., *and in the Year of the lord 1666*

Jurors	John Robinson	}	Sworn	}	John Barrett
	Nicholas Staples				John Hamond
	Thomas Hamond				John Barrett
	Daniel Scrivener				Richard Perry
	Thomas Wingfeild				Edmund Redman
	Thomas Butterfeild				
	Thomas Wrench				

Excuses: none

Valentine Daniell was elected by the Jurors to the office of Constable, executing for one whole year within the precinct of **this** Leet, & certified absent, and a Justice of the peace &c.

Thomas Woodmansye & John Davies were elected by the Jurors to the office of Headboroughs, executing for one whole year within the precinct of **this** Leet, & certified absent, and a Justice of the peace &c.

Ralph Crane was elected by the Jurors to the office of Aleconner, executing for one whole year within the precinct of **this** Leet, and was sworn in Court &c.

*The Jurors present the residents within the precinct of this Leet whose names follow below, for default in non-attendance at this Court for doing service, amerced as appears over the head of each of them:*

*Nicholas Thorman     2s 6d     Roger Harsnet     2s 6d     Robert West     2s 6d     William Barbor     2s 6d     John Harthway     2s 6d     John Starkye     2s 6d     Nicholas  
Bodger     2s 6d     Thomas Oxley     2s 6d     Richard Wells     2s 6d     John Oxley     2s 6d     Robert Budder*

*paid into Court upon the death of Charles Wytherbye, a copyhold tenant of this Manor, for a heriot upon his death, for the best of his goods & chattels, the sum of Forty shillings, paid by his widow to the Master & Warden.*

Manor of Dulwich in  
the County of Surrey

*Court View of Frank pledge there held on Thursday, the Second day of May in the Nineteenth Year of the reign of our lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God King of England, &c., and in the Year of the lord Christ 1667, by Thomas Edgar, Steward there.*

*Inquisition*

<i>William Strode</i>	}	<i>Sworn</i>	<i>Daniel Scrivener</i>	}	<i>Sworn</i>	<i>John Bowden</i>	}	<i>Sworn</i>	<i>John Redman</i>	}	<i>Sworn</i>
<i>John Robinson</i>			<i>John Oxley</i>			<i>Nicholas Staples</i>			<i>John Davyes</i>		
<i>John Starkye</i>			<i>Thomas Wrench</i>			<i>Faver Barrett</i>					
<i>Richard Wells</i>			<i>Thomas Cranwell</i>								

*Excuses from Common* *Valentine Daniell* ----- by *Robert Budder* ----- *John Starkye junior* <sup>H</sup>-----  
[suit] and John Hamond ----- by *John Starky senior*

*John Godman and* ----- by *Nicholas Staples* ----- *Philip Cane and* -----  
*Thomas James* ----- *Simon Hewitt* ----- } ---- by *Thomas Woodmansye*

*Silvester Cutter* ----- by *Faver Barrett*

*Constable* *Thomas Wrench* by the Jurors was elected in the office of Constable for one whole year then next ensuing, and was sworn in Court &c.

*Headboroughs* *George Reynoldes* and *Faver Barret* by the Jurors were elected in the office of Headboroughs for one whole year next ensuing, And the aforesaid *Faver Barret* was present in Court, and he was sworn to execute the aforesaid office, but the aforesaid *George Reynolds* was absent, therefore he was certified.

*Aleconner*

*Edward Bennet by the Jurors was elected in the office of Aleconner, for one whole year next ensuing, within the precinct of this Leet, and he was absent, therefore he was certified &c.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Edgall" or similar, written in a cursive style.

[End of Roll N8 [previously U3].]