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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 N11 [This Roll was previously the first of two both named WW.]

Roll N11 [previously WW(1)] (front)

WW

Part 1 11 May 1675 (supposedly a Wednesday, but actually a Saturday. See note at the end of this translation.)

Manor of
Dulwich
1675

View of Frankpledge with Court baron, there held on the eleventh day of May in the twenty-seventh Year of the reign of king Charles the second, and in the Year of the Lord 1675, in the presence of Lancelot Johnson, Esquire, Steward there.

Jurors for the Lord King :

John Starkey senior	}	Sworn	William Terry	}	Sworn
Thomas Whitehand			Richard Wells		
Thomas Butterfeild			Thomas Cranwell		
Thomas Wrench			John Davies		
John Bowden			Richard Perry		
John Starkey junior			Robert Budder junior		
John Scrivener					

Excuses

Quarrels none The Jurors present John Hammond to be Constable[sic] for the ensuing year who, present, was sworn.

Also, they present Robert Budder and Daniel Wood to be headboroughs for the ensuing year, and they undertook the oath.

Also, they present James Fox to be Aleconner for one whole year next ensuing, who undertook his oath.

Part 2

[Monday] 11 May 1676

Manor of Dulwich

1676

Court view of frankpledge with Court baron, there held on the eleventh day of May in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of king Charles the second, and in the Year of the Lord 1676, in the presence of Lancelot Johnson, esquire, Steward there

Jurors for the Lord King :

Thomas Wrench	}	Sworn	}	John Scrivener
John Starkey				Richard Douglas
Grevill Lewis				Daniel Wood
Thomas Butterfeild				Nicholas Badger
Robert Budder senior				John Hamond
William Hicks				Robert Budder junior
Thomas Browne				

The Jurors present Favor Barrett to be constable for one whole year ensuing who, present, was Sworn.
 Also, they present Grivin[sic] Lewis and Philip Caine to be headboroughs for one whole year ensuing who, present, were Sworn.
 Also, they present James Fox to be aleconner for one whole year ensuing who, present, was Sworn.
 Also, they present that Richard Wells, Thomas Whitehand, John Bowden, John Davis,
 Thomas Cranwell, Thomas Hill, William Terry, David Paine, Thomas Janes, John Lewis
 John Goodman, Richard Collins, Robert Holmes, Thomas Smith, Simon Hunt, William Holt,
 John Barret, John Archer, James Bland, Edward Bennet, Richard Perry, owe suit of this Court
 and make default. Therefore each of them is amerced, as appears on their heads.

Penalties and orders

Also, they present that Thomas Cranwell has not scoured his ditch over the common, by sixty rods of land, and at this court it is ordered that he shall scour his aforesaid ditch under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords of the aforesaid Manor six pence for each rod not scoured before the feast of Saint Michael next ensuing Also, it is ordered that Nicholas Badger shall scour his ditch over the common by fifteen rods of land, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords six pence for each rod not scoured before the aforesaid time. Also, it is ordered that Richard Perry shall scour his ditch over the Common by fifty rods, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords of the Manor six pence for each rod not scoured before the same time. Also, they present John Davis, for obstruction of a certain conduit [*aqueductus*] in a certain basin [*lacum*] called Hamond's Coppice, adjoining the Common, and it is ordered that he shall open up the aforesaid conduit, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords ten shillings if it is not opened up before the aforesaid time. Also, they present John Bowden for obstruction of a certain conduit next to to [*sic*] his mansion house, in the common road, and it is ordered that he shall open up the aforesaid conduit before the same time, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords ten shillings.

Examined by



Steward there

Part 3

[Thursday] 3 May 1677

Manor of
Dulwich
1677

} Court view of Frankpledge with Court baron, there held on the third day of May in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of king Charles the second, and in the Year of the Lord 1677, in the presence of Lancelot Johnson, esquire, Steward there.

Jurors for the Lord King :

Richard Wells, Thomas Wrench, John Bowden, John Starkey Sworn

Nicholas Badger, Thomas Cranwell, John Davies, Richard Perry, Thomas Withand sworn

Thomas Hill, William Hick, Robert Budder, David Payne, John Scrivener Sworn

The Jurors present Nicholas Badger to be constable for one whole year ensuing.

Also, they present Richard Douglas and Thomas Brounhead to be headboroughs for the ensuing year.

Also, they present Richard Wimonsell to be Aleconner for the ensuing year.

The Jurors also say, upon their oath, that John Harthway^{5s}, William Terry^{5s} and [blank]^{5s} Cooper, gent., owe suit of this court, and at this day make default, therefore each of them is amerced as appears on their heads.

Penalties and orders

At this court it is ordered that Thomas Cranwell shall scour his ditch over the Common, containing sixty rods of land, in English 'rods', before the feast of Saint Michael next ensuing, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords six pence for each rod unscoured before the same time. Also, it is ordered that Nicholas Badger

shall scour his ditch over the Common, containing fifteen rods, before the aforesaid time, under the like penalty. Also, it is ordered that Richard Perry shall scour his ditch over the common, containing

fifty rods, before the same time, under the like penalty. Also, it is ordered that Thomas Bletchenden, gent., shall make a sufficient palisade, in English 'raile', to the pond next to his house in Dulwich aforesaid, or fill in the aforesaid pond, being a danger to the inhabitants, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords £10 (ten pounds) if he does not make the palisade or fill in the pond before the twenty-fourth of June next.

Also, it is ordered that [blank] Moulsey, widow, shall open up her ditch against the high-way, before the twenty-fourth day of June ensuing, under penalty of forfeiting to the Lords ten shillings. Also,

it is ordered that Thomas Butterfeild shall scour his ditch lying in front of his barn, containing five rods, before the aforesaid time, under penalty of forfeiting one shilling for each rod not scoured before the aforesaid time.

Examined by



Steward there

End of N11 [previously WW(1)] (recto). N11 [previously WW(1)] (verso) follows below :]

Roll N11 [previously WW(1)] (back)

Part 4

[Monday] 25 April 1678

Manor of
Dulwich
1678



Court view of Frankpledge with court baron, there held on the twenty-fifth day of April in the thirtieth year of the reign of king Charles the second, and in the year of the Lord 1678, in the presence of Lancelot Johnson, esquire, Steward there.

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Jurors for the
Lord King



Nicholas Badger	James Ireland
Thomas Whitehand	Thomas Hills
Thomas Butterfeild	John Scrivener
John Starkey junior	John Perry
Thomas Cranwell	Griffen Lewis
John Davies ---	
Richard Perry	
Robert Budder	

The aforesaid Jurors present Richard Perry to be constable for the ensuing year who, present, undertook his oath.

Also, they present William Holt and Daniel Wood to be headboroughs for the ensuing Year who, absent on a certificate of a Justice of the peace for taking the oath, are under penalty of [?]40d if they

do not undertake the oath before the twentieth of June next, &c.
Also, they present Thomas Smyth to be Aleconner for the ensuing year who, present, undertook his oath.

Examined by



Steward
there

Part 5

[Wednesday] 7 May 1679

Manor of
Dulwich
1679

Court view of Frankpledge with court baron, there held on the seventh day of May in the thirty-first year of the reign of king Charles the second. and in the year of the Lord 1679, in the presence of Lancelot Johnson, esquire, Steward there.

Jurors for the Lord King	}	Grevill Lewis	}	Sworn	Daniel Wood	}	Sworn
		John Bowden			Richard Perry		
		John Starkey			Robert Budder		
		Nicholas Badger			John Davies		
		John Hamond			Richard Dugglas		
		William Terry			Thomas Wrench		
		John Scrivener			David Paine		

The aforesaid Jurors present John Starkey to be constable for the ensuing year.

Also, they present William Terry and John Watkins to be headboroughs for the year ensuing

who are -----

Also, they present Richard Colleins to be Aleconner for the ensuing year Sworn

At this Court Thomas Smyth, for neglect of the office of the Aleconner, is ordered
to be amerced one shilling, to be forfeited to the Lords of the aforesaid Manor.

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[End of Roll N11 [previously WW(1)].

A draft of Part 1 of this Roll is catalogued by G.F. Warner in Manuscripts series VI, as item 32, f.105r &105v, and the Summons to it, for 'Wednesday[sic, Sunday] the 12th day of May', as item 32, f.103r. To add to this confusion over dates created by Lancelot Johnson, in item 32, f.104r – a summary of the court record – the date could be read as either the 11th or the 31st (which was a Friday).]