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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 O1 [This Roll was previously named Z.] Note : Any Court Rolls between 1689 and 1693 are no longer extant.]

Roll O1 [previously Z] (front)

Part 1

[Thursday] 4 May 1693

Z

Manor of  
Dulwich in the  
County of Surrey }  
1693

View of Frankpledge with Court Baron there held on the fourth day of May in the fifth year of the reign of king William and queen Mary, and in the Year of the Lord 1693, in the presence of Lancelot Johnson Esquire, Steward there.

Jurors for the Lord  
King and Queen

John Bowden , Thomas Wrench, Thomas Cranwell, John Hamond, Francis Withers [partially erased], John Cox, Richard Perry, Edmund Tirrey, John Watkins, John Scrivener, Thomas Frisby, Nicolas Wells, Robert Budder, John Perry, John Russell, William Marlow, James Ireland, Roger Hamond, John Burges, William Loyd, Favor Barret.

The Jurors elected John Russell Constable for the ensuing year  
Roger Hamond and John Cox headboroughs  
The Aleconner as before

The Jurors amerce for absence Benjamin Tarrant 5s, Philip Cane 2s 6d, Andrew Arnold 5s, James Philp 2s 6d

Now follows of the Court Baron

The Homage : Robert Tompson Esquire. Sworn.

George Righton gent. .

**The Homage** <sup>their</sup> present upon <sup>^</sup>oath that Charles Wetherby, one of the customary tenants of this Manor, who held to himself and his heirs of the Lords of this Manor, by copy of the rolls, one customary messuage, or cottage, and three acres of land, formerly Curson's, and heriotable, by his last Will in writing, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of September in the one thousandth six hundredth and sixty-first Year of the Lord, devised the same (after the death of his wife Rachel) to his daughter Elizabeth, and to the heirs of her body begotten, and for want of such issue to his son Matthew Wetherby, and to the heirs of his body begotten, and for want of such issue to **[his cousin]** George Wetherby of Mitcham in the County of Surrey, **[and]** to his heirs and assigns ; that the aforesaid Charles\* and Rachel died ; and that the aforesaid Elizabeth and Matthew Weatherby died without heirs of their bodies, whereby the aforesaid tenements and lands devolve according to the form of the --- aforesaid Will to the aforesaid George Wetherby and his heirs. The Homage further present that the aforesaid George Wetherby is dead since the last Court, and that at the time of his death he had issue William and George Wetherby, and that George is his youngest-born son, and the heir according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, and that at the

Admission  
of George  
Wetherby

fine £10  
\* [probate  
granted 12th  
March 1666]

time of his death the aforesaid George had no animals for a heriot. And now, at this Court, the aforesaid George humbly sought that he be admitted tenant to the premises, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, To whom the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by the aforesaid Steward, conceded seisin thereof, by the rod, to have and to hold the aforesaid premises to himself and his heirs, by the rents and customs thereof hitherto owed and by law accustomed, and he gave to the Lords for a fine, as appears in the rolls, and he was admitted tenant thereof, and he made fealty.

At this court it is testified by the Steward of the aforesaid Manor that since the last Court James Cutler of London, Painter-Stainer, came into the presence of the Steward, and acknowledged himself to be fully satisfied of the sum of three pounds upon the second day of September in the one thousandth six hundredth and eighty seventh Year of the Lord, and the sum of one hundred and three pounds upon upon[sic] the second day of June 1688, according to the form of the surrender previously made by George Righton, one of the customary tenants of this Manor, on the first day of June in the one thousandth six hundredth and eighty seventh Year of the Lord, of one customary messuage or tenement and orchard, and one close of land containing two acres of land, and by the rod surrendered and released the premises, and all his right, title, and demand of the aforesaid George Righton.

Examined [by]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. A. Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Steward there".

Steward there

End of O1 [previously Z] (front). O1 [previously Z] (back) follows below :)

Roll O1 [previously Z] (back) is blank, apart from, at the top :]

1693 

[End of Roll O1 [previously Z].]