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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 P1 [This Roll was previously named alpha.] Note : Any Court Rolls between 1693 and 1719 are no longer extant.]

Roll P1 [previously alpha] (front)

Part 1 [Thursday] 9 April 1719

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The Manor of Dulwich  
In the County of Surrey }

Court Leet View of Frankpledge with Court Baron,  
held there on the ninth day of April 1719, in the  
Fifth Year of King George, in the presence of John  
Whishaw, gentleman, Deputy Steward there.

**At this** Court it is Recorded, by the aforesaid Deputy Steward, that since the last Court, namely on the ninth day of December in the Year of the Lord 1718, Mary Fairman, widow, a Customary Tenant of this Manor, together with one Richard Hawkins, gentleman, came into the presence of the aforesaid Deputy Steward, at the mansion house of the same Deputy Steward in the Parish of Saint Andrew, <sup>in the County of Middlesex,</sup> Holborn. And the aforesaid Mary, at that time, surrendered into the hands of the Lords, by the hand of the aforesaid Deputy Steward, all that customary Messuage or tenement, now divided into two Tenements, and four acres of Customary land, now divided into two Closes, being in Dulwich aforesaid, to the benefit and use of her Testament and last Will, Which said surrender follows in these words :  
*Be it remembered that whereas a Marriage is intended shortly to be had and solemnised by and between Richard Hawkins, of Hammersmith,*

*in the Parish of Fulham, in the County of Middlesex, gentleman, and Mary Fairman, of the Parish of St Olave, Southwark, in the County of Middlesex, widow, one of the Customary Tenants of the said Manor, She, the said Mary Fairman, did on the day and year above-written, by and with the privity, consent, and approbation of the said Richard Hawkins, her intended Husband, testified by his being present and subscribing his name hereunto, surrender into the hands of the Lords of the said Manor, by the Rod (out of Court), by the hands and acceptance of John Whishaw, gent., Deputy Steward of the Courts of the said Manor, according to the custom of the said Manor, All that her Customary Messuage or Tenement, with the appurtenances, now divided into Two Tenements, and Four acres of Customary Land, by estimation, in two Closes, lying in Dulwich aforesaid, and all other her Copyhold Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with the appurtenances, held of the said Manor, to and for such uses, intents, and purposes as she, the said Mary (without the consent or approbation of her said intended Husband, or his joining therein, notwithstanding her Coverture, and as if she were sole and unmarried), by her last Will and Testament in writing, or any other writing in the nature of her last Will and Testament, under her hand and Seal, executed by her in the presence of, and attested by, Three or more credible witnesses, shall declare, direct, limit, or appoint.*

Richard Cooper was Sworn in the office of Constable for one whole year next following, by the election of the Jurors ;

Henry Ghant  
 &  
 William Rainsford } were Sworn in the office of Headboroughs for one whole year  
 next ensuing, by the election of the Jurors;

John Foye was Sworn in the office of Aleconner for one whole year  
 next ensuing, by the election of the Jurors.

*Part 2*                      *[Thursday] 12 May 1720*

**The Manor of Dulwich**      Court Leet View of Frankpledge with Court Baron, held there on  
**In the County of Surrey**    the twelfth day of May 1720, in the Sixth Year of King George, in  
 the presence of John Wishaw, gentleman, Deputy Steward there.

*Jurors for the Lord King*

John Alewayes Daniel Badger William Cox John Davies Matthew Davis	}	Sworn	{	Robert Budder senior William Cranwell Andrew Daniell Thomas Ireland William Rainsford	}	Sworn	{	George Salford John Budder Henry Grant <i>[sic]</i> Francis Freind Samuel Swaine	}	Sworn	{	Richard Cowper John Bennett John Humphrey Thomas Fletcher	}	Sworn
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*Excuses none*

Geoffrey Land was elected by the Jurors into the office of Constable for one whole year now next  
 ensuing, and undertook his Oath ;

William Nelson } were elected by the Jurors into the office of Headboroughs for one whole year next  
 Richard Green } ensuing, and undertook their Oath ;

John Russell was elected into the office of Aleconner for one whole **year** next ensuing, and because he is absent a day is given him to take his Oath before a Justice of the Peace &c.

The aforesaid Jurors present that Elizabeth Jorden, widow, an Inhabitant of this Manor, ploughed, dug out, took, and carried away, twenty two perches of '*cespiti*' in English '*Turf and Soil*' of the Common within the aforesaid Manor, to the damage of the Lords and Tenants of this Manor. Therefore the aforesaid Elizabeth Jorden is Amerced 20s, to be paid and levied to the use of the Lords of this Manor.

The Homage { Samuel Hunter, Esquire }  
                  { George Righton, gent. } Sworn

At this Court the Homage, on their Oath, present that John Ingram, who in his lifetime held to himself and his heirs One Messuage, with appurtenances, and three acres of land, in the possession of a certain Gertrude Booth, abutting West against the College, upon the lane leading towards the Wind Mill in Dulwich aforesaid, being native **[i.e. copyhold]** land held of this Manor, prior to this Court died seised of the aforesaid premises, And that Thomas Ingram, an Infant **[i.e. a minor]** aged ten years or thereabouts, is the youngest son and the heir of the said John Ingram deceased, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor. And now to this Court comes the said Thomas Ingram, by Mary Ingram, widow, his mother and guardian, and seeks of the Lords to admit him as tenant to the aforesaid premises, as afore-stated, To which the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, conceded seisin thereof, by the rod, to have and to

Fine £21  
rent 1s

hold the aforesaid premises, with appurtenances, to the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns, in perpetuity, of the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the rents, suit of Court, customs, and other services thereof, hitherto owed and by law accustomed ; And she gave the Lords as a Fine twenty one pounds, and one Cow was seized into the hands of the Lords for a Herriott, and Fealty was respited until &c. And, subject always to the jurisdiction of the Lords, the said Thomas was admitted tenant, in the aforesaid form.

Fine 3s 4d

**And afterwards**, at this Court, the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, assigned and appointed the said Mary Ingram to be Guardian of the said Thomas for and during the term of his minority, to have and receive the rents, revenue, and profits of the aforesaid premises, and to render to him a true and just calculation thereof when he reaches his full age of twenty and one years And she gave the Lords for a Fine for the aforesaid appointment, as appears in the margin.

*Examined by me*



*Deputy Steward &c*

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