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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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Roll P2 [This Roll was previously named beta.]

Roll P2 [previously beta] (front)

[Thursday] 13 April 1721

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The Manor of Dulwich in the County of Surrey

At the Court View of Frankpledge ^{With} Court Baron there held on the thirteenth day of April, in the Seventh year of the Reign of our Lord George, King of Great Britain, and in the Year of the Lord 1721, before John Wishaw, Gentleman, Deputy of Thomas FitzRichard Aston, Esquire, Steward there.

[Jurors for the Lord King :]

John Davies	} Sworn	Robert Budder senior	} Sworn	Samuel Swain	} Sworn	William Rainsford	} Sworn
John Elwayes		Henry Gant		John Humphrey		Matthew Davies	
William Cranwell		Favor Barrett		Thomas Dodd		Thomas Ireland	
John Foye		Richard Cooper		John Bowden		George Salford	
John Bennett		Francis Freind		Robert Budder junior			

[Excuses : none]

William Cranwell was elected by the Jurors in the office of Constable for one whole year now next following, and he undertook his Oath ;

John Foy ----- } were elected by the Jurors in the Office of Headboroughs for one whole year now next ensuing, & they
Edward Fassett } undertook their Oath ;

Thomas Powis was elected in the Office of Aleconner for one whole year now next ensuing, & he undertook his Oath.

The Homage { Samuel Hunter, Esquire ----- } Sworn
George Righton, Gentleman }

Whereas at the Court held for this Manor on the twenty-fifth day of April in the Year of the Lord 1689, Robert Faireman of the Parish of Saint Saviour's, Surrey, Brewer, & his wife Mary, were Admitted tenants to one Customary messuage, with appurtenances,

divided into two Tenements, of which one was then in the tenure or occupation of Richard Perry & the other was then vacant, & four Customary acres by estimation in two parcels, in English 'Closes', lying in Dulwich aforesaid, to the use of the same Robert & Mary for the term of their lives & of the survivor of them, & afterwards to the use of the heirs & assigns of the survivor of them, Which said Robert died in the lifetime of the aforesaid Mary, And Whereas at another Court held for this Manor on the ninth day of April in the One Thousandth Seven Hundredth and Nineteenth Year of the Lord it appears that the aforesaid Mary surrendered the same premises to the benefit & use of her Testament and last Will in writing, And that by her Testament or Last Will in writing, bearing date the eighteenth day of December in the One Thousandth Seven Hundredth and Nineteenth Year of the Lord, reciting the aforesaid surrender to the benefit & use of the last Will of the same Mary, and certain Articles made before the Marriage of the same Mary with a certain Richard Hawkins her then husband, & by the power & authority given to the same Mary by the aforesaid Articles, she the aforesaid Mary gave & devised the aforesaid premises in these English words following, that is to say : *'I do give, direct, limit, & appoint all that my Copyhold or Customary Messuage or Tenement, now divided into two Tenements, & all those my two closes, pieces or parcels of Customary Land containing by estimation four acres, be the same more or less, now or late in the occupation of John Allen & Elizabeth Willy or their undertenants, held of the said Manor of Dulwich, & all other customary messuages, lands, tenements & hereditaments of or belonging to me, or which I have power to dispose of, held of the said Manor of Dulwich, with the appurtenances, to my loving niece Martha Scott, now wife of the said Samuel Scott, & the heirs of her body, & for default of such issue to my nephew the said Samuel Scott for & during his natural life'* with several remainders thereof in the aforesaid Testament or last Will the said Mary, charged however with a payment to be made annually of the sum of ten pounds a year to one Martha Wilkins, named in the said Testament, for & during the term of her natural life, at two feasts in each year, namely at the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed virgin Mary [i.e. Lady Day, 25 March] & the Feast of Saint Michael Archangel [i.e. Michaelmas, 29 September] by equal portions, according to the copy of the aforesaid Testament, with probate thereof under the seal of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, now produced here in Court, & shown to the aforesaid Homage in Evidence, is more fully evident & apparent ; And that after making the aforesaid Testament, & prior to this Court, the said Mary, then wife of the aforesaid Richard Hawkins, died seised of the aforesaid premises ; And that upon her death falls one Herriot owed to the Lords of this Manor. And now to this Court comes the aforesaid Martha Scot, wife of the aforesaid Samuel Scot, & humbly seeks of the Lords to be admitted Tenant to the aforesaid premises, that

is to say : to one Customary Messuage, with appurtenances, now divided into two Tenements in the possession of a certain John Reup, & four Acres of Customary land, by Estimation, in two parcels, in English 'Closes', lying in Dulwich aforesaid, according to the form of the surrender & Testament aforesaid, to whom the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, by their aforesaid Deputy Steward, at this Court, granted and delivered seisin thereof, by the Rod, to have & to hold the aforesaid Messuage & all & singular the other premises, with appurtenances, to the said Martha, wife of the aforesaid Samuel Scot, & the heirs of the body of the same Martha lawfully begotten, or to be begotten, with such other remainders in tail named in the aforesaid Testament, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by the rent, services, & customs thereof hitherto owed and by law accustomed. And the same Martha paid the Lords for a Fine for her admission, for having the premises thereof, Fifty two pounds & ten shillings, And also forty shillings in lieu of one Herriot, no animals being found upon the aforesaid premises. And she was admitted tenant thereof, but fealty was respited [i.e. postponed].

Fine £52 10s
Herriot £10.

At this Court licence was granted to the said Martha to demise to farm all her Customary tenement & lands held of this Manor to any person or persons for the term of twenty years from the Feast of the blessed Virgin Mary last past, saving always to the Lords of the aforesaid Manor all Escheats & advantages thereof arising by reason of the premises And she gave to the Lords, for the aforesaid licence, as appears in the margin.

Fine included in
the preceding Fine

And moreover, at this Court the Lords of the aforesaid Manor granted licence to George Righton, gentleman, to demise all & singular his Customary Messuages, lands, & tenements, within the aforesaid Manor, to any person or persons, for whatever term of years not exceeding a term of twenty one Years, calculated from the Feast of the blessed Virgin Mary last past, And the said George Righton gave the Lords as a fine for this licence as appears in the margin.

Fine £3 4s.

Examined by 
Deputy Steward there

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