



The following document is part of a Dulwich Society project to digitise, transcribe and translate the Dulwich Manorial Court Rolls. They begin in 1333 and continue, with some breaks, to 1903.

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 Q1 [This Roll was previously named h1]

Roll Q1 [h1] (front) N.B. This Roll is in places too dark and badly damaged to read, apart from occasional words or part-words, some of which appear as 'ghost' images, i.e. white on brown.

Part 1 [Tuesday] 13 April 1725

[h 1]

Manor of Dulwich in
the County of Surrey }

Court -----

Jurors for the Lord King, and Homage

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Assessors Matthew Davis.
& Robert } Sworn

----- was elected into the office of Constable for one whole Year now next ensuing and undertook his Oath

----- was elected into the office of Headborough for one whole Year next ensuing and undertook his Oath

----- was elected into the office of Aleconner for one whole Year next ensuing and undertook his Oath

The Homage {-----}

At this Court the Homage present upon their Oath that George Righton, Gentleman, lately one of the Customary Tenants of this Manor, who held to himself and his heirs and assigns of the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, -----‘*aterias usitat*—‘ and of one Customary messuage or tenement and an orchard, in English ‘*a Customary Orchard*’, lying in Dulwich in the County of Surrey next to the house and orchard of the Master, Warden, Fellows, Brothers, Sisters and Scholars of the aforesaid College of Dulwich on the West part, and upon the Common of Dulwich within the Manor of Dulwich on the North part, And also one Close of Custmary land to the aforesaid Messuage & Orchard adjoining, containing by estimation two Acres, be it more or less, now or late in the Tenure Or Occupation of Thomas Normandy and Robert Gay, being Customary lands held of this Manor, before the last Court of ----- died seised thereof, and that John Righton, Gentleman, is the Sole Son and Heir of the aforesaid George Righton ----- to this Court comes the Aforesaid John Righton ‘*t---*‘ ----- and seeks to be admitted Tenant to the aforesaid premises, with appurtenances, as aforesaid, ----- To which the Lords, by their aforesaid Steward, granted Seisin thereof by the Rod ----- To have and to hold the aforesaid Premises, with appurtenances, to the aforesaid John, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, by the rod, at the will of the Lords, According to the custom of the aforesaid Manor,

by rent, suit of Court, and other services thereof hitherto owed & by right accustomed, And he gave the Lords for a fine as appears in the margin

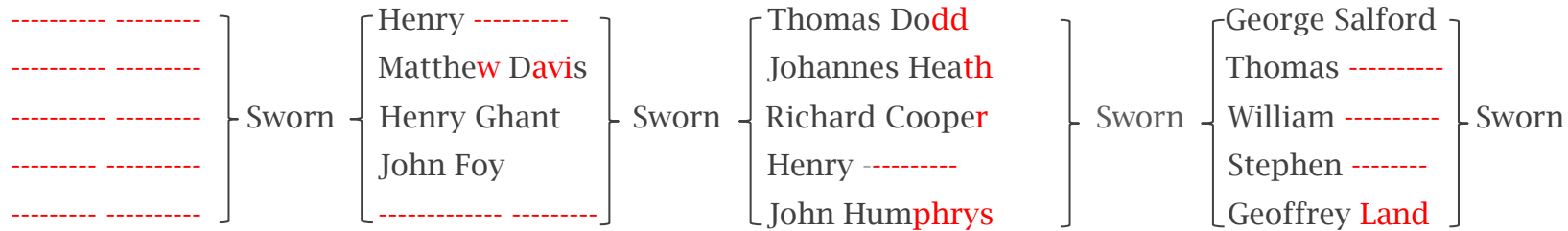
And afterwards At this Court the aforesaid John Righton Surrendered into the Hands of the Lords, by the hands of John Wishaw, Gent., Deputy Steward aforesaid, All & Singular the aforesaid Customary premises ----- of such person or of such persons & of such Estate or of such Estates ----- Specification or Appointment ----- to John Righton to demise all & 'tem-' ----- Virgin Mary last past ----- aforesaid -----

Part 2

[Thursday] 14 April 1726

} Manor of Dulwich in
the County of Surrey }

Court Leet View of Frank Pledge with Court Baron of the Master, Warden, Fellows, Brothers, Sisters and Scholars of the College of Dulwich - Lords of this Manor, there held on the fourteenth day of April 1726, in the twelfth Year of the reign of our Lord George, now King, in the presence of John Wishaw, Gentleman, Deputy Steward there



Who, sworn and charged, say that they have elected Richard Green as Constable therein for one whole year now next ensuing, and he undertook his Oath to execute the aforesaid Office ;
 And they have elected ----- to the Office of Headborough for one whole year now next following, and he undertook his Oath to execute the aforesaid Office ;
 And they have elected ----- to the Office of Aleconner for one whole year now next ensuing, and he undertook his Oath to execute the aforesaid Office.

At this Court the Jurors and the Homage say that Samuel Hunter Esquire, lately one of the Custumary Tenants of this Manor, who held to himself and his heirs and assigns of the Lords of the aforesaid Manor, was Seised According to the aforesaid Custom of several pieces or parcels of land Containg by Estimation Six Acres, held of this aforesaid Manor, by Copy of the Rolls, Rent and Heriot, that is to say one piece or parcel of land Containing two acres, more or less, lying in a certain Field called Napps, abutting upon Certain Lands of the College in the Possession of Thomas Ireland towards the East, upon other

[End of Roll Q1 [previously h1] (front). Q1 [previously h1] (back) follows below.]

[N.B. Some of the ink from Q1 [previously h1] (back) has become attached (by the effects of damp) to Roll Q2 [previously h2] (front), and, read in reverse, helps to fill in many of the gaps in Q1 [previously h1] (back) below.]

Part 2 (continued)

[Thursday] 14 April 1726

Lands of the same College in the possession of George Solford towards the South and West, and upon Customary lands late of the said Samuel Hunter towards the North, And of one other Piece or Parcel of land containing two Acres, more or less abutting towards the aforesaid Field on the South part and upon other lands of the College in the possession of the said George Solford towards the East, West and North, And one other piece or parcel of land Containing two Acres, more or less, Abutting upon lands in the possession of a certain Deborah Lowman, widow, towards the East, upon another Filed also called Napps on the west part, upon lands in the possession of the aforesaid Thomas Ireland on the North part, and upon lands in the possession of a certain William Page on the South part, died, being thereof Seised by the aforesaid Samuel Hunter, after the last Court and before ----- because no-one comes ----- the aforesaid several Pieces or Parcels ----- of no-one comes ----- Parcels certain ----- Therefore at this Court ----- into the hands of the aforesaid Lords for ----- to ---'iendum ad pr'-----

Examined by John Wishaw,
Steward there

Part 3

[Wednesday] 19 Apr 1727

Manor of Dulwich in
the County of Surrey }

Court Leet View of Frank Pledge with Court Baron of the Master, Warden, Fellows, Brothers, Sisters and Scholars of the College of Dulwich, Lords of the same Manor, there held on the nineteenth day of April in the thirteenth Year of the reign of our Lord George, now King &c., in the presnce of John Wishaw, Gentleman, Steward there.

----- come here in Court, to Take the several Pieces or Parcels of Customary Land, with appurtenances, within the aforesaid Manor, of which the aforesaid Samuel lately died seised, Containing by Estimation Six Acres held of this Manor by Copy of the Rolls, Rent, and Heriot, that is to say : one Piece or Parcel of land containing two Acres, more or less, lying in a certain Field called Napps, abutting upon certain lands of the aforesaid College in the possession of Thomas Ireland towards the East, and upon other lands of the same College in the possession of George Solford towards the South and West, And upon Customary lands lately of the said Samuel Hunter towards the North ; And one other piece or parcel of land Containing two Acres, more or less, abutting towards the aforesaid Field on the South part, and upon other lands of the College in the possession of the said George Solford towards the East, West and North ; And one other piece or parcel of land Containing two Acres more or less, abutting upon lands in the possession of a certain Deborah Lowman, widow, towards the East, upon another Field also called Napps on the west part, upon lands in the possession of the aforesaid Thomas Ireland on the North part, and upon lands in the possession of a certain William Page on the South part ; Which descend to them by the Death of the said Samuel Hunter ; But no-one came.

Examined by me 
Steward there

[End of Q1 [previously h1] (back), except that on the added parchment flap at the bottom is written, in pencil, upside down, 'ANON'.]

[End of Roll Q1 [previously h1]]