



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 Q2

[This Roll was previously named h2]

Roll Q2 [previously h2] (front)

N.B. The top third of this side is too 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

[Monday] 6 May 1728

Manor of Dulwich in
the County of Surrey }

Court -----

----- Steward there

Jurors for the Lord King, and the Homage :

Thomas Dodd }
John Foy } Sworn [] Sworn [] Sworn [Budder }
Richard Green } Thomas Ireland } Sworn
William Nelson }

Who, Sworn & charged Upon Matters touching the said Court, present & amerce John Pe-----n, being a resident & Inhabitant within the aforesaid Manor, because he neglected and refused to attend to the Service of this Court held on the thirteenth day of April in the one thousandth seven hundredth and Twenty Seventh Year of the Lord, according to notice given in that respect, at ?three shillings.

Richard Green was elected by the Jurors in the Office of Constable for one Whole year now next Ensuing And he Undertook his Oath to Execute the aforesaid Office ;

Francis Ed----- was elected by the Jurors in the Office of Headborough for one Whole year -----
but he did not come here in Court to Take up that Office ; Therefore he is ordered to declare his Oath
before any of the Lord King's Justices of the Peace, To undertake to execute that Office there for the
ensuing year, within ten days now next Ensuing, Under penalty of forty Shillings ;
----- was elected in the Office of Aleconner for one Whole Year next Ensuing -----
and he undertook his Oath to Execute the aforesaid Office.

Whereas at the Court held for the aforesaid Manor on the fourteenth day of April in the twelfth
year of the reign of the Lord George the first, lately King &c., it was presented by the Homage That
Samuel Hunter Esq., lately a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, was Seised, According to the aforesaid
Custom, of several pieces or parcels of land Containing 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 lands of the same College in the possession of George
Solford towards the South & West, upon other Customary lands lately he said Samuel Hunter's ^{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, & North ; And of One other Piece or parcel of land Containing
two Acres, more or less, abutting upon Lands on 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 ; And, being so Seised thereof, the aforesaid Samuel Hunter, and after
the Last ^{Court} & before this Court, died Seised thereof ----- 'illi' Came to be admitted
----- the aforesaid parcels of land ; And now at this Court it Appears, and is presented

by the Homage, That John Hawkins, son & heir of Eliza Hawkins, lately deceased, Widow,
sister of the aforesaid Samuel Hunter, is one of the nearest Co-heirs of the aforesaid Samuel Hunter ; And that
William Fenwick, Son & heres of Frances Fenwick, lately deceased, Another of the Sisters of the aforesaid
Samuel Hunter, & is another of the nearest Co-heirs of the aforesaid Samuel Hunter ; And that
Catherine Stokoe, widow, was another Sister of the aforesaid Samuel Hunter, & is Another nearest
Co-heir of the aforesaid Samuel Hunter ; And that Thomas Hall, Son & Heir of Deborah
Hall deceased, another Sister of the aforesaid Samuel Hunter, is another nearest Co-heir of the aforesaid
Samuel Hunter ; upon which At this Court come the aforesaid John Hawkins and William
Fenwick ----- this respect '*Special-- Consti-----*'
Catherine Stokoe and Thomas Hall per -----d Surtees, Gentleman, their Attorney in this respect
----- Lords by their Steward
----- Catherine Stokoe
----- Lords, by the Rod,
-----hitherto owed & by
right accustomed -----

[The six lines above, and the lines (if any) following, have been mostly obliterated by the text from Roll Q1 [previously h1] (verso), the ink from which has been attached, by the effects of damp, to this Roll.]

[End of Q2 [previously h2] (front). Q2 [previously h2] (verso) is completely blank.]

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