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Roll R3 [This Roll was previously named h5.]

Roll R3 [previously h5] (front)

[Thursday] 13 April 1744

The Manor of  
Dulwich in the  
County of Surry } h5

At a Court Leet and View of Frank Pledge  
with the Court Baron of the Master Warden Fellows  
Brethren Sisters and Scholars of the Colledge of Gods Gyft  
in Dulwich Lords of the said Manor held the thirteenth day  
of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred  
and forty four And in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of our  
Sovereign Lord King George the Second of Great Britain  
and Ireland &c Before John Whishaw Gentleman Steward there

The Jury of our Sovereign Lord the King with the Homage

George Bowen	} Sworn	John Heath	} Sworn	William James	} Sworn
William Bridle		Francis Friend		Henry Budder	
John Wetton		George Friend		Robert Marbro	
John Vanderzee		William Levens		John Budder	

Thomas Wetton is chosen by the Jury into the Office of Constable for one Whole Year now next ensuing and was Sworn in accordingly

John Vanderzee is chosen by the Jury into the Office of Headborough for the Whole Year now next ensuing And was sworn in accordingly

William Place was chosen by the Jury into the Office of Aleconner for one Whole Year and was sworn in accordingly

Whereas at a Court held for this Manor on the Sixth day of May in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty John Hawkins William Fenwick Catherine Stokoe and Thomas Hall as Co-heirs of Samuel Hunter<sup>Esq.</sup> deceased were admitted Tenants to certain Lands held of this Manor by Copy of Court Roll Whereof the said Samuel Hunter dyed seized, to wit, To several Peices or Parcells of Land containing by Estimation Six Acres held of this Manor by Copy of Court Roll Rents and Herriot to witt Of one Piece or Parcell of Land containing two Acres more or less lying in a certain Field called Napps abutting upon certain Lands of the Colledge then in the possession of Thomas Ireland towards the East and upon other Lands of the same Colledge in the possession of George Solford towards the South and West And upon certain Customary Lands late of the said Samuel Hunter towards the North And of one other Piece or Parcell of Land containing two Acres more or less abutting on the Field aforesaid on the South part and upon other Lands of the Colledge in the possession of the said George Solford towards the East West and North And of one other Piece or Parcell of Land containing two Acres more or less abutting upon Lands in the possession of one Deborah Lowman Widow towards the East upon another Field also called Napps upon the West part upon Lands in the possession of the said Thomas Ireland on the North part And upon Lands in the possession of one William Page on the South part *To Hold* to the said John Hawkins William Fenwick Catherine Stokoe and Thomas Hall and their respective heirs in Severalty and as Co-Parceners according to the Custom of the said Manor As by the Court Rolls of the said Manor more fully Appears.

And whereas at another Court held for this Manor on the Ninth day of May in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the Second the homage did present that the said William Fenwick was seized according to the Custom of the said Manor of one fourth part of the said Premises And was then dead *Then* the first Proclamation was then made that if no one came to be Admitted then the **fourth part** late of the said William Fenwick of and in the premisses the same would **come into** the Lords hands for want of a Tenant &c And no one came &c And Now at this Court cometh Barnabas Fenwick Youngest Son of the said William Fenwick an Infant of the Age of twelve years or thereabouts who by the Custom of the said **Manor is** intituled to be Admitted to the said fourth part of the said Premises of **which the said** William Fenwick dyed seized as **aforsaid** by Joshua Geekie\* **his attorney** ----- and humbly prays of the Lords to ----- Premises of which the said William **dyed seized** ----- the Lords of the said Manor b----- To have and to hold the said forth[sic] part of the ----- to the said Barnabas Fenwick his Heirs and Assigns for ever of the Lords of the said Manor by the Rod according to the Custom of the said Manor by the Rents Suit of Court Customs and other Services thereof first due and of Right accustomed and gave to the Lords for a Fine for such his Admission three Pounds and twenty shillings in lieu of an Herriot And Fealty is respited Until **&c And** so always saving the Right of the Lords the said Barnabas is Admitted Tenant in manner aforsaid And afterwards at this Court the Lords of the said Manor by their said Steward

Death of William Fenwick .

Barnabas Fenwick the Youngest Son of William Fenwick admitted per Guardian

\* a lawyer, of the Inner Temple

Joshua Geekie  
appointed Guardian  
of Barnabas

according to the Custom of the said Manor assign and appoint the said Joshua Geekie to be Guardian of the said Barnabas during his Minority *To have* and to hold the ----- and profits of the said fourth part of the said Premises **And render a true and** just Account thereof when he shall come to <sup>his</sup> full Age of one and twenty years And gave to the Lords for a Fine for the said Appointment as Appears in **the margin** -----

Death of  
Catherine  
Stokoe

Thomas Stokoe  
son admitted to  
her portion

Also at this same Court it is found by the Homage <sup>the Above named</sup> that Catherine Stokoe **widow has lately** dyed Seized according to the Custom of the said Manor of one other Fourth **part** of the said Premises And That Thomas Stokoe is her only Son And heir

**NOW** at this same Court cometh the said Thomas Stokoe by Joshua Geekie Gentleman as his attorney in this behalf lawfully Authorized **And prays of** the Lords **to admit the said Thomas** to the said one fourth Part of the said Premises **of which the said Catherine Stokoe** dyed Seized as aforesaid *To which* the Lords of the said Manor by their said Steward granted Seizin thereof by the Rod **To** -----  
----- partion the said premisses with the Appurtenances  
----- his heirs and Assigns for ever of the Lords of the said **Manor by** the Rod according to the Custom of the said Manor by the Rent Suit of **Court Customs and other Services** thereof first due and of Right accustomed and **gave to the Lords for a Fine for such** his Admission three Pounds and twenty shillings **in lieu of an Herriot** And Fealty is respited until &c And so always Saving the Right **of the Lords the said Thomas is admitted** Tenant in manner aforesaid .

**Also at this** same Court the Homage aforesaid do present that the said Thomas **Hall** ----- dyed seized according to the Custom of the said Manor

of one other fourth part of the said premisses And that John Hall an Infant under the age of twenty one years that is to say of the Age of twelve years or thereabouts and the only son and Heir **Now** at this Court cometh the said John Hall by Joshua Geekie one ----- gardian ---- And ----- prays of the Lords to be Admitted To the said one fourth part of the said premisses of which the said Thomas Hall dyed seized as aforesaid *To which* the Lords of the said Manor by their said Steward granted seizin thereof by the Rod To have and to hold the same fourth part of the said premisses with the Appurtenances To the said Thomas Hall his Heirs and Assigns for ever of the Lords of the said Manor by the Rod according to the Custom of the

End of R3 [previously h5] (front). R3 [previously h5] (back) follows below :]

Roll R3 [previously h5] (back)

*[Thursday] 13 April 1744 (continued)*

[illegible] said Manor by the Rent/ Suit of Court Customs and other Services thereof first due and  
[illegible] of Right accustomed And gave to the Lords for a Fine for such his Admission three Pounds And twenty Shillings in lieu of an Herriot And Fealty is respited Until &c And so always saving the Right of the Lords the said John is Admitted Tenant in manner aforesaid .

[illegible] And Afterwards at this Court the Lords of the said Manor by their said Steward  
[illegible] according to **the Custom of the said Manor** ----- of the said Joshua  
[illegible] Geekie -----

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Examined by *John Whitaker*  
Steward there

Note: The Will of John Hawkins, Gent., of Clerkenwell, Goldsmith, dated 9 October 1740 and proved on 4 November 1743, leaves legacies to the children of his late cousin John Stokoe at 21, and the residue to his "Partner" Saint John Haughton, without making any mention of his Dulwich copyhold, or of any wife or children of his. If he died without issue, then the persons entitled to his one-fourth share of the Dulwich copyhold would, by adapting the rules of copyhold inheritance to fit the circumstances, have been those entitled to the other three-fourth shares. Each of them would therefore be entitled to a one-fourth part and one-third of another one fourth part.

[End of Roll R3 [previously h5].]