

Summary of Dorney Manor Court Roll (26 June 1514)

This summary outlines the main points from the Dorney Manor Court Roll of 26th June 1514. It covers various aspects of manor management, including fines, land transactions, inheritance matters, rent collection, and community regulations.

The document provides insight into the feudal system's operation in early 16th century England, showcasing how local courts managed land ownership, tenancy, and community affairs.

Court Details

- Date: 26th June 1514 (6th year of King Henry VIII's reign)
- Lord of the Manor: Edward Dermey, Esquire, and other feoffees for Richard Hyll of London

Key Points:

1. **Homage (Jury) Members:** Listed, including John Shepard, John Neeres, John Grey, and others.
2. **Fines for Default:**
 - Several individuals and institutions fined for failing to appear, including the Provost of Eton College and various landholders.
 - Fines ranged from 2d to 4d.
3. **Deaths and Inheritances:**
 - Abraham Sybylle's death reported; his son Isaak Sybylle named as heir.
 - John Goldewyn's death reported; his son William Goldewyn (age 16) named as heir.
4. **Land Inquiries:**
 - Homage given time to investigate various land holdings, including:
 - Pastures at Hucham called Wowardes
 - A toft at le Wyke
 - Land in Suthefeld
5. **Rent Arrears:**
 - Bailiff ordered to distrain for unpaid rents from several tenants, including:
 - Thomas Ramsey (for Wenhams close)
 - Provosts of Eton College (for various lands)
 - Clement Frymley (for a close called Digamell)
 - John Hyll (for a cottage with garden)
6. **Community Regulations:**
 - Deadlines set for repairing hedges and enclosures:
 - Between common and common fields: before St. Edward's feast
 - For barley fields: before Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - Penalties of 40d for non-compliance
 - Restrictions on sheep grazing:
 - Not in meadows before Michaelmas (40d fine)
 - Not on Dorney grene before Christmas (12d fine)
 - James Richardes and John Putney ordered to reopen a plough track in Northefeld by 1st August (6s.8d penalty)

7. **Affeerers** (assessors of fines): John Shepperd and John Grey sworn in.

Note on Spelling Variations:

- Goldewyn / Goldewin
- Sybylle / Sybille
- Neeres / Norres (possibly)