

Summary of Dorney Manor Court Roll (1 October 1528)

This summary outlines the main points from the Dorney Manor Court Roll of 1st October 1528. It covers various aspects of manor management, including fines for non-attendance, land transactions, enforcement of community regulations, collection of rent arrears, and appointments of officials.

The document provides insight into the ongoing management of the manor, particularly highlighting issues with long-standing rent arrears from prominent institutions like Eton College and Windsor Castle. It also shows how the manor court dealt with violations of community regulations and land use.

Court Details

- Date: 1st October 1528 (20th year of King Henry VIII's reign)
- Lord of the Manor: John Aleyn, knight, citizen and Alderman of London, and other recoverers for Richard Hyll, esquire

Key Points:

1. **Homage (Jury) Members:** Listed, including John Norreys, William Ingby, Thomas Forster, and others.
2. **Fines for Default:**
 - Several individuals and institutions fined for failing to appear, including the Dean & Canons of Windsor, the Provost & Fellows of Eton College, and various landholders.
 - Fines ranged from 2d to 4d.
3. **Land Transactions:**
 - Thomas Smythe purchased property from Agnes Mason (widow of John Putney), including:
 - A cottage called Orgravys
 - Land on Whetehill and in Lyngfurlong
 - A close of pasture near a capital messuage called Dygantes
 - Thomas Smythe required to perform fealty for these lands.
4. **Community Regulations and Violations:**
 - John Ingby fined 40d for continuing to use a common way he was ordered not to use.
 - William Roberttes fined 80d (40d twice) for commoning with his beasts at Lake end against previous orders.
 - Several individuals (William Hale, Henry Lane, William Sheperd, Ralph Davyson, John Hacker, William Terry) fined as "common breakers of hedges" and warned of future 12d fines for each offense.
5. **Rent Arrears and Distraints:**
 - Provost & Fellows of Eton College reported for withholding various rents for 16 years, including:
 - 12d yearly for Lovecotes
 - Various small rents for lands in Eton fields

- Dean & Canons of Windsor reported for withholding various rents for 16 years, including:
 - 2d yearly for a messuage formerly of John Seymour
 - 6d yearly for an acre of pasture in Southefeld
 - Other small rents for lands in Whetehulle, Lyngfurlong, and Hucham
- Bailiff ordered to distrain for all these unpaid rents and arrears

6. Appointments:

- Thomas Forster and Thomas Dolwyn appointed to enforce ordinances concerning the common, with a penalty of 40d for failing to do so.

Note on Spelling Variations:

- Norreys / Norres
- Mountagne / Mountague
- Ingby / Yngby