

# DORNEY MANOR COURT ROLL

**11th June 1546**

## **Manor of Dorney**

Court of William Garrard, citizen and haberdasher of London, held there the 11th day of June in the 38th year of the reign of lord Henry VIII, by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and supreme Head on earth of the English and Irish Church. (1546)

**Essoins:** Nil.

**Homage present:** James Norres, William Mountegewe, Thomas Dolwyn, Robert Ingby, John Heggere, Thomas Grove, John Goldwyn, William Wolward, Thomas Fylbye, William Webbe, Robert Sheperd, Mark Sympson, Richard Redyll, Robert Pulton, Ralph Whytell, John Howe, John Wodhous, James Grove, William Goldwyn; sworn.

**Fines 3s.2d.** Who say on their oath that the Provost and College of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Eton, Joan Lampe, widow, Nicholas Clarke, esquire, John Mountegewe and Ambrose Aldryge are free tenants of the lord and owe suit at this court and have made default. Therefore each of them is in mercy, as appears over the head of each.

**Extent of the manor.** And further the aforesaid Homage present that the metes and bounds of the liberty of the lordship or manor of Dorney extend on the East from a certain hedge called Marke Hege as far as the Thames of our lord the King running there on the West, and on the South from a certain gate called Stapers gate as far as a certain bridge at Lake Ende on the North.

And that the fields called Somertone Feld and Old Feld are within the limits and bounds of the aforesaid liberties, and that the tenants of the said manor have always been accustomed of right to impound the beasts of anyone offending by and on the grain or herbage growing there for the damage done in injury of the tenants of the said manor in the common pound of the manor of Dorney aforesaid.

**Rent withheld.** Also the said Homage present that the Dean and Canons of the College of Wyndesore, who hold of the lord a messuage formerly of Thomas Fytzwater afterwards of Thomas Swane and late of John Seymor, clerk, by fealty and rent of 2d. yearly, and an acre of pasture next to said messuage in le South-feld by fealty and rent of 6d. yearly, and also two half-acres of land, whereof one lies on Whetehulle and the other on Lyngfurlong, which is the headland, by fealty and rent of 2d. yearly, also an acre of land at le West towne in field of Hucham called Woodwardes by fealty and rent of 3d. yearly, have obtained and withheld the several rents aforesaid by the space of 34 years last past. Therefore the Bailiff is required to distrain for the rent and arrears aforesaid.

**Rent withheld.** Also the said Homage present that the Provost & Fellows of the College of Blessed Mary of Eton, who hold of the lord a croft and certain lands at le Wyke called Lovecotes late of John Water by fealty and rent of 12d. yearly, and a half acre of land formerly of Alice Jourdeley and earlier of Richard Gutselle in field of Eton by fealty and rent of 4d. yearly, have detained and withheld these several rents by the space of thirty-four years last past. Therefore the Bailiff is required for the rent and arrears aforesaid, &c.

**Penalty imposed.** Also the said Homage present that Robert Mountegewe drawing certain horse-barges beyond the land and meadow in le West Feld and in returning with his horses towards Boveney has caused much damage by trampling the grass and meadows of his neighbours and the dwellers within the said manor. And he is warned not to do it any more under pain of forfeiting for every turn 4d. every time he does it.

**Day given.** A day is given to all the tenants and dwellers within the said manor that each of them shall put up fences for his own land between the common fields and Dorney grene and Lake ende before the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist next following, on pain of forfeiting for every perch found to the contrary, 4d.

**Day given.** A day is given for all the tenants and dwellers there having meadows in le Southe mede that each of them shall scour his ditches from a certain bridge called

Calvesleys bryge to a pond called Staunford before next Michaelmas on pain of forfeiting for each perch 4d. if it be found to the contrary.

**Penalty imposed.** Also the said Homage present that Nicholas Forde ought to make a certain gate at Hyghe Wey style. Therefore he has a day to make the said gate to be amended, before the feast of SS. Peter and Paul next following (29th June) on pain of forfeiting 6s.8d. if it be not made at the said feast.

**Alienation of free tenement.** Also the Homage present that William Webbe alias Shepherd has since the last court sold and alienated to John Heggere a cottage with garden adjoining

**Relief 9d.** which is held of the lord by rent of 9d. yearly, fealty and suit of court, wherefore there falls due to the lord for a relief 9d., which he has paid to the lord here in court, and has done fealty to the lord and is duly admitted tenant.

**Election of officers.** Also the said Homage have chosen Thomas Grove in place of Henry Lane, with William Mountegewe, Mark Sympson and John Goldyng to supervise the execution of the Statutes and Ordinances concerning the commons, under pain of each of them forfeiting 3s.4d. if he does not effectively perform his functions.

**Affeerers:** James Norres, John Goldwyn, Thomas Dolwyn; sworn.

By me Thomas Butler, steward.