

Summary of Dorney Manor Court Roll (18 November 1563)

This summary outlines the main action points, decisions, and fines set during the Dorney Manor Court session on 18 November 1563. It also notes some spelling variations for names that appear in the document. The court roll provides insight into the management of the manor, including livestock regulations, property maintenance, and community responsibilities.

Key Action Points and Decisions:

1. Default Fines:

- The Dean and Canons of the College of Wyndesore (Windsor) and Robert Mountagewe owe suit of court and are fined 2d each for default.

2. Death and Inheritance:

- Anthony Dollen has died; Thomas Dollen is his son and nearest heir.

3. Pound Breaking:

- Nicholas Howe fined 3s.4d for breaking the lord's pound and removing impounded beasts.

4. Ditch Scouring:

- Several individuals fined for not sufficiently scouring their ditches:
 - Robert Foster: 4d
 - Abrooke: 8d
 - Maurice Fylton: 4d
 - William Rackley: 4d

5. Pig Ringing:

- Multiple tenants fined for not properly ringing their pigs. Fines vary based on the number of unringed pigs.

6. Fence Repair:

- All tenants with land in Northfylde, Asford, and Oldfeilde must repair their fences before 21st December (St. Thomas the Apostle's feast), or face a 4d fine per undone pole.

7. Ordinance Revisions:

- Livestock limits on common land based on rent paid:
 - 20s rent: 3 draught animals and 10 sheep, or 4 beasts and 1 young cow (Heckforth) under 3 years
 - 10s rent: 1 sheep after shearing time
- Violation fine: 3s.4d per offense

8. Sheep Washing and Shearing:

- To begin on or after the first Monday after 10th June
- Must be completed within 12 days
- Fine for violation: 20s

9. Pig Keeping Limits:

- 5s-20s rent: Maximum 4 pigs
- Over 20s rent: 2 pigs per 10s(?) rent
- Excess pigs to be removed before All Saints' feast
- Fine: 20s, or 3s.4d per pig not removed

10. Common Rights:

- Tenants prohibited from letting or demising commoning rights
- Fine: 10s per day

11. Sheep Removal:

- All sheep to be removed from common meadow and Green before St. Matthew's feast
- Fine: 20s

12. Encroachment Inspection:

- Tenants to assemble during the Twelve Days of Christmas to view and report encroachments
- Fine for absence without cause: 20s

Name Spelling Variations:

- Mountagewe / Mountagepe
- Crannell / Crannell
- Howe / Hoye
- Rackley / Reckley
- Fylbye / Fylton
- Shepard / Shaperd
- Albroke / Abrooke