

## Worfield Court Roll P314/W/1/2/295

Worfeld Great Court held on the Tuesday before the Feast of All Saints in the 22nd year of the reign of Henry VI (1443)

excused Roger Jones, John Bagot, William Ewik, John Hilton, Thomas Richards  
excused suit of court by Thomas East

the 12 Robert Webbe William Barker Thomas Halle John Walton  
Thomas Robert Roger Hatton William Rowlowe  
Thompkes Bruggende John atte Sonde Roger Rowlowe  
Thomas Underhull Roger Catstre

fine 14d To this court came William Chese (6d) & John Bullok (8d) and made a fine with the lord and steward for suit of court for this year until the Feast of St Michael next

strays 10d Kyngelowe & Stanlowe nothing presented. Hilton presents that John Danyell  
amerc 6d forestalled John Bagot and that Walter Shepard forestalled the aforesaid John Bagot. Burcote, Burcote, Ryndelford & Bromley presents one white wether a stray for over a year price 6d in the custody of John Walker. And that John Bene beadle of the lord has in his custody one piglet price 4d a stray for over a year and forfeit to the lord. Aculton nothing presented. Edenesse & Olyngton townships present that John Bagot (6d) forestalled Thomas Oldyngton and hit him. Wiken nothing presented. Alvescote, Winchecote, Catstre and Newton present one busc of bees in the custody of Roger Catsre forfeit to the lord 2d. Worfeld nothing presented. Chesterton presents one brown horse price 2s and one black beast price 10d strays from before the Feast of St Peter in Chains last past seized for the lord & in the custody of John Snell. Bradeney nothing presented. Hallon presented one stray busc of bees in the custody of Roger Barker (2d). And that Margery (6d) daughter of Thomas Wartoner made a bond break of 2 cows on William Wermod. And that Roger Gerbot (2d) made a default of court. And that John Bagot (6d) broke the pound of one horse on Ann Barker unjustly. Stapulford presents one black lamb, a stray for over a year price 8d in the custody of John Bene. Roughton, Brandeley, Hockombe & Swancote nothing presented

strays 2s  
strays 10d

strays 2d  
amerc 22d

relief 6s 8d To this court came Thomas of Oldyngton and paid relief to the lord for one messuage and six nooks of land with appurtenances in Oldyngton. And he gave to the lord for relief 6s 8d and made fealty to the lord and thence had seisin according to the custom of the manor

ale tasters  
amerc 2s 8d The ale tasters present that William Walker (4d) brewed once, Agnes Green (4d) brewed once, John Prestes (4d) brewed once, John Gudde (4d) brewed once, John Merewall (4d) brewed once, Richard Billyngesley (4d) brewed once, John Snell (Note: no payment) brewed once, Henry Webbe (4d) brewed once & Roger Gerbot (4d) brewed once and broke the assize & are in mercy

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Election of officers

Stephen Rowelowe & Thomas Hichecokes are elected constables of the peace for the year following and are sworn  
Henry Wever & Thomas Haselwod are elected ale tasters for the following year and sworn

Sum of this great court 14s

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Small court held on Wednesday following the Feast of All Saints in the 22nd year of the reign of Henry VI (1443)

Thomas Richardes, Roger Jones, Roger Hatton, John Rowelowe of Hilton excused suit at this small court by John Weston

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Roger Swancote	William Barker	Roger Rowlowe	William Rowlowe
Robert Webbe	Thomas	William Dalley	John Colet
Thomas Underhull	Merewall	Roger Catstre	John atte Sonde
	John Bromley		

amerc 6d

John Orme plaintiff of John Bullok & Anna his wife in a plea of debt and it is ordered they are summoned against the next court  
Richard Severne of Welyngton plaintiff of John Bullok & Anna his wife in a plea of debt & it is ordered as above  
Richard Billyngesley plaintiff of John Prestes in a plea of trespass and it is ordered he is attached against the next court  
William Barowe (6d) is in mercy for a licence to agree with William Willote in a plea of trespass  
John Prestes plaintiff of Richard Billyngesley in a plea of trespass and it is ordered he is attached against the next court

heriot 21s  
escheat 14s  
10d

The jury present that William Ewyk made default of court and that Thomas Toward who held of the lord one messuage and half a virgate with appurtenances in Stapulford called Towardes Places, one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances here called the Hill Place & one toft and half a virgate of land with appurtenances here called the Ford Place has died since the last court and that Agnes is the wife of the said Thomas and tenant of the land and holdings aforesaid for the term of her life according to the custom of the manor. And that after the decease of the aforesaid Thomas there falls one 2 year old ox (tagget) price 8s, one black ox price 7s, one black ox price 6s. And for escheat one black colt price 12d and 17 pigs and piglets price 13s 4d and 1 boar price 6d in the name of escheat

election of reeve & beadle

John Snell & William Dalley and the same William is elected and sworn reeve for the year following year  
John Bene is elected & sworn as beadle for this year

To this court came John Snell in the name of Thomas Merewall &

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fine 10s

surrendered into the hands of the lord one toft & half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Stapulford called Galiones Land to the work of John Merewall son of the aforesaid Thomas and Alice his wife and the heirs of their bodies legitimately procreated. On which in the same court came John & Alice and took from the lord the toft & land aforesaid holding to themselves & the legitimate heirs of their bodies. And if John and Alice die without such heirs then the toft and land goes to the rightful heirs of Thomas Merwall in reversion according to the custom of the manor by rent & services thence formerly due and accustomed. And they gave to the lord 10s for a fine, made fealty and thence had seisin

To this court came John Snell and surrendered in the name of Agnes Toward formerly wife of Thomas Toward into the hands of the lord one messuage and half a virgate of land one messuage and half a virgate with appurtenances in Stapulford called Towardes Places, one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances here called the Hill Place & one toft and half a virgate of land with appurtenances here called Fords Place after the decease of the said Agnes to the work of John Merewall son of John Merewall, his heirs and assigns. On which in the same court came the aforesaid John son of John and took from the lord the messuages and land aforesaid holding to himself and his heirs & assigns from the lord in reversion after the death of the said Agnes when it happens according to the custom of the manor by rent & services thence formerly due & accustomed. And he gave to the lord 30s for a fine, made fealty and thence had seisin

fine 10s

To this court came John Gerbot and surrendered into the hands of the lord one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Hockombe to the work of Thomas Gerbot his son and Julian his wife and the heirs of Thomas. On which in the same court the aforesaid Thomas and Julian his wife came and took from the lord the messuage and land aforesaid holding from the lord to himself in the manner aforesaid according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed. And they gave to the lord 10s for a fine and made fealty to the lord and thence had seisin.

Sum of this small court £4 6s 4d

In expenses of the steward and other officers of the lord 10s 6d

Affeerors: John atte Sonde & John Colet

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Small court held on Tuesday after the Feast of St Katherine the Virgin in the 22nd year of the reign of King Henry VI (1443)

excused

John Whitebrok, William Barker, Thomas Catstre, Roger Swancote, John Smyth of Hilton, William Ewyk excused suit of court by John Lee

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Robert Webbe  
Thomas Underhull  
Robert Brugend

Roger  
Townsend  
John atte Sonde  
John Bromley

Roger Catstre  
Roger Rowlowe  
John Colet

William Stafford  
Roger Barker  
Thomas Jevon

John Orme puts himself against John Bullock and Anna his wife in a plea of debt and summoned he did not come and it is ordered he be attached  
Richard Severne of Welyngton put himself against the aforesaid John and Ann his wife in a plea of debt and summoned he did not come and it is ordered he be attached

Richard Billyngsley put himself against John Prestes in a plea of trespass of debt & attached he did not come and it is ordered he be distrained until the next court

John Prestes put himself against the aforesaid Richard in a plea of trespass & attached he did not come and it is ordered he be distrained until the next court

Robert Webbe plaintiff of John Bromley in a plea of debt and it is ordered that he is summoned to the next court

The same Robert plaintiff of John Elcok senior, Thomas Bradeney senior and Richard Billyngsley in a plea of debt. And it is ordered that they be summoned

Robert Brugende, Roger Townesend, Thomas Underhill and William Barker plaintiffs of Thomas Thompkys in a plea of broken agreement

amerc 2d

Present that William Rowlowe (2d) of Stapulford made a default of court

amerc 18d

John Prestes (12d) is in mercy because he withdrew his case against Richard Billyngsley in two pleas of trespass

Richard Billyngsley (6d) is in mercy because he withdrew his case against John Prestes in a plea of trespass

John Elcok senior and other defendants are in mercy for withdrawing their case against Robert Webbe in a plea of debt

amerc 6d

John Bromley (6d) is in mercy for a licence to agree with Robert Webbe in a plea of debt

John Tresell plaintiff of John Elcok junior in a plea of trespass and it is ordered he is attached to the next court

fine 4d

rent for land  
recently  
brought into  
cultivation 4d

To this court came Thomas Gerbot formerly reeve of the lord and surrendered in the name of John Stanlowe into the hands of the lord one parrook of meadow called Pasteford lying at the end of the meadow of John Gudde to the work of Matilda Blakemere, her heirs and assigns. On which in the same court came the aforesaid Matilda and took from the lord the said parrook of meadow holding to herself, her heirs and assigns from the lord according to the custom of the manor giving per annum thence to the said John Stanlowe and his heirs and assigns one silver halfpenny for all other

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services, customs and demands. And she gave to the lord 4d for a fine, made fealty and thence had seisin

fine 4d  
increment of  
rent 4d

To this court came Henry Wever and took from the lord one toft with one helda and 2 headlands in Halon in the field called Masewardine for which he was giving to the lord 2s per annum holding from the lord for the term of his life. Now giving to the lord 2s 4d thus from the increment per year for the term aforesaid 4d for suit of court and other services according to the custom of the manor. And he gave to the lord 4d and made fealty to the lord and thence had seisin.

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Great court held here on Tuesday before Easter in the 22nd year of the reign of King Henry VI (1444)

excused

Roger Walton, William Bagot, John Walton, John Barneley, Thomas Catstre, John Hilton, William Rowlowe of Wotton, Thomas Bradeney Senior, Thomas Thompkys excused suit of court by Thomas Love

the 12

Roger Swancote	Thomas	Roger	John Gudde
Robert Webbe	Underhull	Townsend	John Colet
Thomas	William Barker	Robert	John atte Sonde
Thompkys	Roger Catstre	Bruggende	
		John Bromley	

amerc 2s 2d

Wiken presents that William Walker (6d) forestalled Roger Bradeney and that the said Roger (6d) [forestalled] the aforesaid William and that Thomas Smyth (6d) forestalled Nicholas Sadeler and that the said Nicholas (6d) forestalled the aforesaid Thomas. Alvscote, Wichecote, Catstre and Newton nothing to present. Hallon presented that Henry Herkedale (2d) made a default of court. Burcote, Burcote, Rindelford & Bromley one busk of bees price 5d in the custody of John Walker. Stanlowe and Kyngelowe nothing to present. Rowelowe, Bradeney, Asterhill, Ewyk & the Sonde nothing to present. Oldyngton nothing to present. Akelton presents 2 wethers and 2 lambs strays seized from before the Feast of St Michael last past in the custody of John Snell price 16d. Stapulford presents two white stray sheep seized before the Feast of St Michael last past in the custody William Rowlowe of Stapulford price 16d. Roughton, Brandeley, Hokcombe & Swancote present that John Walton (6d) unjustly drove his neighbours' animals from the common. Worfeld nothing to present. Chesterton township presents 1 white sheep price 10d a stray for over a year in the custody of John Snell and forfeit to the lord.

amerc 3s

The ale tasters present that Roger Calowe (4d) brewed once, Roger Catstre (4d) brewed once, Thomas Flesshebrok (4d) brewed once, Richard Underhill (4d) brewed once, Stephen Rowlowe (4d) brewed once, William Billyngsley (4d) brewed once, John Billyngsley (4d) brewed once, Roger Gerbot brewed once, Thomas Smyth (4d) brewed once, Christian Merewall (4d) brewed

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once and broke the assize

2s Henry Wever (8d), William Barowe (8d) and Matilda Billyngsley (8d) made a fine with the steward to brew until the Feast of St Michael next.

q? To this court came John Aldyff son and heir of Thomas Aldyff and sought seisin of one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Stapulford which messuage and land by the consideration of the court and 12 jurors according to the custom of the manor it is said that John Aldyff versus Roger Swancote here in court before the steward should recover the holding to himself and his heirs and assigns from the lord according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed. And he gave 10s to the lord for a fine, made fealty to the lord and thence had seisin.  
Sum of this great court 8s 11d

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excused John Barker, Thomas Gerbot, Thomas Catstre excused suit of court by Thomas Mere

the 12

John Rowlowe	Thomas	John Walton	Thomas Janne
John Smyth	Hichecokes	John Mathewe	William Stafford
Roger Barker	William Goolde	William Robyns	Thomas Gerbot
	William Rowlowe		

plea To this court came Clement Taillour of Bilston in person and complained that the bailiff and other officers of the lord did him great injury. He said that without right they seized his own goods and chattels for the goods and chattels of John Bullok and he seeks swift justice to be made to him according to the proper custom of the country and the lord's domain here. And thence he sought from the steward to show here that the goods were wrongfully taken by presenting 6 hands in the court according to the custom of the country and the domain of the lord here. And it is said that the said goods and chattels belong to Clement and he should have and enjoy the said goods and chattels for himself. [Note: The sense I trust is correct but the translation is rather 'free.']

the 12 The jury aforesaid presents that John Rowlowe senior who held of the lord 1 messuage and 1 virgate of land with appurtenances in Rowlowe has died since the last court after whose death there falls to the lord one red cow price 5s in the name of heriot. And that the messuage and land aforesaid should go to Margery wife of the aforesaid John according to the custom of the manor. And that the said Margery died after the aforesaid John after whose decease there falls to the lord 1 sheep price 10d in the name of heriot. And that Margery Herkedale who held of the lord one cottage in Halon has died since

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pain  
remaining

the last court after whose death there falls to the lord in the name of heriot 1 sheep price 10d. And that Thomas Richardes who held of the lord one toft and half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Newton has died since the last court after whose death there falls to the lord in the name of heriot one ox price [blank] And present that the lord's mill of Worfeld is ruinous and in bad repair in default of Robert Webbe the lessee of the mill. And that the tenants of the lord and other customary tenants withdrew suit for the mill for the reason given aforesaid to the damage of the lord and his tenants here. And it is ordered through the steward of the lord that the said Robert should make good all repairs before the Feast of St Peter in Chains next on pain of 20s forfeit to the lord if not done.

amerc 6d

day

law

John Elcok (6d) is in mercy because he withdrew his case against Robert Webbe in a plea of debt

A day is given between Matilda Billyngsley plaintiff and John Prestes in a plea of debt until the next court

Robert Webbe and John Snell plaintiffs of Clement Taillour in a plea of debt broken agreement [written above] one law against the next pledge for law Roger Townesend

Robert Bruggend , Roger Townsend, Thomas Underhill and William Barker plaintiffs of Thomas Thompkys in a plea of broken agreement & John Wilkes John Tresell put himself against John Elcok junior in a plea of ~~debt~~ trespass and being attached he didn't come and it is ordered he be distrained against the next court

Sum of this small court 7s 2d  
Thence in expenses of the steward, clerk, bailiff, beadle and other officers of the lord here and diverse external supervisors 5s 2d halfpenny

Sum total of the courts for this year held here £5 19s 3d  
In expenses of the steward, clerk, bailiff, beadle and other officers of the lord here and diverse external supervisors being here for the profit of the lord for the year aforesaid 17s 2d halfpenny  
And in parchment bought for court rolls bills and extra writing for the year aforesaid 12d