

Worfeld Great Court held here on the Friday the morning after the Feast of St Michael in the 19th year of the reign of Henry VI [30 September 1440]

excused John Bullock, Thomas Richards, Roger Jones, John Forton, William Ewyke excused suit of court by John Mere

the 12	Roger Townesend	Thomas	John Bromley	William Dalley
	Robert Webbe	Underhull	John Walton	Thomas Toward
	Thomas Thompkys	William Barker	John atte Sonde	Roger Catstre
		Robert Bruggend		

strays forfeir 10d Burcote, Burcote, Ryndelford and Bromley nothing presented. Alvescote, Winhecote, Catstre and Neweton present one busc of bees price 2d in the custody of Roger Townesend. Hilton nothing presented. Kyngeslowe and Stanlowe present two buscs of bees price 4d in the custody of Matilda Blakemere. Roughton, Barneley, Hokcombe and Swancote nothing presented. Eudenesse & Oldyngton nothing presented. Aculton nothing presented. Chesterton present one black bullock tagget seized before the Feast of Pentecost last past price 8s and in the custody of John Snell. Present one busc of bees price 2d in the custody of John Bradeney. Halon presents one stray sheep price 10d in the custody of Roger Broke seized before the Feast of St Martin last past. Rowlowe, Bradeney, Asterhull, Ewyk and the Sonde present one busc of bees price 2d in the custody of Robert Bruggend. Worfeld nothing presented. Stapulford nothing presented

ale tasters amerc 2s 8d Present that Agnes Yate (4d) brewed once, Julian atte Wall (4d) brewed once, Richard Bere (4d) brewed once, John Elcock (4d) brewed once, Roger Billyngsley (4d) brewed once, Alice Herkedale (4d) brewed once, Richard Smyth (4d) brewed once and Roger Townesend (4d) brewed once and broke the assize and therefore in mercy

election of officers for the year following to wit John Rowelowe and Roger Catstre are elected constables of the peace  
John Catstre of Halon and Richard Foxhall are elected ale tasters

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excused Thomas Richards, Roger Johenes, John Bromley of Aldescote and John Bullok excused suit of court by John Weston

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the 12	Robert Webbe Thomas Underhull Roger Townesend	John Bromley William Barker William Dalley	Robert Bruggend Roger Catstre Roger Gerbot	Thomas Gerbot Thomas Toward John Sond
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fine 6d      To this court came Roger Swancote and gave the lord a fine of 6d for suit of court until the Feast of St Michael next

election of reeve & beadle      Thomas Gerbot of Chesterton and John Mathewe of Roughton are nominated to the office of reeve by the aforesaid 12 juorors and John Mathewe is elected And the township of Halon elected John Bene as servant of the lord in the office of beadle for the following year

a day      {is given to John Edcok plaintiff and John Willon in a plea of trespass  
               {is given to the same John Edcok plaintiff and Edward Cook in a plea of trespass  
 John Rowelowe is in mercy for a licence to agree with Roger Barker senior in a plea of trespass

fine 6d      To this court came John Walker the lord's reeve in the name of Richard Smyth and surrendered into the hands of the lord one cottage in Worfeld to the work of Robert Taillour and Alice his wife on which in the same court came the aforesaid Robert and Alice and took from the lord the cottage aforesaid with its appurtances holding to themselves and theirs according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed. And they gave to the lord a fine of 6d and made fealty and had seizin thereof

fine 4d      To this court came John Walker the lord's reeve in the name of Richard Smyth and Margery his wife and surrendered into the hands of the lord a weir called Watstakyng with all fisheries adjoining to the work of John Aston. On which in the same court came the aforesaid John and took from the lord the weir aforesaid holding to himself and his according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed. And he gave to the lord a fine of 4d and made fealty to the lord and had seizin thereof

To this court came John Rowelowe senior and Margery his wife and William Rowelowe their son and surrendered into the hands of the lord the reversion of one messuage and one virgate of land with appurtenances in Rowelowe after the decease of the said John and Margery to the work of Stephen Rowelowe and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs of their bodies aforesaid. And if the said Elizabeth should die without heirs of her body by Stephen legitimately procreated the aforesaid messuage and land with appurtenances is to remain with the said Stephen and the heirs of his body legitimately

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procreated for ever and if Stephen should die without such heirs the aforesaid messuage and land is to remain with the rightful heirs of John for ever. On which in the same court came the aforesaid Stephen and Elizabeth and took from the lord the messuage and land aforesaid holding from the lord in the manner aforesaid to the aforesaid Stephen and Elizabeth according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed. And they gave to the lord for a fine 20s and made fealty to the lord and had seizin thereof

fine 20s

To this court came John Nyldon son and heir of Alice Nyldon and sought seizin of one messuage and half a virgate of land and a fourth part of one nook of land with appurtenances in Stanlowe and the Oldefelds holding to himself and his according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed and he made fealty to the lord and gave to the lord for relief 6s 8d and had seizin thereof. And on this in the same court came the aforesaid John in his own proper person and surrendered to the lord the aforesaid messuage and land with appurtenances to the work of Agnes Yate holding from the lord to herself and her heirs and assigns according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed and she gave to the lord for a fine 6s 8d and made fealty to the lord and had seizin thereof

relief 6s 8d

fine 6s 8d

To this court came Roger Barker junior in the name of Richard Smyth and surrendered into the hands of the lord one weir with a house at the Hanging Rock to the work of William Barker his heirs and assigns on which in the same court came the aforesaid William and took from the lord the weir aforesaid holding to himself and his according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed and he gave to the lord for a fine 4d and made fealty to the lord and had seizin thereof

fine 4d

To this court came Richard Pety and took from the lord a weir lying beside Thomas Merewall's called Sydmore holding from the lord to himself and his heirs according to the custom of the manor by annual rent of 2d and he gave to the lord for a fine 2d and made fealty and had seizin thereof

fine 4d

To this court came John Collettes of Hilton and surrendered into the hands of the lord a messuage and virgate of land with appurtenances in Hilton to the work of John Bradeney and Alice his wife and the heirs of their bodies legitimately procreated and if the said John and Alice should die without such issue the aforesaid messuage and land remain with the rightful heirs of John Bradeney for ever holding from the lord to the aforesaid John and Alice his wife 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 for a fine 20s and made fealty to the lord and had seizin thereof

fine 20s

Sum of the Great and Small Courts 58s 10d

In the expenses of the steward, clerks and other officials here for 2 days and nights 10s 6d

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Worfeld Small court held here on Thursday in the Feast of St Chad the Bishop in the 19th year of the reign of King Henry VI

excused Thomas Richards, John Bullok, John Whitbrok, John Stanlowe, Roger Hatton and William Ewyke by John West

the 12	Robert Webbe Thomas Underhull Roger Townesend	Roger Gerbot John Bromley William Dalley	John Walton William Barker John Sond	Robert Bruggend Richard Haselwod Roger Catstre
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heriot 16d The jury aforesaid presents that Margery Barker of Halon who held of the lord one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Halon and half a toft and one nook of land here has died since the last court by whose death there falls to the lord in the name of heriot one sheep price 16d and that William Barker her son is her heir and next of kin. And present that Roger Kyngelowe who held of the lord one toft and half a virgate of land in Kyngelowe has died since the last court by whose death there falls to the lord for heriot one black ox price 12s 6d. And that Isabel wife of the aforesaid Roger is tenant of the land aforesaid according to the custom of the manor.

heriot 12s 6d And that Richard Haslewod married Alice his daughter without a licence and gives to the lord a fine of 12d

fine 12d

a day {is given between John Edcock plaintiff and John Willon in a plea of trespass  
{ the same John Edcock Edward Edcock and Margaret Cook in a plea of trespass

Sum of this court 14s 10d  
And in the expenses of the steward and other officers of the lord being here 2s 7d

Worfeld Great court held here on Tuesday in Easter Week in the 19th year of the reign of King Henry VI

excused Thomas Richards, John Walton, William Ewyk, John Bullok, John Holygreve, Roger Hatton, William Chese, Dominus Henry Buffrey and John Barker excused suit of court for this time by John Wotton

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the 12	Robert Webbe Thomas Thompkys Thomas Underhull	Robert Bruggend Roger Townesend William Barker	William Dalley John Forton John Bromley	Thomas Toward Roger Catstre John Sonde
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ale tasters the ale tasters present that John Edcok (4d) brewed once, Thomas Tailleur (4d) brewed once, John Billyngsley (4d) brewed once, William Walker (4d) brewed once, William Stafford (4d) brewed once, Sibill Newe (4d) brewed once, William Dalley (4d) brewed once, Richard Underhull (4d) brewed once, Roger Gerbot (4d) brewed once, Thomas Fleshbrok (4d) brewed once, Stephen Rowelowe (4d) brewed once, William Bere (4d) brewed once, John Prestes (4d) brewed once, John Holygreve (4d) brewed once, Richard Billyngsley (4d) brewed once, Thomas Bradeney (4d) brewed once, Thomas Bradeney junior brewed once and broke the assize

amerc 5s 8d

strays 10d Rowghton, Bradeney [should be Barneley], Hockombe & Swancote nothing to present. Eudenesse & Oldyngton nothing to present. Burcote, Burcote, Ryndelford & Bromley present one stray black ewe price 8d in the custody of John Walker of Ryndelford seized before the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist last past. Kyngelowe and Stanlowe nothing to present. Hilton nothing to present. Halon presents one busc of bees price 2d in the custody of John Prestes. Rowelowe, Bradeney, Asterhull, Ewyk & the Sonde nothing to present. Wyken presents that Dominus Leonard the chaplain (6d) forestalled Richard Sondyer. And that the said Richard (6d) forestalled Dominus Leonard. Chesterton nothing to present. Aculton nothing to present. Stapulford nothing to present. Worfeld nothing to present. Alvescote, Wynchecote, Catstrey and the Neweton nothing to present.

amerc 12d

Worfeld Small court held on Tuesday in Easter Week in the 19th year of the reign of King Henry VI

excused John Bullok, Thomas Richards, Roger Hatton, William Chese excused suit of court by John Coner and Thomas Mere

the 12	Robert Webbe Robert Bruggend Thomas Underhull	Roger Townesend William Barker William Dalley	John Bromley John Sonde Roger Catstre	John Bradeney John Rowelowe William Stafford
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Present that William Ruge held a weir within the domain at Pasteford

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the jury  
aforesaid

without giving rent to the lord therefore an enquiry against the next court

To this court came Agnes Nicholles and Sibill her daughter through John Bene beadle of the lord and surrendered into the hands of the lord one toft and one nook of land with appurtenances in the Neweton and one curtilage here to the work of John Haselwod son of Richard Haslewod his heirs and assigns. On which in the same court came the aforesaid John and took from the lord the toft, land and curtilage aforesaid holding from the lord to himself and his according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed. And he gave to the lord for a fine 5s made fealty and had seizin thereof

fine 5s

relief 8d

To this court came Margery the daughter of Alice Galyon and sought seizin of one cottage with curtilage adjacent with appurtenances in Halon holding from the lord to herself and hers according to the custom of the manor by services thence formerly due and accustomed. And she gave to the lord for relief 8d. And afterwards in the same court came the aforesaid Margery through John Bene beadle of the lord in her name and surrendered into the hands of the lord the cottage and curtilage aforesaid with its appurtenances to the work of Roger Barker and Agnes his wife their heirs and assigns holding from the lord to himself and his according to the custom of the manor by services thence formerly due and accustomed. and he gave to the lord for a fine 8d made fealty and had seizin thereof

fine 8d

fine 20s

To this court came John Bene beadle of the lord in the name of Roger Townesend and Alice his wife and surrendered into the hands of the lord the reversion after the decease of Roger and Alice his wife of one messuage and 3 nooks of land with appurtenances in Alvescote and one toft and one nook of land with appurtenances in Wynhecote to the work of John Townesend and Alice his wife and the heirs of their bodies legitimately procreated. And if it should happen that the said John and Alice die without heirs of their bodies legitimately procreated then the aforesaid messuage, toft and land aforesaid with appurtenances to remain with the aforesaid Roger and Alice his wife for ever the aforesaid John and Alice holding from the lord 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 for a fine 20s made fealty and had seizin thereof

To this court came Roger Gerbot and Agnes his wife in their own proper persons and surrendered into the hands of the lord the reversion after their decease of one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Burcote, one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Hokcombe to the work of John Gerbot and Agnes his wife and the heirs of their bodies legitimately procreated. And if it should happen that the said John and Agnes die without heirs of their bodies legitimately procreated then the aforesaid messuages and land to remain with Roger and Agnes for ever with the aforesaid John and Agnes his wife holding from the lord in the manner aforesaid according to the custom of the manor by rent and services

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fine 20s      thence formerly due and accustomed. And they gave to the lord for a fine 20s made fealty and had seizin thereof

fine 12d      To this court came John Aldyff son and heir of Thomas Aldyff and he gave to the lord for a fine 12d to hold an enquiry of 12 upright and honest men according to the custom of the manor whther he has the better right in his demand in one messuage and half a virgate of land with appurtenances in Stapulford which Roger Swancote has in his tenure. Pledge for the fine John Snell

To this court came Margery Hugyns through John Snell her attorney and surrendered into the hands of the lord one toft and one virgate of land with appurtenances in Hilton called Adam Opyntones Land to the work of Thomas Merewall and Alice his wife and the heirs of the said Thomas on which in the same court came the aforesaid Thomas and Alice and took from the lord the toft and land aforesaid holding from the lord 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 for a fine 20s made fealty to the lord and had seizin thereof

Sum of the great and small courts 74s 10d  
In expenses of the steward, clerk, bailiff, reeve and beadle with outside supervisors being here for 2 days and 2 nights for the profit of the lord 5s 4d halfpenny

Worfeld      Small court held on Thursday after the Feast of Corpus Christ in the 19th year reign of King Henry VI

excused      John Whitbrok, John Bradeney, Roger Townesend, John Bullok, William Ewyk, John Crokhurst, Roger Barker junior, Thomas Touward, Thomas Underhull, Robert Bruggend, Thomas Merewall, John Smyth, John Rowelowe of Hilton, John Collettes, William Walker, William Golde, Thomas Hull, John atte Sonde, Thomas Richards

the 12      Robert Webbe      Roger Hatton      Richard      William Robyns  
John Bromley      John Walker      Haselwod      Thomas Catstre  
William Barker      John atte Sonde      Thomas Gerbot      Thomas Hychecokes  
Roger Catstre

William Barowe plaintiff of Roger Barker in a plea of trespass  
The same Roger plaintiff of the aforesaid William in a plea of trespass  
Henry Wever plaintiff of Nicholas Sadeler in a plea of debt

To this court came John Bene beadle of the lord in the name of William Romesbed and Joan his wife and surrendered into the hands of the lord one cottage with curtilage lying in Halon to the work of Richard Bokenhall his

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heirs and assigns on which in the same court came the aforesaid Richard and took from the lord the cottage aforesaid with curtilage holding to himself and his from the lord according to the custom of the manor by rent and services thence formerly due and accustomed. And he gave to the lord for a fine 6d made fealty to the lord and had seizin thereof

fine 6d

the 12 jurors  
fine 2s

Present that Agnes (2s) who was the wife of John Yate of Stanlowe was married without licence within the domain to John Gydde. And that Alice who was the wife of John Forton who was a tenant of the lord of one messuage and six nooks of land with appurtenances in Oldyngton has died since the last court after whose deceased there falls to the lord in the name of heriot one black ox price 7s 4d. And it is ordered that the heirs of the land aforesaid be distrained to make the lord a fine for its relief

heriot 7s 4d

Sum of this court 9s 10d

In expenses of the steward, bailiff, reeve and beadle 2s 1d

Sum total of all the courts for this year £7 18s 4d

In expenses of the steward for the year aforesaid 20s 7d

In parchment bought for the rolls and other supplies 12d

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