

Tintinhull

Extracts from manor court rolls, 1612-23

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Extraction policy:

1. Presentments by the four tithings. Not extracted.

(The tithing men are seldom named. . Their presentments are usually just *omnia bene* [all's well], though Tintinhull tithing usually also present a tenant for default of suit [not turning up to the court]. This odd – the courts are always described as Views of Frankpledge, Lawdays and hundred courts, yet none of the normal business of such courts is ever recorded)

2. List of jurors and their first presentment. Not extracted.

(The jurors are always named, and usually number 12, sometimes 14 or 15. Their first presentment is usually that the tithingmen have presented truthfully and that *omnia bene*, and perhaps that certain individuals owe suit of court and have defaulted. The rest of the normal business of a manor court – property transfers, by-laws etc – is usually recorded as a series of presentments by the jurors – these matters are covered below.)

3. Appointments of manorial officials. Not extracted.

(These are the constables, tithingmen, haywards - usually just one appointed at each court.)

4. Stray animals. Recorded in summary form. (Animals which have wandered into the manor, and how disposed of - often 2 or 3 animals per court.)

5. Property transfers. Recorded in summary form, omitting repetitive standard-form wording (ie name of deceased/transferor, what land he held at death/sold, name of heir/purchaser, heriot, entry fine). (At least one transfer in most courts.)

6. Licences/presentments for living outside the manor. Only first entry extracted, thereafter just summarised.

7. Agricultural by-laws and orders and presentments for breach (at least one entry, often several, in each court). Extracted in full at first, in later courts often just summarised.

8. Other miscellaneous entries. Extracted if unusual or interesting, especially if relating to the agriculture, landscape/geography or tenurial structure of the parish.

Note on ‘hedges’: the court rolls frequently refer to *sepes*, a Latin word that means any kind of boundary structure, including both fences and hedges. Because the rolls also sometimes refer to *fensura*, which usually means just ‘fence’, I have assumed that they use *sepes* to mean ‘hedge’, but it should be born in mind that there is some uncertainty on the point.

Note: text in *italics* is a faithful transcript of the original document (used mostly where the original text is in English, but also when the Latin is unclear). Non-italic text is a translation into English from the Latin of the original document.

\text/ indicates interlineated words.

Photo 232

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of John, lord Petre, lord of the hundred and manor, 22 Oct 10 Jas [1612]

Strays – a white ewe [*matrix*] worth 12d., found at feast of St John the Baptist, now unclaimed for a year and a day, so forfeit to the lord and sold.

– a white ewe worth 12d., found in the *west feilde* at the feast of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Property transfer – Joan Meaker, wife of John Meaker, who held for her life a customary tenement containing 24 acres and pasture for three beasts in *le west feilde*, had dies since the last court, heriot by [previous] agreement is £6 in money, their heir is their son Thomas Meker who proved it by showing their copy [of the roll] in court, a grant by John lord Petre dated 4 Oct 2 Jas [1604], but Thomas Hopkins also claimed it and the matter was remanded in litigation.

Item they [the jury] present that Richard Smythe, gent., has trees and hedges [*sepes*] lying beside the hedges of John Wilkins and is given a day to lop [*truncand'*] the aforesaid trees from the corner of the said John's house to the end of his orchard and to ?lay his hedges [*sepire sepes s'*] to the higher end of his close called *le Backside* next to the close called ?ny'-, before the feast of the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on pain of 10s.

[Margin:] day given
with a pain

Item they present that John Hopkins pens [*obseruat*] his sheep, in English *doth pyne his sheepe*, at *Martocke* by night which by day pasture within this manor, against the custom of this manor, therefore he is to be distrained.

[Margin:] distraint

Total profits of court: £5 2s. 6d.

Photos 233-5

First Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., 22 Apr 11 Jas [1613]

At this court comes John Hopkins \10s./ a customary tenant and gives the lord as a fine to have a licence to live [*Comorand'*] [away] from and outside this manor and his customary tenement within this manor until the feast of St Michael Archangel next. And for such licence he gives the lord as a fine as appears in his heading.

[Margin:] fine licence to }
reside } 10s.

[*This entry is repeated, with minor variations of wording, in most of the subsequent years, will usually just be summarised.*]

At this court comes John Hopkins \12d./, a customary tenant, and places himself in the lord's grace for the fine for the trespass [*fin' tr'ns'*] of which he is accused as appeared in the last preceeding court, namely, because against the custom of the manor he penned his sheep, in English *doth pyne*

his sheepe at Martocke by night which by day pasture within this manor to the great detriment of the lord and the bad example of the others. Therefore his fine is assessed as appears in his heading.
[Margin:] fine for trespass 12d.

At this court Richard Smyth, gent., forfeited the pain of 10s. because he has not yet lopped his trees growing in his hedges beside the hedges of John Wilkins from the corner there, as he was specifically ordered at the last preceeding court, therefore he incurs the aforeaid pain, but by the grace of the court he has another day to trim [*ellopiand*] the aforeaid trees before the feast of All Saints next, on pain of 20s.
[Margin:] pain forfeit 10s.

Stray – white ewe worth 12d, found in the *west feilde* at the feast of the Annunciation of the BVM, now unclaimed for a year and a day so forfeit to the lord and sold.
– 3 white wethers [*vervic*] worth 4s., found in the lord's land at Christmas. To be proclaimed.

Item they [the jury] present that every tenant who has a ?close about [*h'et inclusur' circa*] *Eastfeild* and *Marshefeild* should before 1st May next well and sufficiently make their part of the ?hedge/fence [*sepiu'*] and *le bancks* about *le feilde* aforeaid, on pain of 3s. 4d. And that Thomas Priddle and Thomas Browne shall oversee the repair of the hedge and *le bancks* aforeaid, and if there be any default on 1st May the offending tenant shall repair the default within 3 days of notice given him [*et si vllu' defalt' ?p't pred' primi diem maij \?t'norum/ ten' offend' reparavit defalt' pred' ?suet noticiam triu' ?diem ei dat'*], on pain of 3s. for each offence [*toties quoties in quo*]

At this court came Thomas Napper \12d./ gent., John Braine \3d./ Richard Smyth \12d./ gent., John Laber \4d./, Thomas Braine \3d./, John ?Dye, William Pulman, Agnes ?Whensler widow, Agnes Chamber widow, Thomas ?Bookings and Thomas Moore \2d./ ?conventionary tenants [*conven' ten' - or 'lessees'?*] for divers tenements and closes of pasture, parcel of this manor, and in full Lawday court the aforeaid tenants individually paid and gave to the said lord money as appears above their heads, by which the aforeaid tenants attorned to the said lord as tenants of all their individual tenements and parcels of land [*per quos ten' pred' attorn' d'to d'no ut ten' al' eo seperalia Ten'ta et parcel' terre eorum*]
[Margin:] attornment of the conventionary [?or leasehold]
tenants there

At this court came Ambrose Bishoppe \12d./, Joseph Hopkins \3d./, John Meaker \4d./, John Chaffey \3d./, Thomas Chaffey \3d./, John Will' \2d./, John Hopkins \4d./, John Baunton \6d./, William ?Ostler \3d./, John ?Ostler \3d./, John Tucker \1d./, John Mawberd \2d./, George Browne \6d./, Richard Browne \2d./, John Priddle sen. \6d./, John Priddle jun. \6d./, Thomas Priddle \6d./, John Hopkins sen. \?/, John Hopkins jun. \2d./, John Alys \2d./, Thomas Browne \6d./, Robert Richards \1d./, Henry Jenes \3d./, Robert Smyth \2d./, George Cuffey \2d./, Agnes Borowe widow, Elizabeth Browne widow, Christian Pitcher widow, Joan Richards widow and Joan Trott widow, customary tenants for all customary lands and --- lands of this manor, and in full court as tenants individually paid and gave to the said lord money as appears above their heads, by which the aforeaid tenants attorned to the said lord as tenants of all their individual tenements [*per quos ten' pred' attorn' d'to d'no ut ten' al' eo seperalia Ten'ta eorum*]
[Margin:] attornment of the customary
tenants there

[the two above entries presumably amount to a list of all the tenants of the manor (excluding the free tenants) and, via the sums paid, a rough indication of the size of their holdings. The names and

amounts paid should be checked carefully, however – they need more time and care to transcribe accurately than I have given them]

Property transfer – William Alye surrendered his life interest in a copyhold cottage with 2 acres 3 rods of land and pasture for 1½ beasts in *le Tynteyhull moore* to John Alyse his son, who was the next tenant therein [*prox' ten' inde'*] and who showed the copy [of the court roll recording the grant] to him and William Warde dated 11 Oct 35 Elizabeth [1593] and was admitted as tenant for his life and did fealty.

Total profits of court: 22s.

Photo 229

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court Baron of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, 15 Oct 11 Jas [1613]

Stray – 3 wethers still in custody

Item they [the tithingmen] present that George Browne a customary tenant against the custom of this manor makes his residence (*facit moram suam*) from and outside this manor and his customary tenement within this manor without licence of the lord or his other officers. Therefore he is to be distrained. And he has day to make his residence in and on his customary tenement within this manor before Christmas next, on pain of 13s. 4d.

[Margin:] day given
with a pain

[similar entries appear every year hereafter, but hereafter are mostly just summarised]

Item they [the jury] present that every tenant who has common of pasture in *le Moore* there should sufficiently repair and make good their parts of the hedge [*sepiu'*] and *le bancks* about *le Moore* before the feast of the apostles Simon and Jude next, on pain of 3s. for every etc. And that Thomas Chaffey and John Lye will oversee the repairs of the hedges etc and *le Bancks* etc, and that they be sufficiently repaired from time to time until the feast of the Annunciation of the BVM next, and will certify who makes default.

[Margin:] order made
with a pain

Item they present that every tenant who has any enclosures [*vllas inclusuras*] or trees growing beside or about the ?plots [*?plates*] from ?*Chymans* as far as *le lower house* of John Baunton should sufficiently scour their ditches and lop their trees before 1st May next, on pain of 6s. 8d. for each etc. And that John Hopkins the elder, John Priddell the elder and John Marborde the elder shall oversee the enclosures and trees and will certify who makes default.

[Margin:] order made
with a pain

Item they present that every tenant who has common in *Southmore, Little Eastfeilde and Socksam* should sufficiently repair his parts of the common there and sufficiently scour *le watercourses* at *le headlondes* or otherwise about *le fields* aforesaid before the feast of All Saints next, on pain of 3s. 4d. for each etc. And that William Ostlar and John Baunton shall oversee the hedges and *le watercourses* and will certify who makes default.

[Margin:] order made
with a pain

Total profits of court: not recorded.

Photos 230-1

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, 28 Apr 12 Jas [1614]

Strays – 3 wethers worth 4s now unclaimed for a year and a day so forfeit to the lord and sold.

Property transfer – John Richards, widow, died holding a life interest in a copyhold cottage in the village of Tintinhull, no heriot by the custom of the manor, her son William Richards was her heir by virtue of a copy dated 27 April 37 Elizabeth [1595] which he showed in court and was admitted for his life and did fealty.

Property transfer – Robert Richards, a customary tenant, died holding a life interest in a copyhold tenement in the village of Tintinhull, no heriot by the custom of the manor, his relict Ursula was admitted for her life, while she lived single and chastely, and did fealty.

Property transfer – John Hopkins the younger died holding a life interest in several parcels of copyhold land, part of the customary tenement of John Hopkins the elder, heriot one ox [*bouem*] worth £6, to be paid at the next audit, his brother Nicholas Hopkins ought to have a life interest according to the custom of the manor, but his admission was respited until etc..

Dilapidations – John Meaker ordered to repair dilapidations to his house [*domum suam ?manco'cilem*]

Item the overseers Joseph Hopkins and John Priddell the younger present a certain waste done on *Newham*, parcel of the customary tenement of John Laner, that a certain Charles, servant of Thomas Chaffey, by order of the said John Laner or Thomas Chaffey, cut down certain thorns, thistles and other things growing there to the value of 6s. 8d., and carried them away from there. And that they had no permission or justification for their removal or destruction which was a bad example to others and in disherison of the lord. Therefore they are to be distrained.

Total profits of court: ---.

Photos 222-5

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, 19 Oct 12 Jas [1614]

Chevage – John Hopkins and George Browne paid chevage, 10s. and 5s. respectively.

Property transfer – John Bampton, customary tenant, paid 10s. for licence to grant the reversion in his customary tenement to his son Nicholas Bampton, the next tenant therein, both for the pasture and the harvest in the following year [*dimittend' ... in Reuercone tam ad pastur' quam ad colend'*]

hoc anno sequent'], on condition that no waste should be done, notwithstanding any custom or otherwise to the contrary. John and Nicholas agreed that when John died, if they have no goods or chattels of greater value, they will pay two heriots of £10 in money, at the lord's choice.

Item they [the jury] present that every tenant who has common of pasture in *great Eastfeilde* should well and sufficiently make their parts of the hedges [*sepis*] from *Bowdens Corner* to *Allergate* about *Estfeilde* before the feast of All Saints next, on pain of 3s. for every default. And that Thomas Browne and Thomas Priddle will oversee the hedges and will certify at the next court who makes default therein.

[Margin:] day given
with a pain

Dilapidations – Thomas Browne is distrained to repair the roof of the house [*mantellam spectant domo*] in which he lives, which is ruinous and very dangerous to the inhabitants there.

Property transfer (lengthy) – Thomas Hopkins the elder, as the sole purchaser, surrendered the life interests which he, Thomas Hopkins and Eleanor Hopkins his children [*prolibus suis*], had, by copy of the court roll dated 17 Jul 42 Elizabeth [1600], in a customary tenement containing 20 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow in *le Longmeade*, pasture for 2 beasts in *le Westfeilde*, 3½ acres of land in *Tyntenhull moore*, and also the tofts of 2 cottages called *le Northing Towne*, 10 acres of arable land, 1 acre of meadow in *le longmeade*, to himself, John Hopkins and William Hopkins his sons, for their lives. Rent 23s, and the obligation to accommodate and feed the steward and the lord's officials and servants for 1 day and 2 nights every year. Heriot nil, by previous agreement. Entry fine £10. Thomas the elder was admitted and did fealty (the sons' fealty was respited).

Property transfer (lengthy, partly obscured by creases and folds) – Thomas Hopkins the elder surrendered the life interest which he had, by copy of the court roll dated 10 Oct 20 Elizabeth [1578], in:

- a heritable tenement called *Wilmotts* containing 20 acres and 2 acres of meadow in *Longmeade*, common pasture for 2 beasts in *Westfeilde*, and a cottage called *Cappares Cotte*, and
- a heritable tenement called *Stacies* containing 20 acres of land, 1 acre and 3 rods of meadow in *longmeade*, and pasture for 4 beasts in *Westfeilde*, and also a close of pasture now called *le Moore*, lately parcel of *Tyntenhull Moore*, with
- ?--[*obscured by fold*] cottages and curtilages called *Mereston* and
- a vacant piece of land opposite *le parsonaig*, and
- a close of pasture called *le Downe* containing 6 acres of *Ouerlande*, and
- a close of land called *Gibbs furlong* containing 9 acres of *ouerland*,

to himself, Thomas Hopkins the younger and Edward Hopkins his sons, for their lives. Rent 37s. 6d., comprising 14s. 2d. for the close and overland and 23s. 4d. for the tenements. Heriot nil, by previous agreement. Entry fine £270. Thomas the elder was admitted and did fealty (the sons' fealty was respited).

Property transfer (lengthy) – Henry Jeanes, as the sole purchaser, surrendered the life interests which he, Susan Jeanes and Henry Colling had, by a copy dated 3 Apr 9 Jas [1611], in a Cottage called *Sopers Cottage* [later *Sopers Cotte*] containing 1 acre 1 rood of land, 1½ acres of arable land in the common fields, 2 acres of meadow in *Longmeade*, and 3 acres of land in *le Moore*, to himself, Susan Jeanes and Mary Jeanes his daughters, for their lives. Heriot nil by previous agreement. Entry fine 10s. Rent 16s. 5d. Henry admitted and did fealty (the daughters' fealty was respited).

Total profits of court: £281 16s. 8d.

Photos 226-8

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, ? Apr 13 Jas [1615]

Strays – 3 sheepskins worth 6d, 2 ewes and 1 white lamb worth 3s. 4d., strayed onto land of Christian Pitcher, widow, in Tintinhull at the feast of St John the Baptist.

Ditches and hedges – Thomas Browne and Joseph Hopkins each forfeit 3s. 4d. for not repairing fences around *Eastfield* from *Bowdens Corner* to *Allergate*

– all tenants who have enclosures around *le Beainfeilde* opposite the highway to make their parts of the hedges sufficiently before Easter, on pain of 3s. 4d.. John Hopkins and Richard [obscured by thumb] overseers, to certify defaulters.

– all tenants who have enclosures from *Haybonds Stille* and *Northgawsway* to *Stockway* before 3 May, on pain of 3s. 4d.. Thomas Tucker overseer, to certify defaulters.

Property transfer – John Braine died. Held a life interest by copy of the court roll in a parcel of land called *Fyne Acers*. No heriot because not heriotable. Isabel his relict admitted during her chaste widowhood and did fealty.

Property transfer – William Ostler the elder surrendered his life interest, held by a copy of the court roll, in a tenement with cottage adjacent containing 35½ acres, pasture for 2 beasts in *Westfeilde*, and 3 acres of pasture in *le Moore*, to John Ostler his son, who was admitted and did fealty. Heriot an ox worth £6.

Property transfer (lengthy) – John Ostler, son of William Ostler the elder, as sole purchaser surrendered the life interests which he and his son William Ostler the younger had, by a copy dated 21 Dec 7 Jas [1609], in a tenement with cottage adjacent containing 35½ acres, pasture for 2 beasts in *Westfeilde*, and 3 acres of pasture in *le Moore*, to himself, William Ostler and a certain Adam Ostler, brother of William, for their lives. Heriot an ox worth £6. Entry fine £50. Rent 19s. 8d. Best beast to be given as heriot after the death of each tenant. John admitted and did fealty (the sons' fealty respited).

Total profits of court: £56 9s. 10d.

Photos 217-9

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, 30 Sept 13 Jas [1615]

Chevage – John Hopkins 10s (condition that no waste done in his tenement), George Bussey, 2s.

Strays – 3 sheepskins, 2 ewes, 1 lamb all forfeited and sold.

Property transfer (lengthy) – Thomas Moore the elder, as sole purchaser, surrendered the life interest which he, William and Thomas his sons had, by a copy dated 21 Oct 39 Elizabeth [1597], in 2 acres of land lying in *Ivelchester* in *?Brettismoore* alias *Riverfeild*, and also a messuage with burgage and

curtilage in *Ivelchester*, and also a ?chapel [*?capell*] there and the toft of a burgage lying in a certain close called *Beereclose*, to him, Ambrose Moore and the said Thomas Moore, his sons, for their lives. No heriot because not heriotable. Entry fine £5. Rent 9s. Thomas the elder was admitted and did fealty.

Property transfer (lengthy) – Peter Tucker surrendered his life interest (in reversion after Joan Trott, who holds during her single and chaste widowhood) in a tenement and 2 cottages in Tyntenhull containing 27 acres of land, meadow and pasture, to one John Trott, for his life. No heriot because not heriotable. Entry fine £30. Rent 16s. 9d. John Trott was admitted to the reversion, and his fealty was respited [until he comes into possession].

Total profits of court: £35 19s. 2d.

Photos 220-1

Court of the hundred and manor, 26 Apr 14 Jas [1616]

Ditches and hedges – ditches at *Tyntenhull Moore* from ?the gate [*Januam*] to *Newham Shittle* and from there to the riverbank [*att Ripam*] to be scoured by those who ought to do it, before feast of St John the Baptist, pain 20s. Thomas Priddle and John Lye overseers, to certify defaulters.

And they present that who pastures sheep in the Commons between the Annunciation and Michaelmas should keep shepherds following the sheep, pain 3s 4d.

Total profits of court: 6s. 6d.

Photo 214

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, 22 Oct 14 Jas [1616]

Chevage – John Hopkins, 10s (condition as to waste).

Ditches and hedges – Every man who ought to repair the gates [*Januas*] about *le Corne fields*, namely *Socksam*, *little Estfeild* and *Southover* to repair them by Martinmas, pain 5s.
– the same for the gates about *Marchfeild* which are now ruinous.

Dilapidations – John Tucker distrained to repair his ruinous house [*domus*].

Property transfer (lengthy) – John Hopkins, customary tenant, surrendered his moiety of a house, granary, stables, cowshed, barton and all other outhouses [*domus, horrei, stabuli, bobilis, bartoine et omniu' alium le Outhouses*] with common pasture for one beast in *Westfeild*, part of his customary tenement, to Nicholas Hopkins his son, the next tenant therein, for his life, who was admitted and did fealty. *Always uppon this Condic'on, that in case Agnes nowe wife of the said John Hopkins and mother of the said Nicholas shall overlyue the said John her husband shee the said Agnes shall and may (being endowerd of and in the Moytie of the said pmissseis Surrendered for her widowhood estate by the Custome of the said Mannor) devide the said housings and barton equally. And being*

devided shee the said Agnes shall and may make Choise of her parte and Moytie of the same and peaceably enioye the same without any disturbaunce of or by the said Nicholas Hopkins.

Total profits of court: 13s. 6d.

Photos 215-6

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the manor and hundred, 26 Apr 15 Jas [1617]

Bylaw – no parishioner to allow his beasts to be at large or to depasture in the ways and lanes of the parish between 1st March and 1st June, pain 10s.

– every man who pastures his sheep upon the commons of Tyntenhull to have *le Shepherd* following them, pain 3s. 4d.

Ditches and hedges – every man who has a part in Tyntenhull Moore to make good *le banks* and *le Capps* there which lie beside *le watercourses* before 6 May, pain 10s. Thomas Priddle and Thomas Browne overseers.

– Thomas Napper, gent., to scour and ditch his ditch and parcel at *Chapmans house* to the lands of Joseph Hopkins before 10th June, pain 5s.

– every man to scour and ditch his part of the hedges and ditches from *Brockmansh* to *Raysons ground* before Midsummer day, pain 10s.

Total profits of court: 6d.

Photo 209

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, 25 Oct 15 Jas [1617]

Chevage – John Hopkins and George Browne paid chevage, 10s. and 5s. respectively.

Hopkins' licence had the condition that 'for this no waste shall be done, the custom there to the contrary notwithstanding'.

Browne agreed that the heriot due when he dies or sells his tenement will be £5 or the best beast, at the lord's choice.

Item they [the jury] present that every man should sufficiently make a fence and enclosure [*sufficient' faciet fensur' et inclosuu'*] from *Bowdens Corner Round about great East Field* as far as *Habartes Stile* before the feast of All Saints next, on pain of 3s. 4d. for each default.

[Margin:] day given
with a pain

Item they [present that every man should sufficiently scour and dig all watercourses between [sic – *inter*] *Great East Feild* before Martinmas next, on pain of 3s. 4d. for each default.

[Margin:] day given
with a pain

Item they present that John Hopkins and Roger Priddle shall be overseers of *great East Field* for this year following

[Margin:] Overseers

Item they present that Edward [*Ed'r'us*] Banton a customary tenant has not made his residence (*facit mora[m] s[uam]*) in and on his customary tenement within this manor. And he has day to make his residence in and on the aforesaid premises before the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on pain of 13s. 4d.

[Margin:] day given }
with a pain } Forfeit

Total profits of court: no total visible (either obscured by weight, or none recorded)

Photo 210

Manor Court, 28 Apr 16 Jas [1618]

At this court Edward [*Ed'r'us*] Bannton a customary tenant forfeits the pain of 13s. 4d. because he has not yet made his residence in and on his customary tenement which he holds from the lord of this manor within this manor as he ought and was particularly ordered in the preceding court, but incurs the aforesaid pain. Therefore by the grace of the court he has another day to make his residence in and on the aforesaid premises as he ought by Custom before the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary next to come, on pain of 26s. 8ds.

[Margin:] Pain forfeit 13s. 4d.
another day given

At this court it was ordained that every tenant who has land in the marsh [*in mora*] of Tyntenhull between *Newha' Shittle* and *ora' fluuij* in English *The Ryvers mouth* should sufficiently maintain and scour their ditches/dikes [*fossat'*] before Midsummer Day next, on pain of 6s. 8d. for each default.

And that all tenants who have fences [*fensur'*] about *tria acr' faba-* in English *the Three Beane Fields* should sufficiently maintain and enclose their ---- about the aforesaid ?marsh --- ?the common way ?before the ?last of May next, on pain of 6s. 8d. for each default

[Margin:] Order

And that all who have fences and enclosures between the part of John Pridle at ?*Othm-sse* and *le ?Ginele* at *Ridge* land of --- [blank] Smyth the elder should sufficiently scour and make good *le --- syde* ?*vby opus* est before the last day of May next to come, on pain of 3s. 4d. for each.

Overseers of this ordinance John Wilkings and John Trott

[Margin:] Order
with a pain

Total profits of court: 13s. 4d.

Photos 196-9

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Manor Court of Thomas Petre esq, 21 Oct 16 Jas [1618]

Chevage – John Hopkins, victualler [*victul'*], and George Browne paid chevage, 10s. and 5s. respectively.

Strays – a black heifer [*juventa*] worth [blank], found in the lord's land called *le weastlease* on 1 Aug; a black wether [*vervex*] worth 3s. 4d found on the feast of St Bartholomew last.

[next following entry:] And they [the jury] present that everyone who has a fence (*fensuram*) around *Westfeilde* namely *Halyeat Corner* and *Marlepit Corner* should sufficiently dig and stop it (*fodiere et stopare*) their individual parts before Martinmas next following on pain of [a fine of] 3s. 4d. from defaulters. And that John Priddell and John Hopkinges the elder shall be overseers therein

[Margin:] Day given
with a pain
Overseers

At this court Edward [*Ed'r'us*] Bannton forfeits the pain of 26s. 8d. because he has not yet made his residence in and on his customary tenement, as he was particularly ordered in the preceding court, but incurs the aforesaid pain. ?Therefore by the grace \of the court/ he has another day to make his residence in and on the aforesaid premises before Michaelmas next on pain of 40s.

[Margin:] Pain forfeit
26s. 8d.
another day given
with a pain

Total profits of court: 42s. 2d.

Photos 199-201

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Manor Court of Thomas Petre esq, 29 Apr 17 Jas [1619]

Stray – black heifer and white wether still held.

Property transfer – Ambrose Byshoppe and wife Margaret (she examined separately) surrendered all their interest in 2 cottages and 12½ acres of land, late in tenure of Robert Stibbes deceased, to the lord, in whose hands they remain ?because no one claims them (*absque aliquid titul' et clam'* - literally: 'without any title and claim'). No heriot because not heriotable.

Total profits of court: 6.

Photos 188, 191-2

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq, 12 Oct 17 Jas [1619]

Chevage - Hopkins and Browne pay the same fines for licence to live outside for another year.

Strays – the black heifer (valued at 20s.) and white wether forfeited and sold.
– a ewe (*matrix*) worth 3s. 4d. found on 25 March

Property transfer – John Wilkins the elder has died, who held a copyhold cottage and 2 acres of land for his life, granted on 24 Oct 9 Jas [1611]. According to the custom of the manor his widow Margaret ought to hold them during her widowhood, if she remains single and chaste, and is admitted and does fealty to the lord. No heriot because not heriotable.

[Total profits of court obscured]

Photo 193

Lawday, 13 Apr 18 Jas [1620]

Stray – the ewe forfeited and sold..

It'm [the jurors] present that the hayward for the westfeild doe not suffer any Cattle or pigges to goe in the westfeild ouer and above the Ordinance ffrett by the space of Eight dayes on pain of 3s. 4d. for each default. This Order to Continue for euery hayward yearly.

[Margin:] Order made.

Total profits of court: 3s. 10d.

[4 courts missing, from Oct 1620, Apr and Oct 1621 and Apr 1622]

Photos 236-7

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Court of Thomas Petre esq., lord of the hundred and manor, 23 Oct 20 Jas [1622]

Chevage – John Hopkins, 10s., George Browne, 5s.

Strays – 1 wether, 1 white ewe worth 2s found

– 1 white ewe worth 2s. and 1 white ewe worth 20d. forfeit and sold.

Ditches and hedges – the ditches and fences [*fensur'*] to be repaired about the fields now ?sown with wheat [*circa campis nu'c serit' Tritico*], namely the fields called *Little Eastfeild*, *Southouer* and *Soxsomsfeildes*, and *le headlandes* in *Soxsoms field*, from the gate called *Burrowes Barres* to the bank [*Riviu'*] in *Shurmore*, to be fenced, by the feast of All Saints. Richard Smyth, Thomas Hopkins overseers.

– Ursula Richardes, widow, ordered to dig and scour her ditch at the upper part [*apud altiore' partem s'*] of *le Croft* beside the house of John Priddle as far as ?her house [*domus s's*], so that the water standing in the common way there can run off as it should, by the feast of the Annunciation of the BVM, on pain of 5s.

– John Meaker and William Richardes ordered to ditch and scour their ditches, namely John Meaker from the orchard of John Chaffey the elder to his end of *le Backside*, and William Richardes from *le Backsides end* to the house [*domus*] of Robert Smyth, before the Annunciation, pain 5s.

By-laws – No tenant of this parish should make any *le Breach* in the common meadows or in the field called *Edgefeilde*, except by agreement between all the tenants of this manor or the greater part of them, nor should the free tenants do the same without the consent of the customary tenants, on pain of 10s for every breach of the agreement.

– *That the payne long sithence made in this Courte for the Forfeiting of xij^d. for euery warning by the hayward of the said Westfeild for the time being, sufficiencyntly to stopp and amend their reparacions in and about the same field within three dayes next after such warning, to be given otherwise to forfeit xij d. for euery tyme he or they shall make default in fensing the same shall continue and remayne in force.*

– No tenant of this manor should allow his pigs to be at large in the ways and lanes of the manor from the feast of St Luke [*die Luci*] to the time of autumn [ie harvest time], pain 3s. 4d.

– The same for sheep, unless shepherded.

Total profits of court: 21s. 11d.

Photos 238-9

Lawday, View of Frankpledge and Manor Court, 26 Apr 21 Jas [1623]

Hedges etc – Ursula Richardes, widow, forfeits pain of 5s. for not digging and scouring her ditch as ordered at the last court, but by the court's grace is given another day, pain 10s.

– John Meaker and William Richardes similarly.

– John Hopkins, Thomas Hopkins and Robert Smyth ordered to dig and scour ditches and *le gutters* from the upper end of John Hopkins' orchard beside Robert Tucker's house, around John Hopkins' house and Backside, Thomas Hopkins' house called Strongs and Robert Smyth's garden, so that the water in the ditches and *le gutters* can flow into *le Horsepoole*, before Easter, pain 5s., overseer John Aley.

– all tenants with ditches in any *latert de Rui-* or inclosures in the manor to scour them from *Welham Bridge* to *Welham Mill* before Midsummer Day, pain 5s., overseer John Ostler.

– Thomas Napper gent., Ursula Richardes widow and Henry Jeanes ordered to scour their ditches from *Greene Close Corner* beside Joseph Hopkins' house and porch [*ostiu*] to *le parsonage poole* before Midsummer Day, pain 5s., overseer Edward Baunton

– all orders in the preceeding court repeated

– all tenants with fences [*fensur*] from *Hayboote stile* to *Allerhill Corner* ordered to fence them by 6 May, pain 3s 4d, overseers Richard Hopking, John Priddle.

– all tenants with fences from *little eastfeild Gate* to *Bowden Corner* ordered to scour and ditch them by Michaelmas, pain 3s. 4d

– *Item present that whereas the gates about the Common feildes and meadoes of this Mannour are to be revyized by an order heertofore made in this Courte by seuerall Tenantes of this Mannour viz't: that Euery three hold place hold and halfe [sic] to mayntayne a gate and there is great Complaynt made, that by reason of the standing open of the said gates the Corne and grasse there growing is much spoyled It is therefore ordered and Consented vnto by all the tenantes of this Mannour or the most parte of them that all the tenantes that are sett to euery seuerall gate of the gates aforesaid proporcionably and rateably att their seuerall cost and Charge to find lockes to lock the said gates, and the same lockes soe locked to kepe untill the Corne and hay be taken out of the said feilde and meadowe; and after the taking out of the same Corne and hay to lock again the said gates vntill the breach of the said feildes and meadowe; and whosoeuer of the said tenantes shall refuse to contribute to the said lockes rateably as his parte comes vnto shall forfeit the payne of iij^s. iij^d. the lower gate in the lower Soxsoms field (only excepted.)*

Dilapidations – John Chaffey the elder ordered to amend the roof [*mantell*] of his house called Felpes, which is in decayed and badly maintained to the terror of the neighbours [*ad terr' vicinorum*], by Midsummer Day, pain 5s.

Property transfer – Ursual Richardes widow and John Richardes surrendered back to the lord a tenement containing 13 acres 1 rood of land, namely 2 acres in the curtilage, garden and orchard, 2½ acres of arable land in the close called *North Soxsoms*, 1½ acres in *Soxsoms field*, 3 roods of land in *Southfeild*, 3 roods in *Great Eastfeild*, 3 1/3 acres in *le marsche*, 3 roods in *Longmeade* and 1 acre in *Tyntenhull moore*. Heriot as agreed [amount not stated]

Total profits of court: 11s. 3d.

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Charlton Adams courts

Photo 235: court held 23 Oct ?10 Jas [1612]

Photos 210-12: court held 24 Oct 15 Jas [1617]

Photo 212: court held 28 Apr 16 Jas [1618]

Photos 201-8: court held 30 Apr 17 Jas [1619]

Photos 193-4, 206: court held 11 Oct 17 Jas [1619]

Photos 194-5, 206: court held 12 Apr 18 Jas [1620]

Photo 240: court held 24 Oct 20 Jas [1622]

Photo 240: court held 25 Apr 21 Jas [1623]