

**Morden: Court of the lord at the same place held the Tuesday, namely 6 February 37 Henry VIII, \* by grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and on earth supreme head of the English and Irish church.**

At this court comes Thomas Heringman and surrenders into the lord's hand two acres of customary land, of which one acre of land lies in one close called Syttenars [=Sutton Ash] and a half-acre of the said two acres of land lies in Spottes and a half-acre lies in Long Furrelong lying in Bettes to the use and behoof of John Welche, his heirs and assigns, to whom the lord by his steward grants seisin of it to hold to himself and his heirs and assigns by the rod at the lord's will according to the custom of the manor. And he gives the lord for fine to have entry thereto as appears in the court roll. And he does the lord fealty. And he is admitted thereto [and] is tenant thereof.

Edward Clonvyle, steward.

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\*\* 6 February 1546 was a Saturday. The only years in Henry VIII's reign that 6 February fell on Tuesday were 1537 and 1543. Could 37 Henry VIII have been written for 1537? This date is also given twice in BL Add Ch 56046 r6 and BL Add Ch 56050.

**Morden: 23 June 12<sup>th</sup> year of Elizabeth by grace of God queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, etc [1570], thus enrolled:**

At this court comes John Smith and acknowledges himself to hold of the lord of this manor by copy of court roll according to the custom of the manor:

- One tenement commonly called Swaines and one close adjoining containing by estimation 1 acre;
- And one rood of meadow lying in a certain meadow in Morden called Wallis’;
- One other tenement with a close adjoining containing by estimation seven acres land and pasture lying between the queen’s highway called Stoilestrete on the south and demesne land on the north;
- And a half-acre of land lying in one close called Parkers’ Close between demesne land on the north and land of John Bailie called Dunttons on the south;
- One other tenement commonly called Girmans containing 8 acres land lying between the queen’s highway on the south and demesne land on the north;
- And one other acre of land to the same <sup>eight acres land</sup> adjoining in a field at the same place called Beckswells between land called Garmans on the west and demesne land on the north;
- And one other tenement containing in one small close of land and pasture in Morden aforesaid by estimation two acres land and pasture lying between demesne land <sup>at the same place</sup> called Great Hobblas and Longehille on the south and east and land late Thomas Locke on the north;
- One other tenement lying next to Stoilestrete with one garden and one orchard containing by estimation half an acre of land, now in the tenure of John Palmer;
- ~~And one field called cleyfelde/clothfelde? in two fields containing by estimation 8 acres lying between demesne land on the west and north and land of William Parkein on the south;~~

Rendering for all and singular the premises annually to the lord of the manor aforesaid eighteen shillings and eightpence and 2<sup>d</sup> for Medesilver, and doing between Michaelmas and 1 August 40 works and between 1 August and Michaelmas 8 works and doing 4 carrying services by horse a year to Westminster and finding one man to shear the lord’s sheep and another man to lift hay in the lord’s meadow and at each of five boonworks one man to plough twice per year and to harrow just as often and to carry dung for two days; and he shall find one man at the cleaning of the mill pond as often as it needs to be done, and he shall plough one rood and he shall give one hurdle for the lord’s sheepfold per year and he shall weed for one day and otherwise by custom and service in respect thereof previously from of old due and accustomed. For which works, carrying services, boonworks and other services above named expressed and specified now it is agreed and granted between Richard Garth esq, lord of the manor aforesaid and the aforementioned John Smith in the manner and form following; namely that the same John Smith and his heirs and assigns from now on for ever are wholly exonerated and acquitted from the works, carrying services, boonworks and other services abovenamed, and for this exoneraton and acquittal the same John Smith and his heirs and assigns from now on for ever shall pay and make payment to the lord of this manor and his heirs and assigns, besides and beyond the aforesaid rent of 18 shillings and 8 pence, yearly at the usual 4 annual terms, namely at Michaelmas 5s, at Christmas 5s, at Ladyday 5s and at Nativity of John Baptist 5s by equal portions paid annually for the aforesaid services previously specified, yet saving always and reserving to the lord of this manor in every way all and entirely heriot, fealty and suit of court and any other customs and services to the lord of this manor from of old due and customary besides the aforesaid works, carrying services, boonworks and other services by the present [document] exonerated and acquitted; upon which the aforesaid John Smith, for the purpose abovesaid, surrenders into the lord’s hand all the aforesaid three tenements, one toft and 20 acres land pertaining, with the purpose that the same lord grant back the same lands and tenements to the same John, to have and to hold to himself and his heirs and assigns forever, of the lord of this manor by copy of court roll, rendering in respect thereof annually 38s 8d of legal English money at the 4 annual terms, namely at Michaelmas 9s 8d, at Christmas 9s 8d, at Ladyday 9s 8d and at Nativity of John Baptist 9s 8d, the which John Smith being present in court seeks his admittance to the premises in the form aforesaid, to whom the lord by his steward grants seisin thereof by the rod, to hold to himself and his heirs and assigns, rendering in respect thereof annually [38s]\* and 8d and doing in respect thereof and answering for every kind of fine, heriot, fealty, suit of court and all other customs and services from of old due and accustomed, for ...\* according to the form aforesaid not exonerated nor acquitted. And for having such title in respect thereof the same John gives the lord for fine and does the lord fealty and so he is admitted tenant thereof.

By me John Boys steward at the same place.

endorsement:- Mr Ballows’ house

{\*the bottom right hand edge is creased, dirty and worn}

**Mordon**      **Th'extractes of the Corte holden there the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the 17<sup>th</sup> yere of the raigne of our Sovereraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England Fraunce and Ireland defendor of the faith etc. [1575]**

|              |  |   |  |
|--------------|--|---|--|
| 6d           | Of John Ellis Esquier  | } |  |
| 8d           | Of William Playstowe   | } | because they be tennannts and sutors to this |
|              | Of Elizabeth Herringman  | } | courte and made defalte.                     |
| 12d          | Of Henry Smyth   | } |  |
| 8d           | Of John Smyth the younger  | } |  |
| 12s          | Of Willyam Thornton for not makinge cleane three perches of a certaine ditche by Bussheclose accordinge to the order of the last corte.              |   |  |
| 3s 4d        | Of William Parker of Lower Mordon for not makinge the waterbarres betwene Hobaldes Meade and Hawkes Meade according to th' order of the last courte. |   |  |
| 10s          | Of John Everest for not scowringe a certaine ditche in the lane called Growtes lane according to the order of the last courte.                       |   |  |
| ditto [?dd?] | Of James Gallowaye for not scowringe a ditche by a certaine close called Mackerelles accordinge to the order of the last corte.                      |   |  |
| 12d          | Of Fraunces Metcalf, clerke, vicar of Mordon, for felling 3 younge okes in the landes of the lorde of this mannor.                                   |   |  |
|              | Sum of th' extractes {blank}   |   |  |

**Mordon**      **Th'extractes of the Courte holden the 2nd day of Maye in the 18<sup>th</sup> yere of the raigne of our Sovereraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth etc. [1576]**

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| 12d  | Of William Playstowe   | } |   |
| 6d   | Of Elizabeth Herringman  | } | because they be tennannts and sutors to |
| 12d  | Of Henry Smyth   | } | this corte and made default.            |
| 8d   | Of John Smyth the younger  | } |   |
| 13s 4d   | Of John Everest <sup>for</sup> not scowringe the ditche in Growtes lane  |   |   |
| 12d for each perch                                   | <del>Of Richard Powell for not mendinge that parte of the ditche that was comanded him at the last corte savinge one.</del>  |   |   |
| 10d  |  |   |   |
| 5s   | Of William Parker of Lower Mordon for not makinge the waterbarres betwene Hobaldes Meade and Hawkes Meade.   |   |   |
| 12d for each perch, namely being twenty perches 20s. | Of Robert Knepe for not mendinge his hedges which doe inclose a certaine close of the lordes called Barneclose and an other close of the lordes called the Greate Barwelles. |   |   |
|  | Sum of th' extractes {blank}   |   |   |

*{dorse}***Mordon Th' extractes of the Courte holden the 27 day of September in the 18<sup>th</sup> yere of the raigne of our Sovereraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth [1576]**

- 6d Of Nicholas Mathewe }
- 8d Of Willyam Playstowe } because they be tennannts and sutors to
- 8d Of Elizabeth Herringman } the corte and made defalte.
- 8d Of Henry Smyth }
- 4d Of John Smyth the yonger }
- 6d Of Richard Myles th' elder
- 6d and John his son and
- 6d John Sharfeld for makinge a fray.
- 10s Of John Sharfeld for puttinge 3 horses untied into the Common Meade after the feast of St Valentyne and before the same was mowed contrary to an order heretofore made in this Court for the same purpose.
- 6s Of Richard Myles the' elder and Richard Kentfild for sufferinge 6 of their hogges to goe unringed whereby the did digge in a certaine cornefield called Cobshawe.

**Th' extractes of the Courte holden the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill in the 20<sup>th</sup> yere of the raigne of our Sovereraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth [1578]**

- 6d Of John Strode }
- 8d Of Robert Knepe }
- 6d Of Nicholas Lane } because they be tennannts and sutors to
- 6d Of William Daye } the corte and made default.
- 12d Of Harry Smyth }
- 12d Of Willyam Playstowe }
- 8d Of John Herringman }
- 3s Of the vicar of Mordon for not scowringe the ditche in Lower Mordon which by order of this corte heretofore he was enjoyned to scowre.
- 20s Of Robert Knepe for not mendinge the hedge betwene his meadowe and a close of the Lordes called Greate Barwelles according to the order of this corte.
- 33s 4d Of Robert Knepe for not scowringe the ditche that leadeth betwene the mansion house of the vicar of Mordon and the lordes orchard according to the order of the last corte.
- 5s Of Robert Knepe for kepinge five of his cattell feadinge in the common highe waies of Mordon contrary to the order of this corte.
- 2s Of Robert Shorter for kepinge 2 kyne fedinge in the foresaid lanes.
- 2s Of Richard Kentfild for kepinge 2 kyne fedinge in same lanes.
- 12d Of John Palmer for kepinge one cowe in the foresaid lanes.

**Th' extractes of the Corte holden the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill in the 21<sup>th</sup> yere of the raigne of our Sovereraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth [1579]**

|     |  |   |                                      |
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| 12d | Of Harry Smith                                   | } | because they be tennannts and sutors |
| 4d  | Of Ales Herringman                               | } | to the corte and made default.       |
| 4d  | Of Robert Knepe garden [guardian] of John Smythe | } |                                      |

*{the rest of the membrane is damaged and has been mounted separately}*

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|-------|---|
| 40s   | Of Robert Knepe for not scowringe the ditche that leadeth betwene the mansion house of the vicar of Mordon and the Lordes orcharde according to the order of the last corte.            |
| 21s   | Of Robert Knepe for not mending the hedge betwene his meadowe and a close of the lordes called Greate Barwelles accordinge to the order of the last courte.                             |
| 6s 8d | Of the vicar of Mordon for not scowringe his ditche be upon the highe waye betwene the barne of William Chary and the barne of Richard Myles accordinge to the order of the last court. |
| [ ]   | Of Robert Knepe for sufferinge his hogges to goe in the streates to the common hurte of the parishe.  |

## K150/1 Morden Court Roll extract {not dated, but before September 1594 (not 17thC as SHC index)}

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| 2 | <b>amercement<br/>7s 2d</b>   | ..... Christmas in all .....<br>whensoever he does the work under penalty for each perch thereof so not sufficiently cleansed 12d. And this as often as etc. And that William Surman <sup>6s 8d</sup> within this lordship assaulted and made affray upon John Burnell his master and the same John with a certain stick worth 16d beat and drew blood from the same against the peace etc. Therefore he remains in mercy just as appears etc. And besides the said stick, namely 16d furthermore he is adjudged to forfeit in respect thereof to the lord of this lordship etc. And that John North <sup>6d</sup> received in his dwelling-house a certain Elizabeth Robynson for her confinement having been made pregnant by a certain unknown in another parish, and supports her at the same place by comfort, in evil example to others as against the queen's peace. Therefore he remains in mercy as appears etc. |
|   | <b>Election of officers</b>   | And into the office of constable at the same place they elect John Carpenter, who is sworn etc.<br>And into the office of tithingman at the same place they elect John North, who is sworn etc.<br>And into the office of aletaster at the same place they elect Nicholas Mathewe, who is sworn etc.  |
|   |   | Sum for this View: 30s 10d.   |
|   |   | <b>Now of the Court</b>   |
|   | <b>Essoins</b>  | None  |
|   | <b>amercement<br/>2s</b>  | The homage at the same place, namely William Plaistowe, Henry Smyth, John Baylye, John Parker and John Herringman, sworn and charged on and upon various articles of this court, present that John Butte of Streatham [ <i>Stretham</i> ] <sup>12d</sup> and Robert Knepp <sup>12d</sup> are tenants and owe suit at this court and have defaulted. Therefore each of them remains in mercy as appears over their names.  |
|   | <b>Death<br/><br/>Day to inquire<br/>Order to distrain<br/>Order to seize</b> | Likewise they present that Richard Powell, who of the lord held freely to himself and his heirs one cottage and one perch of land with pertinents at a rent of 2d a year, died after the last Court seised thereof. And that the aforesaid Richard, by his last will in writing, willed the premises to Alicia Medowes for the term of her life. But to whom pertains the reversion or remainder thereof the homage are ignorant. Therefore they have a further a day to better enquire thereof and certify the truth before the next court etc. Meanwhile the order is given to the lord's bailiff to distrain for 2d for Relief due for the premises after the death of the said Richard, [and] in addition to seize the best beast which was of the same Richard for heriot falling due to the lord after the death of the same Richard for the same premises etc. †   |
|   |   | More of this court appears on the dorse of this roll.   |

† His nephew, John Powle, was admitted to this copyhold 26.9.1594 – SHC K85/1/1 m2v (below).

The will of a Richard Powell, blacksmith, of Morden, Merton, Mitcham and Wimbledon was proved in 1606 – DW/PA/5/1606/72 (abstract 981).

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| <b>Morden</b><br>[Moredon]  | <b>Further of the Court held the day and year written within</b>  |
| <b>amercement</b><br><b>3s 4d</b><br><br><b>penalty</b>   | Likewise they present that Henry Baker <sup>3s 4d</sup> has not repaired his hedge towards land of William Thornton called Longclose just as he had a day at the previous Court. Therefore he remains in mercy as appears above his name. And he has a day to repair the aforesaid hedge before All Saints Day next after the title of this court under penalty of 6s 8d.   |
| <b>Surrender</b><br><br><b>heriot</b><br><br><b>admission</b><br><br><b>fealty and</b><br><b>fine £5 10s.</b> | At this Court comes John Parker in his proper person and in open court surrenders into the lord's hand one cottage, one garden, one orchard and one acre meadow next to Emcott Haughe now in the occupation of Henry Baker with all its pertinents, to the use and behoof of Richard Worde cleric, and Johanna his wife and the heirs of the same Richard forever. Whence there falls due to the lord for heriot nothing because he had no animal. And thereupon come the aforesaid Richard Worde and Johanna in their proper persons and in open court seek admission to the premises to be delivered to them by the Court. Of which Richard and Johanna are granted seisin thereof by the Court, to have and to hold to the aforesaid Richard and Johanna and the heirs of the same Richard, at the lord's will according to the custom of the manor by rent, services and customs in respect thereof due and accustomed. And so they are admitted tenants thereof and have seisin by the rod, and the aforesaid Richard does the lord fealty in respect thereof. And they give the lord for a fine to have such admittance and entry thereof to them the aforesaid Richard and Johanna £5 10s. |
| <b>amercement</b><br><b>5s</b>  | Furthermore the Homage present that William Plaistowe <sup>5s</sup> put two bullocks into the common pasture of this lordship <sup>to be pastured at the same place</sup> over and above the rate and portion approved and allowed to him in the same, against the ordinance in this regard before this made. Therefore he is in mercy as appears etc.  |
|   | Affeerers for the View and Court: William Plaistowe, Henry Smyth, William Saunders – sworn.   |
|   | Sum of this Court £6 6d.  |
|   | Total sum of View and Court {blank}.  |