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



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2	amercement 7s 2d	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 ^{6s 8d} 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 ^{6d} 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.
	Election of officers	And into the office of constable at the same place they elect John Carpenter, who is sworn etc. And into the office of tithingman at the same place they elect John North, who is sworn etc. And into the office of aletaster at the same place they elect Nicholas Mathewe, who is sworn etc. Sum for this View: 30s 10d.
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Dow 4a	and his heirs one cottage and one perch of land with pertinents at a rent of 2d a
Day to inquire	year, died after the last Court seised thereof. And that the aforesaid Richard, by
Order to	his last will in writing, willed the premises to Alicia Medowes for the term of her
distrain	life. But to whom pertains the reversion or remainder thereof the homage are
Order to	ignorant. Therefore they have a further a day to better enquire thereof and certify
seize	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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	Morden	Further of the Court held the day and year written within
	[Moredon]	
	amercement	Likewise they present that Henry Baker ^{3s 4d} has not repaired his hedge towards
	3s 4d	land of William Thornton called Longclose just as he had a day at the previous
	penalty	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.
	Surrender	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
	horiot	next to Emcott Haughe now in the occupation of Henry Baker with all its
	heriot	pertinents, to the use and behoof of Richard Worde cleric, and Johanna his wife
	admission	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
	fealty and fine £5 10s.	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
	line 23 10s.	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.

