

Morden: 23 June 12th 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 by estimation 8 acres land lying between the queen’s highway on the south and demesne land on the north;

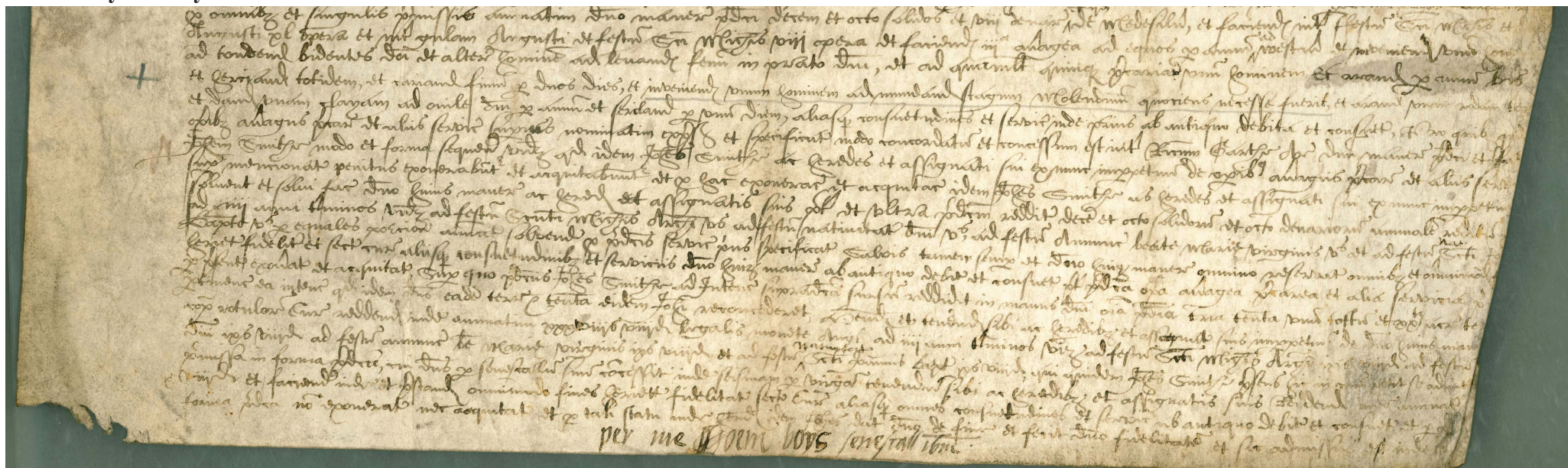
And one other acre of land to the same ^{eight acres land} adjoining in a field at the same place called Beckswells between land called Garmans on the west and demesne land on the north;

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 ^{at the same place} 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 Parker on the south;

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for all and singular the premises annually to the lord of the manor aforesaid eighteen shillings and eightpence^{and 2d} 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. And 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 exoneration 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.

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

endorsement:- Mr Ballows' house