

Oxfordshire

The Manor of Deddington

A Survey thereof taken the fourth
day of June, in the thirty third
year of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth
by John Worth, Gent. Deputy unto
Sir John Poinc's Knight, General
Surveyor of all her Majestys lands
lying on the South Part by the
Authority before specified, and
by the Paths and Presentments
of the Tenants of the same Manor
hereafter mentioned. vij -

June 4th 1591.

The Jury of the Court of Survey.

Nicholas Wayste

John Halle

Vinson Smith

Richard Fredwell

George Naves

Richard Scroggs

John Clifford

Thomas Coates

Henry Dean

George Cox

James Applebee

Nicholas Tripleto

Henry Beece

William White

Simon Busby

Richard Applebee

William Justere

Widows Estates

The wife of any Tenant dying in possession shall enjoy the Lands, Tenements, customary work of her said Husband died possessed, during her widows estate living chaste.

Certain Customs of the said Maner presented by the Tenants and at divers Courts, holden within the said Maner and allowed by the Lord's Steward for the time being.

Impresms. That all Grants by Copy of Court Rolle made for two lives are good, and the widows estate.

Item. That all grants by Copy of Court Role made for three lives or more are void.

Item. That all grants by Copy in reversion are void, but that a Copy granted during the Widows Estate if she be no taker, and no Copy in reversion, Contrary to Custom.

Item. That a Copy made for two Lives, cannot be surrendered, unless both parties named in the Copy do surrender.

Item. That it is lawful for every Tenant both to Lopp and Top, not hurting the Timber, otherwise it is waste, and they cannot give any Timber Free.

Item. That the Taker cannot surrender

longer than for his time without the
Survivor do Surrender

Item. That the husband by the
Surrender doth not bar his Wife's
Widow's Estate, so that she doth
come in, and calling her Widow's
Estate within one year and a day,
or else at the next Court day
after the death of her husband.

Item. That a Tott, Orchard or little
Piddition, or such like whereunto no
Land belongeth, the Rent; is one year
rent and no more.

Item. That if a Freeholder sell
away or alien his Freehold Lands
to another, or to his Heirs, the
Purchaser ought to pay unto such
alienation to the Lord one year rent

For a fine
Item that a fine is due to the
Lord as well upon every Surrender
as upon the death of a Tenant

Item that any Copyholder or Widow
that holds by Widows Estate,
according to the custom, either of
them may take their livings for
their child or childrens lives, not
to be enhanced with fines but to
have it as anciently they have had
it in former times. Viz. The fine
to be the worth of one year of the
living; or two, at the most that
ever was given; or for the surrender.
And that they are not to be put
out of doors or to be put to rack
rent and for example I The

Widow Snelson of Hempton. The
landlord would not let her take
her living, for her son Thomas, until
she complained to the Duchie Court,
and then the Chancelor, and the
Kings Attorney for the Court, did
give her a letter for to carry to the
landlord that then was, and so
did command him & viz. The Landlord
to grant her a Copy, or else she to
return to them, and they would
grant one.

And that Edward Gates of Clifton
could not take his living until
he complained likewise, then he had
it.

The landlord is to keep Court Baron
every half year at his own cost, and
charges; at the place usually, in

James Times - viz. A Short time
after our Lady Day - and a short
time after Michaelmas - and that
none are to be of the jury besides
Copyholders.

Item - That any Copyholder having
his housing fallen into decay, is to
build them up within reasonable
time - The Landlord finding Great
Timber.

Item - The Landlord is to appoint
a sufficient man to gather his Rent,
that dwells in the Parish.

Item - If a Copyholder die or a
Widow, that by custom either of them
dying before Mathias day - Then the
Executor Hith, all the Fallows, the
Sheep Commons, Set Meads, and none
else for the present, but upon all at

Michaelmas next following, and if any of the Parties die after St Matthias day, then the Executor is not to enter until after Matthias day next following and so to end as before expressed

Mem ——— The Bailiff of Deddington is Bailiff for the Parish and Town of Deddington, and if any Waiifs, Shays, or Felons Goods do fall to be due within the said Parish, then the Bailiff is to take them into his custody, and to sell any of those things or goods and the Bailiff to have one part of the said money, and to give every one of the three Lords a part equal to himself — viz — He that holds of the Duchie of Lancaster and

he that holds for Christ Church and
he that holds for Windsor, and for
pattern and example in the three
dear years.

Near about Tillybury Time
one Thomas Barrett of Deddington
Busbandman - stole Sheep and was
taken with them and had to Prison.
Then Mr John Norod - being Bailiff of
Deddington did seize upon all his Crops
Team, Carts and all his goods to the
value of somewhat above one hundred
pounds. whereupon they that then
were the three Lords of the aforesaid
Manors, did fall at variance for all
their parts, and then the aforesaid
Goods were in the Bailiffs hands, and
Vincent Smith did join with him
in the sale of the said goods, and

keeping of the money till they were
agreed, and at the last they agreed.
So the Bailiff took his part, and
each of them theirs equal, and since
that time there were thirteen men
taken for robbing one man of a great
sum of money; Edward Welchman
being Bailiff of Deddington, with the
aid of other Officers took and seized
upon their goods and having them
before the Justice two of them were
had to prison, and found guilty.
Whereof Edward Welchman being
Bailiff took a fourth part of the
said goods to himself, and gave each
Lord his part likewise.

Mem - The three Lords are to
appoint a Steward for the Court
Leet of Deddington, and the

Steward within a very short time
after every Michaelmas, and Lady Day,
is to send his warrant to the
Bailiff of the Parish of Deddington,
and the said Bailiff is to appoint
out a Jury, and to appoint his under
Bailiff to warn the said Jury at
their dwellings.