

Manor Court Roll Wootton and Boarshill 1597

Manerium de Wootton cum Boreshill
In com Berkes

Curia Baronis Richard Hyde armigeri et Elizabeth uxoris eius ibidem tenta per Thomam Rede ibidem
senescallum suum *sextem* diem octobris anno regni dominae nostrae Elizabeth regina Angliae
Franciae et Hiberniae fidei defensor *tricensimo* nono

Querela ad hanc diem nulla

Essonii ad hanc diem nulli

Customarii tenentes Richard Badcock Richard Bowell Edmund Orpwood Thomas Woodliffe
William Badcock Henry Woodliffe John Rede Richard Broughton
John Bond sen Edward Faulkner Robert Mayo Richard Mayo Thomas Mayo William Truelock
John Cope Robert Elliott **Thomas Richards**

Homagium	Richard Badcock	William Badcock	Robert Mayo
	Richard Bowell	Henry Woodliffe	Thomas Mayo
	Edmund Orpwood	John Bond	William Truelock
	Thomas Richards	Edward Faulkner	Robert Elliott
	Richard Mayo	Thomas Woodliffe	John Rede

Presentant homagium qui super sacramenta sua presentant quod communis publicum est in
defectu reparatione per Richard Badcock et Thomas Mayo ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia et
quod dies datus est *partibus predictis* emendare publicum predictum ante festum omnium
sanctorum xx sequentes sub pena quilibet deficit iiis iiid dominus manerii predicti allocandat
mandatum iiis iiid

Presentant item presentant quod Richard Badcock custodiet plus equos quam libet ideo prorut in
misericordia iiis iiid

Penitentiary ordinatus est quod de cetero nulli ponabant uves in le stubble field anglice break the stubble
field abusque assensu et consensu tenentum huius manerii sub pena quilibet deficit iiis iiid

Penitentiary item ordinatus est quod homagium predictum assemblaverit simul in le Westfield apud
Lassford gate super diem festum omnium sanctorum xx sequentem inter horas novem et undecim
ante meridiem eiusdis diei et ad ponendem metas anglice merestones inter tenetes et tenentes sub
pena quilibet deficit xiid et similiter assemblaverit simul in le Hetching field apud Whitecross inter
Crossroads ad ponendem metas anglice merestones inter tenetes et tenentes sub pena quilibet
deficit xiid

Item ordinatus est quod de cetero nulli leymen in officio decenarii sed quoique proximam curiam
et tenens unus aliud electi sunt in officio predicto

Concessio John Bond ad istam curiam venit John Bond et cepit de domino huius manerii unam toftam unam virgatam terrae cum pertinentiis vocatam Fanbury unum messagium et dimidium virgatam terrae cum pertinentiis vocatum *Punfre alius Ponfre* per redditum per unum virgatam solidus et unum aliud messagium et unam virgatam terrae cum pertinentiis vocatum *Palends* per redditum per annum octo solidi nuper in tenure Edwardi Bond patris predicti John Bond et modo in tenure sive occupatione predicti John Bond per redditum customarii tenurae huius manerii in curia dominus per senescallum suum concessit ei inde seisinam habendum et tenendum predictam toftam et ceteras omnes et singulas predictas premissas cum suis pertinentiis prefato John Bond per terminum vitae sua ad voluntatem domini secundum consuetudinem manerii predicti reddendum annualem xxiis ac faciendum omnia alia servicia et consuetudines et servicia inde prius debita et de iure consueta et domino heriotum accidit secundum consuetudinem manerii predicti et dat domino de fine per statum titulum et ingressum sic inde *hereditarius* et fecit domino fidelitatem secundum consuetudinem et admissus est inde tenens xx

Election officii Ad hanc curiam Thomas Woodliffe electus est in officio decenarii et iuratus

Ad hanc curiam Richard Mayo et **Thomas Richards** electi sunt in officio de leyrmen et iurati

Afferatores Nicholas Badcock Richard Bowell ex. Per Thomam Rede senescallum ibidem

Court Roll 1597

Manor of Wootton and Boarshill
In the county of Berkshire

Court Baron of Richard Hyde, gentleman, and his wife Elizabeth, held there by his steward Thomas Rede on the *sixth* day of October in the thirty ninth year of the reign of our lady Elizabeth, Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith.

Suits on this day none

Apologies for absence on this day none

Customary tenants Richard Badcock Richard Bowell Edmund Orpwood Thomas Woodliffe
Henry Woodliffe John Rede Richard Broughton John Bond sen.
Edward Faulkner Robert Mayo Richard Mayo Thomas Mayo William Truelock John Cope
Robert Elliott **Thomas Richards**

Homage	Richard Badcock	William Badcock	Robert Mayo
	Richard Bowell	Henry Woodliffe	Thomas Mayo
	Edmund Orpwood	John Bond	William Truelock
	Thomas Richards	Edward Faulkner	Robert Elliott
	Richard Mayo	Thomas Woodliffe	John Rede
			sworn

The homage present on their oath they present that the pound is in disrepair and that Richard Badcock and Thomas Mayo are therefore in mercy and that the due date for these persons to repair the said pound is twenty days hence before the feast of All Saints, under pain of default for each of 3 shillings and 3 pence. The lord of the said manor allocates an allowance of 3 shillings and 3 pence.

Presentment they also present that Richard Badcock kept more horses than is allowed and is therefore in mercy 3 shillings and 3 pence.

Penalties It is ordered that henceforth no-one shall put sheep in the stubble field (in English break the stubble field) according to the assent and agreement of the tenants of this manor, under pain of default for each of 3 shillings and 3 pence.

Penalties it is also ordered that the said homage shall meet in the West Field at Lassford Gate on the twentieth day after the feast of All Saints between the hours of nine and eleven in the morning of that day to set the boundaries (in English merestones) between tenants, under pain of default of twelve pence. Similarly to meet in the Hetching Field at Whitecross by the *crossroads* to set the boundaries (in English merestones) between tenants under pain of default of twelve shillings.

Also it is ordered that henceforth, until the next court, no constables but a different tenant shall be elected also to the office of tithingman.

Concession to John Bond John Bond came to this court and received from the lord of this manor a toft and one yardland of land with appurtenances called Fanbury, and a messuage with half a yardland of land with appurtenances called *Punfre or Ponfre* rendering rent of one shilling, and a messuage and one yardland of land called *Palends* rendering an annual rent of eight shillings, formerly in the tenure or occupation of the father, Edward Bond, of the said John Bond; now in the tenure or occupation of the said John Bond and rendering the customary tenure of this manor. In court, the lord, by his said steward, thereby transferred possession to him, to have and to hold the said toft with all and singular said premises with appurtenances for the said John Bond for the term of his life at the will of the lord, according to the custom of the said manor and rendering thus annually twenty three shillings and all services and customs formerly owed and by right accustomed. Heriots fall due to the lord, according to the custom of the manor. He gave a fine to the lord for fixed title and entry, was thus *inheritor*, did fealty to the lord and was thereby admitted as tenant for twenty pounds.

Election of officials

Thomas Woodliffe is elected by this court to the office of tithingman and is sworn.

Richard Mayo and **Thomas Richards** are elected by this court to the office of leymen (constables) and are sworn

Afferors Nicholas Badcock Richard Bowell affirmed by Thomas Rede, steward.

Notes

The crossroads at Whitecross still bear the name today and there is a nameplate at the roadside.

The village pound for stray animals was obviously the responsibility of the named tenants, who had let it fall into disrepair. A modern street on the site is named The Old Pound.

Richard Badcock must have allowed too many of his horses to graze the common land.

Animals must have been allowed to graze the field of stubble after harvesting until this time.

Perhaps one of the elected constables had also wished to stand as tithingman, but the court decided that each man could only serve in one office.