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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Burton	Arthur Burton, 'Lawton Parish Boundaries', <i>The Lawton Chronicles</i> , 3 (1997/8), p. 41.
Caldwell	'The diaries of James Caldwell, 1770–1838', available online at <a href="http://www.jjhc.info/caldwellnotes.htm">www.jjhc.info/caldwellnotes.htm</a>
Calvert	Albert F. Calvert, <i>Salt in Cheshire</i> (London: E. & F. N. Spon, 1915).
Cheney	<i>Handbook of Dates for Students of English History</i> , ed. C. R. Cheney (London: Royal Historical Society, 1978).
CRO	Cheshire Record Office, Chester.
Dobraszczyk	Andrew Dobraszczyk, <i>Social History Walks 2004, The Lawton Hall Estate, Cheshire</i> , Copy available at Kidsgrove Library, Cheshire Collection B.
Harl MS	British Library, Harleian Manuscript Collection.
King	<i>The Court Records of Prescott 1640–1649</i> , ed. Walter J. King, RSLC, 143 (2008).
Lawton	<i>Northwich Hundred: Poll Tax 1660 and Hearth Tax 1664</i> , ed. G. O. Lawton, RSLC, 119 (1979).
Lister	The Journals of Anne Lister, held at Calderdale District Archives, Central Library, Halifax, transcribed by Helen Whitbread.
O.E.D.	Oxford English Dictionary.
Ormerod	George Ormerod, <i>The History of the County Palatine and City of Chester</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> edn, revised and enlarged by Thomas Helsby, 3 vols (London: George Routledge and Sons, 1882).
Parliament	<i>History of Parliament. The House of Commons</i> , a number of volumes, various editors, publishers and dates.
Renaud, <i>Lawton</i>	Frank Renaud, M.D., <i>Lawton, of Lawton, Cheshire</i> , unpublished volume in the possession of the manorial Lawton family (1873)
Renaud, <i>Manor</i>	Frank Renaud, 'Church Lawton Manor Records', <i>Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society</i> , 5 (1887).
RSLC	The Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire
Smith-Bannister	Scott Smith-Bannister, <i>Names and naming patterns in England, 1538–1700</i> (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997).
TNA	The National Archives, Kew.
Twigg	George Twigg, 'Salt Making Sites in Cheshire', Cheshire Local History Association, ?1998. Available on-line at <a href="http://www.cheshire-history.org.uk/salt.html">www.cheshire-history.org.uk/salt.html</a>
Whitbread	<i>No Priest but Love. The Journals of Anne Lister 1824–1826</i> , ed. Helena Whitbread (Smith Settle Ltd., Otley, West Yorkshire, 1992 and New York University Press, 1992).
WSL	William Salt Library, Stafford.

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[March 2013]

## **General Editor's Note**

The commissioning of this volume, and most of the editorial work, was carried out by Peter McNiven. Dr McNiven stood down as General Editor, after many years of service, in the summer of 2012, at which time this edition was almost prepared for publication. I have carried out the final stages of the editorial work, with the assistance of Paul Booth.

This volume publishes the extant manor court rolls of Church Lawton from 1631 to 1860. There also survive a small number of fifteenth-century accounts – when the manor was held by Chester Abbey – and a further twenty-three court rolls dating from between 1541 (when the manor passed to the Lawton family) and 1628. It is to be hoped that these accounts might also be published at some future date.

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## INTRODUCTION

There has not previously been a complete transcription of any of the manor court rolls of Church Lawton, but some generally brief extracts have appeared in the *Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society*.<sup>1</sup> That article contained extracts from the rolls up to 1700, the extract for the earliest year (1541) being extensive, with subsequent ones being much more selective. It should be noted that Renaud, the author of the transcription, is frequently in error by one year in his translation of regnal year dates to year of grace dates. His transcription of names should also be treated with caution. In the transcriptions in this volume, the conversion of regnal year dates has been done by reference to the invaluable work by Cheney.

The bulk of the manor court rolls for Church Lawton which have survived were until 2006 in the hands of the manorial Lawton family, but they were then deposited at Cheshire Record Office, where they are catalogued at CRO reference DLN 7110/2 – /42 inclusive. Additionally, six Church Lawton manor court rolls are held in the Hadfield Manuscript Collection at the William Salt Library, Stafford, reference 2/15B/00. The documents from these two sources are here transcribed in their chronological sequence, with the location of the document, a brief description of it and its state of preservation appearing as a header to the relevant transcription.

Of the 54 court documents transcribed in this volume, 40 are solely the proceedings of the court,<sup>2</sup> 12 are solely the estreats of the amercements imposed at a court whose proceedings have not survived,<sup>3</sup> and two (1631 and 1771) are simply a tenant list alone.

Table A overleaf briefly summarises the details of the Court Rolls transcribed in this volume.

### Dating problems

There are a number of dating difficulties with the documents transcribed in this volume.

#### 1632 (Section 42.7)

As this is the *front* page of the *second* folded sheet (see description of the document), the differing names given on the two sheets for the manor officials, the offenders in the corresponding presentments and the payers of tolls make it clear that the two sheets record the proceedings of different court sittings. The pencil filing date on

1 Renaud, *Manor*, pp. 19–63.

2 Six of these include a list of tenants: 1634 and 1773–77 inclusive.

3 The distinction between a tersely drafted fair copy of the proceedings and a mere accounting list of Estreats is highly subjective. Sometimes the document heading makes it clear that it is an estreat e.g. 1636, otherwise the *absence* of essoins, a formal listing of the names of the jurors and of the appointment of office holders for the coming year e.g. 1637, 1639, has been taken as indicative of an estreat.

**Table A Surviving Church Lawton Manor Court Rolls, 1631–1860**

Section	Court date	Documents*	Section	Court date	Documents*
41	18 October 1631	T	68	29 April & 17 October 1699	E, O
42	12 October 1632	P	69	22 October 1700	E, O
43	13 October 1634	P, T	70	17 October 1735	P
44	24 October 1636	E	71	1 November 1737	P
45	14 October 1637	E	72	14 November 1738	P
46	16 October 1639	E	73	23 October 1739	P
47	7 October 1640	P	74	25 October 1771	T
48	6 October 1641	P	75	17 October 1772	P, T
49	4 October 1642	E	76	25 October 1773	P, T
50	8 October 1658	P	77	26 October 1774	P, T
51	15 October 1662	P	78	16 October 1775	P, T
52	5 October 1663	P	79	25 October 1776	P, T
53	5 October 1666	P	80	10 October 1777	P, T
54	Michaelmas? 1667	P	81	5 May 1778	P
55	26 September 1671	P	82	16 October 1778	P
56	24 October 1672	P	83	14 October 1841	P, O
57	24 October 1676	P	84	24 October 1843	P
58	26 October 1677	P	85	10 October 1844	P
59	13 October 1685	P	86	6 November 1845	P
60	16 October 1689	P	87	4 November 1846	P
61	17 October 1693	P	88	26 October 1847	P
62	17 October 1693	E	89	30 November 1848	P
63	24 October 1694	E	90	16 October 1849	P
64	17 October 1695	E	91	17 October 1850	P
65	22 October 1696	E, O	92	1 October 1851	P
66	20 October 1697	E, O	93	15 October 1857	P
67	11 October 1698	E, O	94	26 October 1860	P

\* E = Estreat of fines, P = Proceedings, T = List of tenants, O = Other documents

page four (the *back* page of the *first* folded sheet) supports this view, since it suggests that the two sheets were originally separately filed. As discussed later, see p. xv, Church Lawton manor courts other than at Michaelmas are very rare, so it seems almost certain that the court proceedings recorded on this second folded sheet do *not* relate to 1632.

The handwriting of most of this misfiled sheet is the same as that used in 1626 and 1627, which suggests a pre-Civil War date no later than about 1610–1620, and internal evidence can provide a firm latest possible date. One of the presentments on this sheet (Section 42.8) names Rich. Lawton as a defendant in a suit outside the lord's court. It does not indicate that he is dead at the time the presentment was made, so since this man was buried at Church Lawton on 3 March 1640 (N.S.), the latest Michaelmas court he could have appeared in is 1639. These two facts narrow the probable date of the document to the period 1610–39.

In fact it is possible to eliminate as possible years for this incorrectly filed '1632' sheet, 26 of the 27 surviving records from the broader period 1590 to 1642 inclusive, by comparing the names in the presentments common to both documents (14 years eliminated using the names of the Burlimen appointed, nine using the names of those paying a toll on horses and three by reference to other listed offences). Among the surviving documents, this leaves only 1634 as a possible partner to the incorrect '1632' sheet. This attribution creates no problem in itself, as the surviving 1634 record consists of only a suit roll, a list of jurors and disputes between parties, and these are the very subjects *not* covered on the misfiled sheet. The 14 years in the probable period 1610–40 which have not survived are 1612, 1615–17, 1620–22, 1624–25, 1629–30, 1633, 1635 and 1638.

The most compelling evidence for dating the misfiled sheet comes from the Church Lawton parish records. These include a parchment vestry book that lists the names of the constables from 1634<sup>4</sup> to 1766. The first two pages, which run to 1691, are clearly written in the same educated hand. The entries for 1691, 1692 and 1693 at the start of the third page are also in this same hand. Since these entries cover 60 years they are clearly not contemporary entries, so there is a risk of errors having been made when they were transcribed from some other records, probably loose sheets. Additionally, the basis of the entries is unstated, so an entry could be either the name(s) of the constable(s) *appointed* in the given year to act in the ensuing 12 months, or those *actually acting* in the given year, who would have been appointed the previous year.

It appears from a comparison between the entries in the Constables' Book and the surviving Manor Court Rolls that from 1634 to 1662 inclusive and for 1666 the Book entries are the names of those appointed in the relevant years, i.e. the constables whose duties *commenced* in the listed years. For years 1663 and for 1667 to 1740, however, the names in the Book are those of the constables actually in office for the bulk of the year.

4 In strictness, since the top right-hand corner of the first sheet has been torn away, the first completely identified year entry is for the fifth entry on the page: 1638. However, since there is a single entry for each year and from 1638 onwards there are no gaps in the sequence of years, the four entries whose years have been lost must be 1634, 1635, 1636 and 1637.

Thus in October 1640 the Manor Court Rolls record (Section 47.4) ‘John Drakford and Henry Wearum to serve in the office of constable for the township of Lawton for one year next following’, i.e. from October 1640 to October 1641, and these two names constitute the entry for 1640 in the Constables’ Book. Conversely, the October 1676 Manor Court Rolls record (Section 57.5) ‘Thomas Rowley and Thomas Cooper Constables’, i.e. constables to serve from October 1676 to October 1677. The Constables’ Book, however, lists these two names for 1677 (they served over nine months of their 12-month term of duty in 1677), not for 1676 (the year their duties commenced) as would have been the case if the previous example had been followed.

Since the Constables’ Book names ‘Raph Kent & Randle Walton’ as constables for 1634, i.e. appointed in 1634 for the ensuing year, and the mis-filed sheet appoints as constables ‘Raphe Kent and Randle Walton’ it is clear that the sheet misfiled as 1632 is, as conjectured on other grounds, part of the 1634 rolls.

### **1642 (Section 49)**

This document is endorsed on the back with a date for filing: 18 Chas. The endorsement is in a different hand to the rest of the document but is probably contemporary, from which it would naturally follow that the regnal year would be recorded simply as ‘Chas.’, not as ‘Chas. I’. The endorsement date agrees with that given in the heading of the document.

This document was mistakenly filed with the 1666 Manor Court Roll in the original Lawton muniments, presumably on the assumption that the regnal year was 18 Chas *II*, and consequently it is catalogued with the 1666 Proceedings at Cheshire Record Office.

### **1666/67 (Section 54.1)**

Comparing what remains of the filing annotation with similar ones in adjacent surviving years, it appears that 1<sup>n</sup>–1½<sup>n</sup> has been lost from the highest remaining point of the text (the top right-hand corner) of this document. Owing to this tearing the year cannot be directly identified any closer than 10–19 Charles II, except that the first three years of this sequence would have been before the Restoration, while there are surviving manorial court records for Michaelmas in the 14th, 15th and 18th years. This document must therefore relate to Michaelmas in one of the 13th, 16th or 19th years (that is, October 1661, 1664 or 1667).

Now the will (made 28 May 1667) with codicil (made 30 May 1667)<sup>5</sup> of Thomas Cartwright was proved at Chester on 9 April 1668. This man is the free tenant whom this court record with the missing date states had died since its previous meeting (see Section 54.3). In fact he was buried at Church Lawton ‘of Lee Hall, gentleman’ on 8 July 1667. Of the three remaining possible years determined in the previous paragraph for the date of this document, Thomas Cartwright was alive at the time of the courts of October 1661 and 1664. Thus the date for this document must be Michaelmas 1667.

5 CRO, DTO/43 and Supra will 1668.

## Survival of the records

Considering now the survival of the records, any recorded procedural rules for the frequency and conduct of the courts which may originally have existed for the manor of Church Lawton have not survived, but to judge from the documents here transcribed, a joint meeting of the Courts Baron and Leet was the invariable rule for the period 1631–1860. Furthermore, with the exception of 1778, only a single court was held each year, which can loosely be described as held at Michaelmas. Of the ‘Michaelmas’ meetings recorded in this volume, one was held in late September, 44 in October and five in November (all but one of the latter in the first few days of that month).

This overwhelming preponderance of a single annual court strongly suggests that the policy in Church Lawton manor was for Michaelmas courts only, and that the unexplained reason for holding a court in May 1778 as well as in October of that year (this and the very first meeting of the court on 28 May 1541 are the only instances in the complete series of *surviving* rolls that a ‘Spring’ meeting took place) was attributable to exceptional circumstances. However, there is nothing in the brief and mundane record of the May 1778 court (see Section **81**) to support this view.

It should be noted though that in the 1693–1700 bound-together bundle of, inter alia, estreats of fines, there is one (see Section **68.1**), headed ‘*Estreat of fines and ameracements imposed and assessed for divers offences and defaults perpetrated and done and [brought before] the Court Leet and Court Baron and View of Frankpledge held at Lawton 29 April in the 11th year of the reign of [our] lord king ... A.D. 1699*’. This April 1699 court roll has not survived, but the heading of this estreat list makes it clear that there was a further ‘Spring’ meeting of the court in 1699.

Also included in this bound bundle are directions issued by the steward to the bailiff to collect the ameracements due to the court. Interestingly, there are two such directions issued in 1699, with almost identical wording (see Sections **68.3** and **68.4**). One is dated 10 July and the other 10 December. Neither mentions the date of the court concerned but it is unlikely that they relate to the same one. Assuming a median date of mid-October for the court to which the mid-December direction relates, the mid-July direction probably relates to a mid-May 1699 court rather than to the Michaelmas 1698 one, for which in any case a direction had been issued in mid-December 1698 (see Section **67.4**). This mid-July direction thus clearly relates to the court of late April 1699 mentioned above and thus confirms the fact of two meetings of the court in 1699.

This bound bundle contains only a single direction from the steward for each of the other years included. These are dated 7 September 1695 (see Section **64.4**), 2 November 1696 (see Section **65.1**), 10 December 1697 (see Section **66.4**), 13 December 1698 (see Section **67.4**) and 22 October 1700 (see Section **69.3**). It is therefore a plausible assumption that there was no Spring court in these years.

Taken with the surviving rolls for May 1541 and May 1778, it clear that at least in some years, the Court also sat earlier in the year than at Michaelmas. If this bi-annual meeting of the court was regular practice however, it seems surprising

that the chance survival of individual Church Lawton manor court rolls has not thrown up several other examples of Spring meetings.<sup>6</sup> The evidence is strong that Spring meetings were not the norm. Presumably any such meetings were additional to the Michaelmas ones, as was the case in 1778, and did not replace them for that year.

The pattern of the years with surviving documents is very uneven, with major gaps 1643–57 inclusive (15 years), 1701–34 inclusive (34 years), 1740–70 inclusive (31 years) and 1779–1840 inclusive (62 years). The latter gap is explained by a letter dated 19 October 1841 (see Section **83.8**) from Christopher Moorhouse, the steward, to the lord of the manor Charles Bourne Lawton. He explains that the court had just been ‘revived’, the filing endorsement adding ‘after a suspension of 50 years at least’. It seems quite likely that the previous sitting was that of October 1778, one of two that year, each of which conducted very little business. Perhaps the mismanagement of the estate after John Lawton became lord of the manor in 1777 (see p. xxxi) explains the cessation of the annual Court Leet two years later.

However, Harry Nunn, son of Samuel Nunn who was then rector of Church Lawton, made a number of contributions to the Notes and Queries section of the *Stockport Advertiser* in the 1880s. In one of these<sup>7</sup> he wrote: ‘As far as I can learn, from this time [1813] to about 1840, i.e. during the earlier part of Mr Chas. Lawton’s tenure [*as lord of the manor*], the practice of holding Courts Leet was kept in abeyance, but being revived by him was kept up with regularity till his death, which took place in 1860. Mr Wilson of Congleton solicitor was then Mr Lawton’s steward. From him this information is derived and at his office the records of this period were kept. Every search has been made for them, but to no purpose, and it is concluded that they perished in the fire which destroyed the contents of one of the rooms there in 1877.’

Since this comment was made over 100 years after the apparent 1779–1840 gap in the records, and some 40 years later than Moorhouse’s explanation, it is likely that Nunn’s implication that the manor court continued to meet from 1779 to about 1813 is incorrect.

Nunn’s Notes and Queries article then continues with the names of the Constables for 1862, 1863 and 1864, taken ‘From the Court Leet Book at Lawton Hall’ as follows: ‘The year 1863 (when the record closes) witnessed the final sitting of a court which

6 On the assumption that on average, over the 63 years for which Michaelmas court rolls have survived, Spring meetings occurred in one year in two, the probability that not more than a single Spring court roll would survive is less than one in 10,000. This is a statistically significant result, which suggests that the probability of having a Spring meeting is quite a bit lower than one in two. Even if the assumption is that Spring meetings occurred on average in only one year in ten, the probability that not more than a single Spring court roll would survive is less than one in 100. So the statistical analysis supports the intuitive view that it is likely that Spring courts were held only rarely, rather than that their low incidence is merely an accident of documentary survival.

7 ‘Notes and Queries 1867’, *Stockport Advertiser*, 18 January 1884.

had existed over 300 years<sup>8</sup> ... The Court was, I believe, usually held in October ... This bears out the conclusion reached earlier of Michaelmas courts being the norm. This Court Leet Book does not appear to have survived,<sup>9</sup> so it seems appropriate here to state its contents as published by Nunn:

‘Deed of Grant of Stewardship to Thomas Heaton of Alton in the County of Stafford. Dated Nov. 9 1861.

Process of Thomas Heaton gent to Samuel Massey Bailiff of the Court Leet of the Manor of Church Lawton requiring him to summon a jury. Dated Nov. 9 1861.

Names of the Jury. Dated Nov. 19 1861.

Proclamation by the Crier of the Court and Officers appointed for the ensuing year.

Form of Notice to Jurymen. Dated Nov 13 1861.

Form of Oath to Foreman of Jury and Jurymen.

Charge of Thomas Heaton Steward of the Manor of Church Lawton aforesaid

Bailiff’s	}	Oath
Constable’s		
Affeeror’s		
Burleyman’s		
Pinner’s		

List of inhabitants liable to pay suit and service at the Court Leet of the Lord of the manor. Dated Nov. 19 1861.

Perambulation of the Jury. Dated Nov. 19 1861.

Process of Thomas Heaton gent &c as above. Dated Nov. 27 1862.

Names of the Jury. Dated Dec. 2 1862.

Proclamation by the Crier of the Court and Officers appointed for the ensuing year.

Form of Notice to Jurymen. Dated Nov. 27 1862.

Form of Oath to Foreman of Jury and Jurymen.

Charge of Thomas Heaton &c as above.

List of inhabitants liable to pay suit and service as above. Dated Dec. 2 1862.

Perambulation of the Jury. Dated Dec. 2 1862.

Process of Thomas Heaton gent &c as above. Dated Oct. 22 1863.

Form of Notice to Jurymen. Dated Oct. 22 1863.

Names of the Jury. Dated Oct. 28 1863.

Proclamation by the Crier of the Court and Officers appointed for the ensuing year.

Form of Oath to Foreman of Jury and Jurymen.

List of inhabitants liable to pay suit and service to the lord of the Manor at his Court Leet held Oct. 28 1863.

Perambulation of the Jury. Dated Oct. 28 1863.’

8 For the 323 years 1541–1863 inclusive.

9 Quite apart from not being in the Church Lawton manorial records held at CRO (DLN 7110), it is not in the Lawton family papers held at CRO (DLN 6436) either, the whole of the latter unlisted collection having been examined for it early in 2010. Additionally, the present members of the manorial family do not retain it (private communication).

## The organization and extent of Church Lawton manor

Since the sequence of court records transcribed in this volume is rather intermittent with some large gaps, and that for any year the records are not necessarily complete, its value will lie more with the activities of families living in the manor than with detailed study of the procedural operations and economics of the manor itself. It is not therefore appropriate here to consider the details of manorial practice, which can be found elsewhere for readers who are interested.<sup>10</sup> However, a very brief outline now follows which will enable family historians unfamiliar with manorial practice in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries to place the information in the transcription in context.

There were two types of manorial court. They were the 'Court Baron' and the 'Court Leet', the latter also often called the 'Court Leet and View of Frankpledge'. In some manors distinct records were kept for the separate courts, and whereas the Court Baron met relatively frequently, the Court Leet usually met only once or twice a year. However, in some manors and more particularly in later years, the proceedings of the two courts took place at the one meeting. This is the case in the manor of Church Lawton from the earliest surviving roll of 1541. In a private communication, Paul Booth points out that the system of 'frankpledge' or 'tithings' never existed in Cheshire (and this was true of the north of England and marcher counties, such as Shropshire). When a Cheshire court roll is headed 'view of frankpledge' this is simply a seventeenth-century clerk indicating that the court had minor criminal jurisdiction, otherwise expressed by the term 'court leet'. For more information here, see R. Stewart-Brown's *Sergeants of the Peace in Medieval England and Wales* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1936).

The distinction between the two types of court is that the Court Baron exercised jurisdiction over the customs of the manor, such as rights of tenure, the imposition of customary charges and the settlement of disagreements between inhabitants of the manor. The Court Leet considered minor breaches of the King's peace such as affrays, and the application of civil regulations governing day-to-day activities such as the maintenance of standards of quality and quantity in the supply of goods. Thus the Court Leet administered the 'assize of bread and ale' regulating the standards of the produce of bakers and brewers. The Court Leet was also responsible for the View of Frankpledge, which by the seventeenth century was little more than a requirement for all tenants of the manor to attend the court and pay homage. The age at which this responsibility fell on inhabitants of the manor was anciently 12 years, but it seems likely that in practice, a later age of perhaps 15 or 16 was applied.

10 See for example the introduction to King. A clear and detailed exposition of manorial procedures and their records is P. D. A. Harvey, *Manorial Records* (London: British Records Association, 1999). This book contains a large number of references for further reading on specific topics. Also useful are Mary Ellis, *Using Manorial Records*, revised edition (London: PRO Publications in association with the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, 1997) and much more briefly, the booklets Patrick Palgrave-Moore, *How to Locate and Use Manorial Records* (Norwich: Elvery Dowers, 1985) and Eve McLaughlin, *Manorial Records* (Aylesbury: McLaughlin, 1996).

Manors varied considerably in the nature and extent of their records. In the period covered by this volume, a typical Court Roll<sup>11</sup> starts with the date and place of the meeting and the names of the lord of the manor and the person conducting the meeting, usually the steward. This is normally followed by a list of the tenants of the manor (*suit roll* or *homage*), with the reasons for any absences (*essoins*). The names of the jury (*jurors*) appointed to consider items brought before the court also appears near the start of the roll.

The roll will also include a list of minor civil offences (*presentments*) and the fines (*ameracements*) imposed by the court. Similarly disputes between parties requiring arbitration appear in the presentments, together with the decisions reached by the jury. Other matters which might appear are details of changes of tenancy (*copyhold tenure*) and the fine paid to the lord for the grant. Finally, the roll will record the names of those tenants appointed to the various annual posts such as constables or affeerors (the latter being those who reviewed the fines suggested by the court and confirmed or amended them).

Some of the matters described above may additionally be transcribed into specific documents, such as a Tenancy Book, which can contain details of the transfers and the annual rentals paid, and accountancy documents such as a listing of the ameracements<sup>12</sup> (*estreats of fines*). The survival of these ancillary records may differ from that of the rolls themselves so for the researcher they complement one another.

The boundaries of the manor are described in the perambulations recorded in the surviving court rolls of 1676 (full perambulation – Section 57.3), 1841 (partial perambulation – Section 83.5) and 1843 (partial perambulation – Section 84.4) the last two being consecutive sittings of the court and between them comprising a full perambulation, and finally 1860 (partial perambulation – Section 94.5). Perambulations also took place in 1861, 1862 and 1863 but the records of these courts have not survived (see the statement in Nunn's Notes and Queries article quoted on p. xvii).

The 1843 perambulation report contained the following recommendation: 'We recommend that two merestones be laid down to define the boundary between Lawton and Betchton.' These merestones presumably mark out the township boundaries rather than those of the manor, since representatives of the neighbouring *townships* were invited to join the Church Lawton jury at the appropriate points of their 1841 and 1843 perambulations.

- 11 The generic term 'roll' is used here to cover all manner of records of the court proceedings. Early records of this nature were often actual parchment rolls, but by the time of the records transcribed here, were generally files of paper or parchment sheets, either loose or often stitched together.
- 12 In the late seventeenth century for example, the Church Lawton records apparently included a bound record of estreats: see the instruction by the steward to the bailiff in 1695 (Section 64.4) to distraint 'on the goods and chattels of the several persons named in the estreated book the several sums of money on account of the said forfeits mentioned in the same book'. This book and any other Church Lawton manor court records other than those here transcribed have not survived.

In the late 1990s, members of the now defunct Lawton History Society attempted to identify on the ground the boundary stones indicated on various Ordnance Survey maps, Victorian and modern. They were partly successful, and the result of their search was written up in the Society journal.<sup>13</sup> An edited abstract of the original article is given in Appendix A to this volume.

**Table B The Stewards of Church Lawton Manor, 1627–1863**

<b>Lord of the manor with period of lordship</b>	<b>Stewards named in Manor court rolls</b>	
John Lawton 1617–55	John Fernihough William Berrington Peter Mainwaring	1627–34 1636 1637–42
William Lawton 1655–93	Thomas Bagnall William Middleton	1658–72 1676–89
John Lawton 1693–1736	William Middleton Ralph Mountford Thomas Fenton	1693–95 1696–99 1700
John Lawton 1736–40	Thomas Furnivall	1735–39
Robert Lawton 1740–77	Samuel Garnett	1771–76
John Lawton 1777–1804	Charles Bate	1777–78
William Lawton 1804–1831	No rolls survive, but see discussion of Cox's position below	–
Charles Bourne Lawton 1831–1860	Christopher Moorhouse John Wilson	1841 1843–57
John Lawton 1860–1864	Thomas Heaton	1861–63

Little is known about most of the stewards of Church Lawton manor. The names of those appearing in the documents themselves are given in Table B. The dates given for the period of stewardship are the first and last taken from the rolls themselves. Although not known, it seems very unlikely that the same person did not act as steward in the intervening years. It is possible that a given steward was also steward before and/or after the given limiting dates, with the exceptions of the known transitions from Berrington to Mainwaring and from Middleton to Mountford.

The name of another steward not appearing in the manor court rolls themselves can be added to the above list. This is Robert Cox from about 1786 (the start date

13 Burton, p. 41.

of his appointment is uncertain) to his death in February 1807. See discussion on pp. xxxi–xxxv of the irregularities during his stewardship. Although in Renaud, *Lawton* the author refers to ‘the renewal of a lease for 21 years that had been made to Robert Cox, the steward, in 1770, of Lawton Green and Linley Lane farm’,<sup>14</sup> this early date is wrong in the implication that he was then steward. The complete series of suit rolls for years 1771 and 1773–77 inclusive name Samuel Garnett or Charles Bate as steward as appears in Table B and show Robert Cox as a suitor in the final year only, October 1777, with no indication of his social status.

The Land Tax assessments<sup>15</sup> show Robert Cox as an occupier of premises in Church Lawton each year from 1782 to 1806, the year of his death. He appears on the 1781 return only as a collector of the tax. Dobraszczyc notes from Adams’s Weekly [*Chester*] Courant of 5 December 1786 that Robert Cox ‘of Lawton, yeoman’ was registered as John Lawton’s gamekeeper. He also reports that the Chester Chronicle of 5 December 1788 states that the Lawton estate gamekeeper was James Gibbons, yeoman. In Chancery proceedings<sup>16</sup> taken against Robert Cox’s executors in 1810, the plaintiff William Lawton states that Robert Cox had been the family’s steward ‘for many years’. The safest conclusion is that although he was a tenant of the manorial family from perhaps 1775, but certainly from 1777 at the latest, Robert Cox was steward only from the later 1780s onwards.

Of the later stewards, Christopher Moorhouse was a solicitor practising in Congleton.<sup>17</sup> He was town clerk of Congleton 1814–42, and died there, aged 59, in 1842. John Wilson was also a solicitor and he was town clerk of Congleton 1851–56.<sup>18</sup> Thomas Heaton was the son, born in 1813, of Charles Heaton from whom Christopher Moorhouse in 1841 sought approval of the arrangements the latter had made for the perambulation of the manor (see Section 83.9). Like his father, Thomas Heaton was a land agent in Endon, Staffordshire. Clearly there was a close connection between the Heatons and Charles Bourne Lawton which probably pre-dates the first appearance of the Heatons in the manor records in 1841. It is significant that Charles Heaton was the surveyor for the production of the 1836 tithe map of Church Lawton, since the township was almost entirely owned by Charles Bourne Lawton (see p. xxxvii). The Heatons continued to act for the Lawton family well into the twentieth century.<sup>19</sup>

Few references to other manorial officials appear in the records. There is a reference to a swine catcher on 27 October 1735 (see Sections 70.4 and 70.6), and

14 The 1810 Chancery proceeding reveals that these two farms were leased to Cox on 24 June 1796, so if this was the renewal to which Renaud is referring, the original lease was granted in 1775.

15 CRO, QDV2/111/2–24.

16 TNA, C13/511/54.

17 In the 1841 Census he was aged 50–54, living in Chapel St, Astbury.

18 W. B. Stephens (ed.), *History of Congleton*, Appendix C (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1970) p. 343. *White’s Directory of Cheshire, 1860* lists Wilson and Moorhouse as Attorneys in Chapel St. Congleton: F. White et al, *History, Gazetteer, and Directory of Cheshire* (Sheffield, 1860).

19 Various items of correspondence in the collection of family papers at CRO, DLN 6436.

this is the only time this occupation is mentioned. There is also a reference to a pinner in the missing Court Leet book (see p. xvii), defined in O.E.D. as ‘a person employed to impound stray animals’. No appointment to this office appears in the surviving manor court rolls transcribed in this volume.

It should be noted that the instructions issued by the steward Ralph Mountford authorising collection of the ameracements levied by the courts of 1697 (see Section **66.4**), 1698 (see Section **67.4**) and 1699 (see Section **68.4**) were addressed ‘To James Beech ... Bailiff of the ... Mannor ... his under Bayliffes & Deputyes’. Although the assisting officials are not named, it is clear that the manor provided assistants to the bailiff, presumably by direct appointment by the steward.

## The manorial family

The Lawton family possessed a moiety of Lawton from at least the early thirteenth century, the other half of the manor being possessed by the abbot and monks of St Werbergh’s monastery in Chester.<sup>20</sup> By September 1422 at the latest<sup>21</sup> the family were bailiffs of the monastery’s share of the manor, and following the dissolution of the monastery of St Werbergh, the family purchased<sup>22</sup> from the Crown for £234 14s 2d the ecclesiastical share of the manor and the advowson of the rectory and parish church of Church Lawton. The family thus became lords of the entire manor from the mid-sixteenth century. They still are 470 years later, although they no longer possess their former estate in the parish. The earliest surviving manor court roll is for that held on 28 May 1541, just 18 days after the full acquisition of the manor. There are six funeral hatchments of the family in the parish church of All Saints in Church Lawton. Detailed descriptions of them appear on pages 14 and 25 of *Hatchments Volume 8: Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Cheshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland*, ed. Peter Summers and John Titterton, Phillimore, 1988.

At the time of the earliest document transcribed in this volume (18 October 1631) the lord of the manor was John Lawton, 1607–55,<sup>23</sup> who succeeded to the lordship on the death of his father William in 1617. John was succeeded as lord of the manor by his first son William (1630–93), and he in his turn by *his* son, another John Lawton

20 Ormerod, III, p. 11.

21 See the ‘Four comptii ... 1421–1430’ (dates as stated) on page 20 and reproduced at pp. 54–63 in Renaud, *Manor*. These are in fact four successive annual accounts on a single sheet of parchment (see CRO, DLN 7110/1), covering the period 29 Sep 1421 to 28 Sep 1425 (or possibly 29 Sep 1422 to 28 Sep 1426: there is some ambiguous dating in the document).

22 CRO, DLN 7110/43 (letters patent dated Westminster, 10 May 33 Hen VIII [1541]).

23 His death occurred during the Commonwealth hiatus in the parish registers. However, he was party to a deed of exchange of lands with John Lawton of the Snape on 30 December 1654. The former’s son and successor as lord of the manor, William Lawton, was signatory to a similar exchange of land with the same John Lawton of the Snape on 20 March 1655 (N.S.), so it is safe to assume that the lord of the manor John Lawton was dead by then: CRO, DLN 6436/4).

(1656–1736). The succession beyond this point becomes more complex. The outline pedigree in Table C overleaf will help make the following account clearer.<sup>24</sup>

John Lawton (died 1736) married twice. By his first marriage he had 20 children of whom nine were still living c.1724/25,<sup>25</sup> including at least seven sons, of whom the third son, John (c.1687–1740) was the eldest still surviving at the time of the death of his father. This latter John, who was M.P. for Newcastle-under-Lyme, thus succeeded to the lordship of the manor, but although married he died without issue just four years after succeeding to the lordship. By 1735 all but his next youngest full brother, George, were dead and although George was alive in 1735 (he is named in his father's will made in July 1735),<sup>26</sup> he must have died in the following four years, since in 1740 the lordship passed to Robert Lawton, half-brother to John the Newcastle M.P.

Robert (1723–1777) was the only child by the second marriage of John Lawton who died in 1736. Robert was succeeded as lord of the manor by his son John (1746–1804) and he presumably by his eldest son William (1769–1831), although no manor court records survive for the period of the latter's lordship. William was succeeded by Robert's second son Charles Bourne Lawton (1770–1860). Charles Bourne Lawton married twice, but died without issue, and was succeeded by John (1821–64), who was the second but then oldest surviving son of Charles Bourne Lawton's younger brother John who had died in 1831.

The last surviving document in this manorial series is that of October 1860, and that court was held under the direct supervision of the lord of the manor himself (John Lawton), rather than under his steward. Thus the 54 Rolls in the series transcribed in this volume, which cover 230 years, were held under eight different lords of the manor.

So much for the descent of the manor, what of the Lawton family fortunes? There is little personal information in the Lawton family collection now deposited at CRO,<sup>27</sup> but the personal papers still retained by the family contain a manuscript volume compiled by Dr Frank Renaud which he presented to his step-son William J. P. Lawton on the latter's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday (27 December 1873).

In 1865, Renaud had married Emily Anne, the widow of John Lawton, who was lord of the manor 1860–64. As a result he had access to the manorial family archives and importantly, to any oral history the family then possessed covering the nineteenth century. Although a medical doctor by profession, Renaud was also an antiquarian<sup>28</sup> who supplied information to Helsby for his 1882 revision and extension of George Ormerod's well-regarded *History of the County Palatine and City of Chester*,<sup>29</sup> as well as contributing to 'Notes and Queries' in the Stockport Advertiser.

24 It should be noted that the details given for those family members specifically named in this pedigree, amend and extend the information given in Ormerod, III, p. 17.

25 According to the deposition, made after February 1724, of Ralph Lawton, brother of the John who died in 1736: TNA, C11/1909/21 (Chancery proceeding, Edward Lawton v. John Lawton and Christopher Montague).

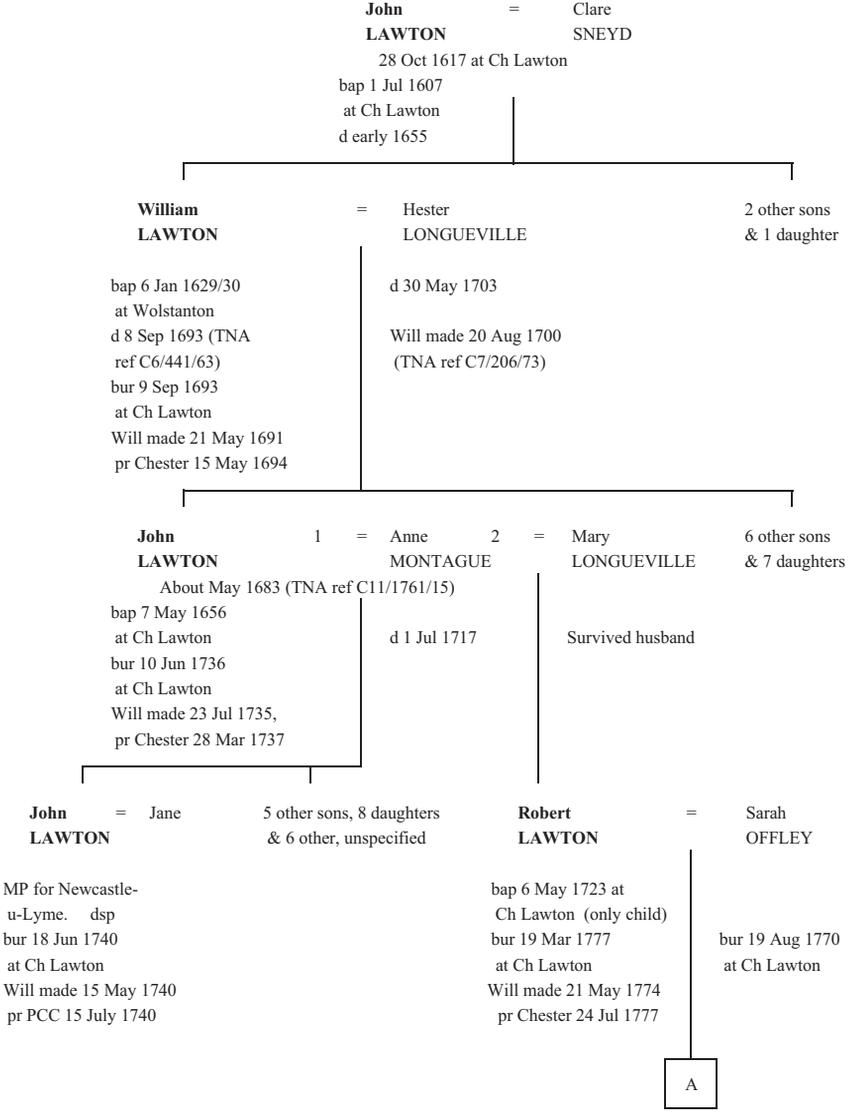
26 CRO, Supra will 1737.

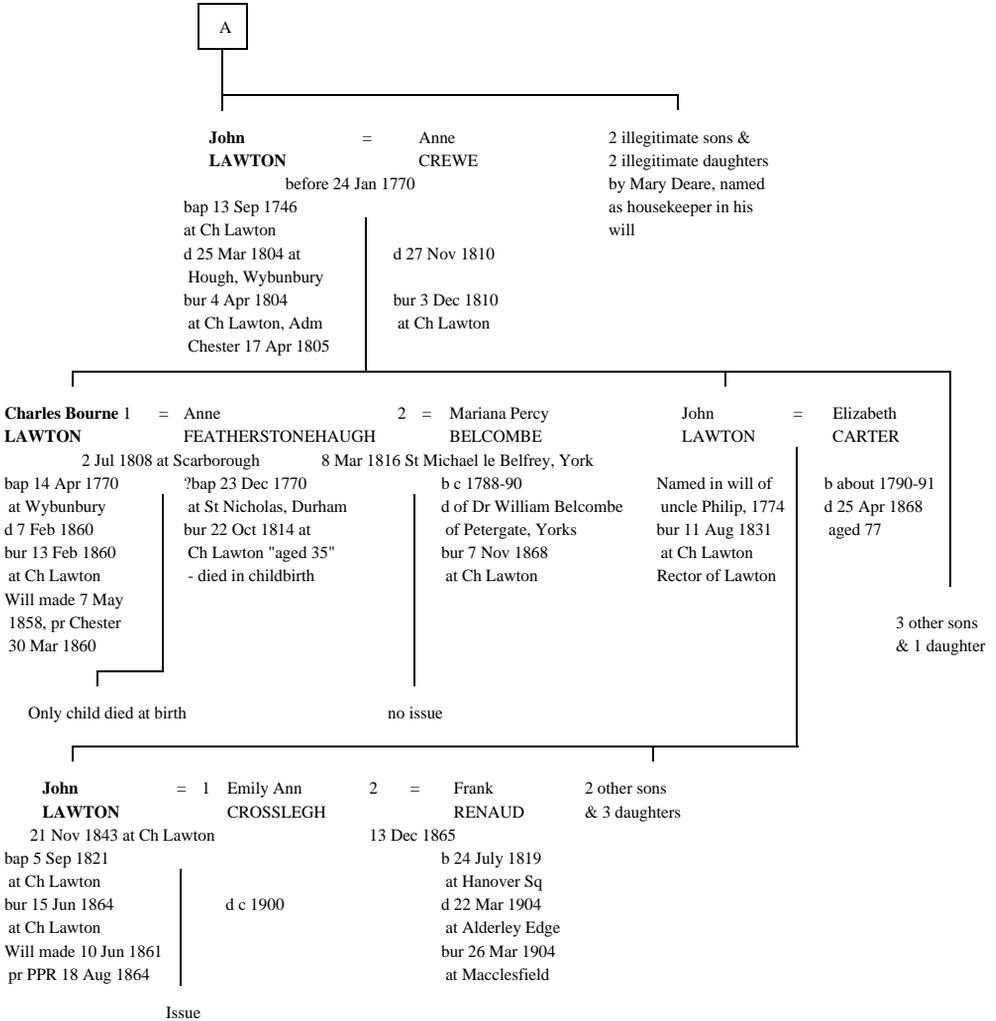
27 CRO, DLN 6436, 7089 and 7110.

28 The detailed obituary which appears in the 2 April 1904 issue of *The British Medical Journal*, pp. 810–11, refers to 'his great love for antiquarian research'.

29 Ormerod, III, p. 12n.

**Table C Pedigree of Lawton of Church Lawton**





He also presented papers to the Chetham Society and to the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society. He was initially a Licentiate of the Society of Antiquaries and was elected Fellow of that society on 9 March 1878.<sup>30</sup> With this background considerable credibility attaches to his account of the fortunes of the manorial Lawtons. Information ascertained solely from this source is so acknowledged where it appears in this introduction.

William Lawton was lord of the manor 1630–93, and on 14 August 1646 he was obliged to compound with Parliament in the sum of £680 in respect of his support for the royalist cause.<sup>31</sup> He appears in the Northwich Hundred<sup>32</sup> poll tax return of 1660<sup>33</sup> as an esquire. The enabling Act introducing the tax<sup>34</sup> imposed a charge of £10 on ‘Every person of the degree of an Esquire or soe reputed ... above the age of one and twenty years’. However it did not define the term ‘Esquire’, so that amending legislation<sup>35</sup> was introduced on 29 December 1660, which *inter alia* side-stepped the definition problem, merely providing that anyone previously known as an esquire was regarded as one for the purpose of this poll tax.

Accordingly, in accordance with his description as ‘Esquire’, William Lawton paid the rank charge of £10, which does not give any indication of his wealth, merely his status. The poll tax return shows that the household residing in this manor house in 1660 comprised William Lawton and Thomas Lee, both esquires, Thomas Beech<sup>36</sup> (assessed on annual value of £5), and 13 servants, the latter presumably live-in servants. Allowing for unnamed wives and children under 16, the household must have numbered about 20–25 people.

It is not clear who the two Thomases in William Lawton’s household are. The status of Thomas Lee suggests that he could have been steward of the manor 1659–60, but this is most unlikely, as Thomas Bagnall is named as steward in the manor court rolls of October 1658, 1662, 1663, and in all surviving years to 1677.

In the absence of a wealth figure, it puts the standing of the lord of the manor of Church Lawton into context, to realize that in Northwich Hundred, of the 4,655 individuals charged in the 1660 poll tax, only 739 were charged on estates equal to or exceeding £5 in annual value, and a meagre 14 charged as ‘esquires’.

In the Church Lawton hearth tax return of 1664,<sup>37</sup> William Lawton was assessed

30 Private communication from the Society, March 2009.

31 Ormerod, III, p. 14.

32 Northwich Hundred includes the parish and township of Church Lawton.

33 He was in fact one of the commissioners for the Act.

34 *An Act for the speedy provision of money for disbanding and paying off the forces of this Kingdome both by land and sea: Statutes of the Realm*, 10 vols (London: HMSO, 1810–24), V, pp. 207–25 (royal assent, 29 August 1660).

35 *An Act for further supplying and explaining certaine defects in an Act entituled An Act for the speedy provision of money for disbanding and paying off the forces of this Kingdome both by land and sea: ibid.*, V, pp. 225–6.

36 Could this be Thomas Beech, clerk, assessed on two hearths in the hearth taxes of 1673 and 1674?

37 TNA, E179 244/30. A full transcript of these two tax returns for the parish of Church Lawton can be found in Lawton. The Church Lawton poll tax return is on pp. 95–100, and the Church

on 15 hearths. As with the poll tax, to put this assessment into context, in Northwich Hundred there were 3,223 chargeable hearths assessed on 1,774 individuals. Of these, only 18 individuals were charged on ten or more hearths, broken down as follows:

- 11 assessments on 10–14 hearths
- 4 assessments on 15 hearths (including William Lawton)
- 1 assessment on 16 hearths
- 1 assessment on 39 hearths (Lord Brereton)
- 1 assessment on 48 hearths (Baron Venables)

Thus excluding the two special cases of the aristocracy, only five individuals in total (a mere 0.28% of the assessed individuals) equaled or exceeded the assessment on 15 hearths of William Lawton. Clearly Lawton Hall was a significant building in the locality. In 1672, William Lawton was sheriff of Cheshire. In 1682 he attended the duke of Monmouth on his Cheshire progress.<sup>38</sup>

It is interesting when examining the court rolls of this early period to see evidence of the relative standing of some of the tenants of the manor provided by details entered at the end of the burial entries for 1752 in the Church Lawton parish register, where under the heading ‘Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> Anno Dom. 1674’ is a list of those residents responsible for the upkeep of the railings about the church yard. This is given in abbreviated form in Table D overleaf. The two largest responsibilities fall on the lord of the manor himself, William Lawton Esq – ten lengths, and Snape House (then in the possession of the major yeoman Lawton family,<sup>39</sup> who were free tenants) – eight lengths.

Further evidence of William Lawton’s wealth is provided by the Chancery dispute of 3 May 1699<sup>40</sup> where the complainant, Charlwood Lawton of the Middle Temple esquire, stated that a marriage settlement of £1,000 was made on 1 April 1684 on his (the complainant’s) marriage to his cousin Margaret, daughter of William Lawton of Lawton esquire, since deceased.

A clear description of the Lawton Hall premises in the late seventeenth century is given by the very detailed inventory taken on 19, 21 and 22 September 1693 which is filed with the will of William Lawton made on 21 May 1691, proved at Chester on 10 May 1694.<sup>41</sup> William Lawton died on 8 September 1693<sup>42</sup> and was buried at Church Lawton on 9 September 1693. An abbreviated version of this

Lawton hearth tax return is on pp. 226–7. See Appendices D and E of this volume for alphabetically re-ordered and abbreviated versions of these two returns for Church Lawton.

38 Parliament, 1660–1690, II, p. 716.

39 Ormerod, III, p. 12: ‘Early divisions and subdivisions of the paternal estates [*of the original Lawton grantee*] established several yeomanry families, and one of these in particular, the Lawtons of Snape, continued to reside in this township from the days of Edw. II [1307–27] down to about the end of the last century [*the eighteenth*].’ According to Ormerod’s footnote c on the same page, this information was provided by Frank Renaud. For additional information on the Lawton of Snape family, see footnote 120 of this introduction.

40 TNA, C9/438/118 (Chancery proceeding, Charlwood Lawton v Lawton, 3 May 1699).

41 CRO, Supra will 1694.

42 TNA, C6/441/63 (Chancery proceeding, Hester Lawton and others v Ralph Lawton and others, 26 May 1694).

**Table D Provision of churchyard rails**

Aug: 17 <sup>th</sup> Anno Dom. 1674	
Rayles about the Church yard In Church Lawton, beginning at the North Stile, and going on East & Southward, are as follow viz.	
William Lawton Esq.	10
John Stonier of the poole	2
Lawrence Lawton of the Green	4
* Hobsons House of the Hawthorn Hill	5
The moor House, & John Brownefeilds	1
John Beech of the Mill House	1
Thomas Hulme	2
William Lowe (It was Waltons House)	2
William Unwins, thence to the style and the style leading to the Hall	}
From the style leading to the Hall westward: viz.	
Warahams House	1
The ?Janue cemeterij? (or Lich-gate) to the parsonage	-
The Great Style to Roger Bentlys house (juxta Linly Lane)	} West Style
Thomas Rowly	1
To Hulses house now pulled downe	
To Robert Hortons House	1
To Anne Walton (widdow) of the Heath	2
To Muchells of thee moore Road	4
To Cartwrights of the Moss, & Princes House	2
To Cartwrights of the Hall Green	1
To Thomas Beech of the Green	1
# The two Lengths next them wee know not certainly who they belong to, (but wee think to Comerbachs house)	} 2
To John Muchell Naylor	1
To Woolfes House	3
To the Snape House	8
To Lee Hall	5
To Lawtons of Lawton Gate the North Style and one short Length of Rails adjoining to Esq Lawtons Rails	} North Style
This is a true copy out of Mr: Sillitos note examined by us Tho: Hulme: Will: Beech:	

\* Marginal note here: the same house now where the Bowling Green is

# Marginal note here: now called Machins

inventory is given in Appendix B to this volume. It is clear from the two subsidy returns and the inventory that in the second half of the seventeenth century, and presumably earlier also, the Lawton manorial family were significant members of south-east Cheshire society.

William's successor as lord of the manor, his son John Lawton, was buried at Church Lawton on 10 June 1736. He left a will, made 23 July 1735, proved at Chester 28 March 1737<sup>43</sup> but there is no inventory filed with it. The will refers to the testator's possession of the manor of Baulterly [*Balterley*], stated to be mortgaged for £2,500, the residual in-hand value being £1,500. The will also referred to the possession of the manor of Knutton, a capital messuage in Dimsdale in the parish of Wolstanton, Staffordshire, property in Lawton called the Lower Ground with the salt works and brine thereon and timber in Swallowmoore Wood.<sup>44</sup> He is stated to have received an estate of £1,800 a year on the death of his father.<sup>45</sup>

This John Lawton was Whig MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme on various occasions in the period 1689 to 1709.<sup>46</sup> His entry in *The History of Parliament* lists the public offices he held, which included: commissioner for assessment, Staffordshire 1689–90 and for Cheshire 1690; mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme 1692–93; J.P. Cheshire 1695 onwards; steward of Newcastle manor 1698–1702, 1707–10, 1716–17; Deputy Lieutenant Cheshire and Staffordshire by 1701 and onwards.

John Lawton was involved in several informative Chancery disputes. For example, as complainant in 1721<sup>47</sup> he stated that he possessed estate in Lawton of annual value of £600 or more, and another estate in Wolstanton of annual value £400 or more. As defendant in 1725<sup>48</sup> he said he had spent £7,000 to £8,000 on building a brine pit on his settled estate for the production of white salt.

John's brief successor as lord of the manor was his son John by his first marriage. Like his father, this John Lawton was MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme (1734–40), his entry in *The History of Parliament* saying he 'gave up a post in the excise [*chief clerk of the sureties of the excise 1723–34*] at a salary of £170 p.a.' to stand for parliament on the death of his father.<sup>49</sup> He was buried at Church Lawton on 18 June 1740.

His formulaic will was made on 15 May 1740 and proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on 15 July 1740.<sup>50</sup> He left an estate said to be worth £1,800 p.a.<sup>51</sup> As he died without issue, John Lawton was succeeded by his half-brother, Robert Lawton, a child by the second marriage of the John Lawton who died in 1736. Robert was

43 CRO, Supra will 1737.

44 About one mile SW of Lawton Hall.

45 Parliament, 1660–1690, II, p. 716.

46 Parliament, 1660–1690, II, p. 716. Dobraszczyk gives details of his electoral history.

47 TNA, C11/1762/5 (Chancery proceeding, John Lawton v Townsend, 22 March 1721).

48 TNA, C11/1449/7 (Chancery proceeding, Edward Lawton v. John Lawton, Richard Townsend & others, 7 [*May*] 1725).

49 Parliament, 1715–54, II, p. 201. A brief obituary in the London Daily Post of 10 June 1740 values the estate at £18,000 p.a. (quoted by Dobraszczyk).

50 TNA, PROB 11/704.

51 Parliament, 1715–54, II, p. 201.

buried at Church Lawton on 19 March 1777. His will was made on 21 May 1774 and proved at Chester on 24 July 1777<sup>52</sup> but there is no inventory filed with it.

During the period he was lord of the manor of Church Lawton, in 1754 and again in 1777, Robert Lawton was also sheriff of Cheshire. He died on 14 March 1777<sup>53</sup> and was buried at Church Lawton on 19 March 1777, shortly before his 54<sup>th</sup> birthday, as a result of being kicked by a horse whilst acting as a steward at Newcastle races.<sup>54</sup> Dobraszczyc questions this story on two grounds: that the newspaper report makes no reference to this unusual cause of death, and that Newcastle-under-Lyme races were normally held in September, not March. It is indeed surprising that the newspaper failed to comment on the unusual circumstances of the death but that omission is not conclusive. Furthermore, Caldwell's diary for 29 June 1803 records that he had been to Newcastle races that day, so Dobraszczyc's second argument is not conclusive either. It seems reasonable therefore to accept Renaud's account of the nature of the death.

Clearly there were immediate financial difficulties for the family, since within four weeks of Robert Lawton's death, his furniture at Lawton Hall was put up for sale.<sup>55</sup> The advertisement reads: 'To be Sold by Auction ... on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of this Inst. April 1777, and the four following Days, The genuine and elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PLATE, LINEN, CHINA, and other valuable Effects, of the late ROBERT LAWTON, Esq. Of Lawton, consisting of four-post Bedsteads, with fine Cotton, Check, and other Furnitures, Goose Feather-Beds, Mattresses, Blankets, Counter-panes; Silk and Worsted Damask Window Curtains; rich Pier-Glasses, in Gilt Frames; Dressing-Glasses; Mahogany Dining, Card and Night-Tables; Chairs; Sofas; Chest of Drawers, Persia and Scotch Carpets; Variety of useful and ornamental China; upwards of 800 Ounces of fashionable Plate; a large Quantity of Linen; a modern Phaeton;<sup>56</sup> a Pipe<sup>57</sup> of exceeding fine old Port; about forty Gallons of the best Jamaica Rum, and Cognac Brandy; ten Dozen of Madeira and Red Port; twenty Dozen of Made Wines, &c. &c ... The Sale to begin each Day at nine o'clock.'

A year later Robert's affairs were still not cleared up, as another advertisement appeared:<sup>58</sup> 'Notice to Creditors. The Creditors of ROBERT LAWTON, late of Lawton, in the County of Chester, Esq. Deceased, are desired to meet at The George, in Sandbach, on Thursday, the second Day of April next, by eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, in order to consider what is most proper to be done relating to his Affairs. And such Creditors as have not already delivered in an Account of their Demands, are desired to produce the same at the time and Place aforesaid.'

Robert's successor as lord of the manor, his son John Lawton, died at Hough in

52 CRO, *Supra* will 1777.

53 'Friday last died, at Lawton, in this county, Robert Lawton, the elder, Esq.', *Adam's Weekly [Chester] Courant* 18 March 1777, quoted by Dobraszczyc.

54 Renaud, *Manor*, p. 84.

55 Advertisement in *Adam's Weekly [Chester] Courant* 8 April 1777, quoted by Dobraszczyc.

56 Light open four-wheeled carriage usually drawn by a pair of horses (O.E.D.).

57 Cask for wine especially as measure, usually equal to 105 gallons.

58 In *Adam's Weekly [Chester] Courant* 17 March 1778, quoted by Dobraszczyc.

Wybunbury parish on 25 March 1804 ‘in his 53 year’ and was buried at Church Lawton on 4 April 1804.<sup>59</sup> On 17 April 1805 letters of administration were granted at Chester to Robert Cox, gentleman of Lawton, the principal creditor<sup>60</sup> but there is no inventory filed with the grant. The administration was sworn at effects under £600. There is no apparent connection between the manorial family and Hough, and the name Lawton does not appear in the Wybunbury Land Tax assessments 1782–1804. However, five of John Lawton’s children were baptized in that parish 1770–74.

Dobraszczyk suggests that prior to his father’s death, John Lawton may have been resident in Chester, as the following advertisement<sup>61</sup> probably relates to him: ‘To be Sold by Private Contract. All that new-erected Messuage or Dwelling-House, with or without the Fixtures, together with the Garden, Coach house, Granary, and every Appurtenance thereunto belonging, situate and being in King Street, in the City of Chester, and late in the Holding or Possession of John Lawton, Esq.’

John was in financial difficulties, as the following two advertisements make clear: ‘Notice to Creditors. The Creditors of JOHN LAWTON, of Lawton-Hall, in the County of Chester, Esq. Are requested to send a particular Account of their respective Debts to Mr Bate (presumably Charles Bate the estate Steward at that date, see Table B), or Mr William Yoxall, in Nantwich, that the same may be immediately satisfied’,<sup>62</sup> and ‘To be Sold by Auction ... on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this Inst. May 1778, and the following Days. The entire modern and elegant Household Furniture, and other valuable Effects of John Lawton, Esq. of Lawton-hall, in Cheshire; consisting of four-post Bedstead, with fine Chints, Morine,<sup>63</sup> Check, and other Furnitures, fine Goose Feather-beds, Matresses, Blankets, Quilts, Counter-panes, rich Pier and Dressing Glasses, fine Persia and Wilton Carpets, beautiful Mahogany Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Bureaus, Dining and Card Tables, Bottle Cisterns, Sophas, Chairs, a large Billiard Table, useful and ornamental China, Linen, Kitchen Furniture, Brewing Vessels, &c. Likewise a large Stock of Wines, a modern-built Crane neck’d Phaeton, four Carriage Horses with Harness, three Hackney Horses, a Mule, four Mich Cowes, young cattle, a long Cart, Tumbrel, Plow, Harrows, a large Quantity of Corn, Hay, &c ... The above Goods are in fine Condition, and mostly new.’<sup>64</sup>

It is worth quoting Renaud<sup>65</sup> at this point. He writes ‘... John Lawton’s carelessness of his interests, coupled with the dishonesty of his steward, led him into very serious embarrassments, which ended in the alienation of some portion of the landed property, and the deterioration of all. For some years before his death he was unable to live in his ancestral hall, and he finally died, in 1804, in the house of his steward, who lived at the ‘Bride Farm’. In a farm lease dated 1796 [of Lawton Green and Linley

59 James Caldwell was a pall bearer (Caldwell, p. 274, 4 April 1804). Compare with the list of pall bearers at John Lawton’s widow’s funeral six years later (see footnote 74) given by Caldwell.

60 CRO, Supra will 1805. Cox was testator’s steward, see p. xxi.

61 In Adam’s Weekly [Chester] Courant 4 August 1778.

62 In Adam’s Weekly [Chester] Courant 29 December 1778.

63 Strong ribbed woollen or woollen and cotton material for curtains, etc (O.E.D.).

64 In Adam’s Weekly [Chester] Courant 16 May 1780.

65 Renaud, *Manor*, p. 88.

Lane farms], John Lawton is said to be, or late of, Lawton Hall... In 1809<sup>66</sup> however, the steward was found dead in his office chair, and this fact being communicated to John Lawton's widow [*Anne*], she forthwith proceeded to the Bridge Farm, and locking herself in the room, secured all the papers and documents necessary to the unraveling of all nefarious practices. Having done so, she left at four o'clock in the morning, and walked to her then residence at Linley Wood. A thorough investigation of paper and documents followed which led to the recovery of certain rights, which are recorded on a scroll, which Anne Lawton in her portrait (see Plate 1) holds in her hand. It was found, inter alia, that fraudulent clauses had been introduced into colliery leases, which had been signed unread or unexplained.'

There is a dating problem with this portrait. On the face of it the painting was done after recovery of the rights. As will be seen below (p. xxxiv), this was achieved in the court of Chancery in December 1809. The evidence used by Renaud for his statement of the date of the recovery is not known. He may merely have relied on the portrait, knowing that the existence of the recovery was correct when he wrote his account over 60 years later. Since Anne died just a year after the recovery, this appears to narrow down the date of the painting of the portrait to the last 12 months of her life.

However, the Lawton family papers include an account for materials for the painting of several portraits at Lawton Hall by an artist named Witton.<sup>67</sup> This account was settled on 8 March 1802. Presumably the work was carried out earlier that year. Given the existence of this seven or eight year old portrait, it seems unlikely that Anne would have had another one done in 1810, and was much more likely to have had the earlier one altered. Perhaps the scroll replaced say, a fan or a flower in the original. In any case the scroll has not survived and may well never have existed as such, merely being a convenient device for working the fact of the recovery into the picture.

A careful examination of the surroundings of the hand shows that the area of the dress and the stole which lies above it, the cuff of the sleeve and the scroll projecting towards the left of the picture has a narrow, smudged area adjacent to the hand etc, quite different to the lower border between the sleeve of the dress and the stole. This gives the effect of the colours having run, particularly above the hand itself, although this would not occur with oils. The same effect appears above the left-projecting end of the scroll in contrast to the right-projecting end, which is much crisper.

This suggestion has been put to a professional American artist who on the basis of his examination of a high resolution photograph of the portrait says<sup>68</sup> 'I do think you have good reason to suspect a repaint. Honestly I can't really tell. There are conservation labs now that test paint samples and x-ray layers of paint and can fairly convincingly put the case to rest. In my opinion, the hand and surrounding area is

66 This date is erroneous. The steward, Robert Cox, died 24 February 1807 (Caldwell): Church Lawton registers, buried 1 March 1807; CRO, Supra will proved 16 April 1807. It seems likely that Renaud has jumped to a conclusion based on the date which appears on the scroll held by Anne Lawton: see Plate 1.

67 CRO, DLN 6436/29.

68 Private communication 8 October 2010.



*Plate 1* Anne Lawton, circa 1802–09

not painted as well as the face. The size of the hand seems small, the “clutch” of her hand seems weak and the position of the hand and scroll seem compositionally off. The paint just above the hand seems a little wrong in tonality – as if it were repainted. But the repainter has done a pretty good job. The paint for the most part does seem to flow from one section to another ... with this in mind I would guess “repaint”.

Renaud’s account of Anne Lawton’s nocturnal activities in 1807 is rather melodramatic. She may well have taken prompt action to examine the steward’s papers

following his death, but investigation of Cox's activities was probably already under way as the result of an anonymous letter received by her at Lawton Hall on 6 February 1808.<sup>69</sup> This alleged that leases had been granted by Robert Cox at sub-commercial rentals. The letter reads 'Meadom Lawton. I am sorry to think that you and your Family Have been so ill-used and Robbed by Cox and your tenants as you have been, You have been kept a long time in Darkness and Robb'd of many or some Thousands by them ...' and goes on to give an example of a tenant whose holding is allegedly worth upwards of £200. The 1805 estate rental reveals that the tenant was paying only £153, so the allegation is of a rental increased by a factor of 130% being appropriate.

It is clear from fifteen bills of complaint initiated, independently but simultaneously on 4 July 1808, against William Lawton in the Chancery court<sup>70</sup> by some of the Church Lawton estate tenants, that in Easter term 1808 William and his mortgagor co-defendants had obtained an order from the King's Bench division of the High Court to eject his tenants. It was stated that the grounds for these ejections was because his steward Robert Cox had at the least been incompetent in setting rentals when granting leases, and that in any case such leases violated the terms of the 1774 settlement of the Lawton estates and were thus void. The rents were allegedly much below commercial rates and payable quarterly rather than half-yearly.

These tenant disputes with the lord of the manor all failed. Either the complainants withdrew or eventually the Chancery court ruled against them in December 1809. The consequence was that the tenants were all offered new leases by William Lawton for the remaining term of their existing leases at a commercial rental determined by an independent arbitrator appointed by the Chancery court.

Details of the rental increases that ensued, so far as they related to the late steward and his relations, are given in an 1810 Chancery proceeding<sup>71</sup> in which William Lawton and his widowed mother sought to overturn an agreement made by them very shortly after the death of John Lawton to pay an annuity of £100 to Robert Cox and in due course his widow Margaret.<sup>72</sup> Overall, the 1809 arbitration awards increased the rentals payable under leases made at various dates from 18 May 1794 to 30 June 1801 from a total of £716 to £1785, increasing the rent by a factor of almost 250%. The largest increase fell on the steward's son-in-law John Burgess, whose rent under a lease granted on 20 June 1801 was tripled from £60 to £180. These increases are significantly more than the rate suggested in the anonymous letter of 1808.

69 CRO, DLN 6436/29.

70 TNA refs all in class C13: 101/9, 101/11, 101/13 and 2337/49 (*Cox v Lawton*); 101/42 (*Dawson v Lawton*); 103/1 (*Gibbons v Lawton*); 103/13 (*Gilbert v Lawton*); 106/37 (*Pointon v Lawton*); 107/28 (*Ratcliffe v Lawton*); 108/23 (*Speakman v Lawton*); 110/3 (*Wetton v Lawton*); 2337/38 (*Burgess v Lawton*); 2338/31 (*Hockenhull v Lawton*); 2338/58 (*Lowe v Lawton*) and 2339/5 (*Myatt v Lawton*).

71 TNA, C13/511/54 (*Lawton v Cox*).

72 Margaret's will made 15 February 1812 and proved at Chester 12 May 1812 (CRO, *Supra* will) states that the annuity was bought by her late husband from Revd. John Lawton (youngest son of the late John Lawton, then rector of Church Lawton) but this discrepancy is not significant.

The 1810 Chancery case *Lawton v Cox* mentioned above additionally provides details of the steward's undue influence over William's father John Lawton. The bill states that '... the said John Lawton [the late lord of the manor] reposed great trust and confidence in Robert Cox yeoman deceased who for many years had been his Servant' and was employed as his steward '... in managing and letting his said settled Estates without the inspection or control...' of John Lawton.<sup>73</sup> Later in the bill it says that Robert Cox utilized 'his undue influence over John Lawton to procure beneficial leases for himself, his family and connections'. Recall Renaud's reference quoted earlier to John's 'carelessness of his interests'!

It is relevant to note that when Anne died in 1810 her personal effects were sworn at £1,400,<sup>74</sup> significantly more than her husband's effects six years earlier. This seemingly indomitable lady left some personal papers that survive in an envelope<sup>75</sup> in the Lawton Collection at CRO, the envelope being endorsed 'Old Madam's papers FR [*Frank Renaud*]'. The description of her seems apt.

There is no documentary evidence of where John Lawton was residing when he died to support Renaud's statement above that it was in the house of his steward at Linley Wood. Caldwell records that on the evening of 29 January 1807 he saw Mrs Lawton and in the morning of 12 February 1807 he called on Mrs Lawton, although on both occasions he does not say where the meeting took place. However, he records on 13 May 1807 'In the Evening Note from Mrs Lawton expressing a wish to see me on Business' and the next day he says '... the extreme inclemency of the weather ... prevented my going to Lawton Hall'. He saw her however at Lawton [*Hall*] the following day. If Anne Lawton had not been resident in the ancestral home in January and February 1807 it seems likely that Caldwell would have so commented when making those earlier diary entries or mentioned that she was back in residence at the Hall when making the May entries. It therefore seems very unlikely that she was residing in her steward's house at the time of his death. This is borne out by the fact that for years 1804–1809 inclusive the Church Lawton land tax assessments record William Lawton as both proprietor and occupier of Lawton Hall.

There are nevertheless oddities over the whereabouts of the Lawton family in the last two decades of the eighteenth century. The Church Lawton land tax assessments name John Lawton as proprietor of Lawton Hall<sup>76</sup> in 1781 and all years 1784 to 1803. The name of the *occupier* of Lawton Hall however varies as follows:

73 Birmingham City Archives hold a copy of a memorandum of agreement dated 1 April 1793 between Robert Cox of Lawton, co. Chester, gent. on behalf of John Lawton of Lawton, esq... of land in Church Lawton (MS 3375/455409). Perhaps this is an example of Cox managing the estate without his principal's supervision.

74 Pall bearers at her funeral included James Caldwell, Lord Crewe, Sir Thomas Broughton, Mr Offley Crewe and Sir John Heathcote (Caldwell, p. 78, 5 December 1810). She was buried at Church Lawton on 3 December 1810 (parish register) and administration was granted at Chester on 4 December 1811 (CRO, *Supra* will).

75 CRO, DLN 6436/29.

76 Either the property is named or it can be identified in other cases by the amount of the tax assessment.

1782–1791 inclusive <sup>77</sup>	Robert Cox
1792 and 1793	John Lawton
1794–1797 inclusive	Robert Cox
1798–1801 inclusive <sup>78</sup>	John Lawton
1802 and 1803	Mrs Lawton

A possible explanation for the naming of the steward as occupier of the Hall in 1794–97 is that the rental details included in the 1810 Chancery case show that Robert Cox’s lease of 1794 included ‘divers Lands some of them part of the desmesne’. So perhaps he was farming some, or perhaps most, of the amenity lands of the Hall, leading him to be described imprecisely as the occupier of Lawton Hall in the land tax assessments. If so, this would leave John Lawton and his family resident in the Hall itself, more likely than them being resident at Bridge Farm as Renaud has it.

Some hint of the financial problems faced by the family at this period appear in a deed of 17 March 1829 re-settling the Lawton estates.<sup>79</sup> This recites details from settlements of April 1727 and December 1774 and mortgages on the estate properties. It then refers to a Memorandum of Agreement dated 22 November 1808 between Anne Lawton and her three sons William, Charles Bourne and John, and says<sup>80</sup> ‘... the said Ann Lawton owing to the embarrassed Circumstances of her late Husband did lay out and expend from her own private fortune divers considerable Sums in the maintenance Education and bringing up of all her s[ai]d Children and by her direction and management all or most of the Leases granted of the s[ai]d Settled Estates had by due course of law been broken and the income of the s[ai]d William Lawton ... thereby considerably increased.’

John Lawton was succeeded by his son William who was born about 1769, and died unmarried and without issue on 9 March 1831. He was buried at Church Lawton on 19 March 1831 aged 62. His will was made on 19 September 1827 and was proved at Chester on 23 August 1831.<sup>81</sup> The estate was valued at less than £4,000 according to the probate.

William was succeeded by his brother Charles Bourne Lawton, who had a long and apparently somewhat disreputable life. He was baptized at Wybunbury on 14 April 1770, educated at Trinity College, Cambridge,<sup>82</sup> and married his first wife Anne Featherstonehaugh at Scarborough on 2 July 1808. They had a child who died

77 Excluding the return for 1788 which is missing.

78 Note that this entry and the following one showing the family resident in the Hall 1798–1803 inclusive is consistent with the statement on the account tendered by the artist of the 1802 portraits ‘... when I was engaged painting at Lawton Hall ...’.

79 CRO, DLN 6436/22.

80 CRO, DLN 6436/22, pp. 15–16.

81 CRO, *Supra* will 1831.

82 J. Venn and J. A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses: a biographical list of all known students, graduates and holders of office at the University of Cambridge, from the earliest times to 1900*, 2 parts in 10 vols (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1922–54), part II, IV, p. 117.

at birth, Anne also dying at the birth in October 1814.<sup>83</sup> Charles' second marriage was to Marianna Percy Belcombe,<sup>84</sup> at St. Michael le Belfrey, York on 8 March 1816. Marianna was then aged about 28 and was at the time the lesbian lover of Anne Lister,<sup>85</sup> whose copious journals refer to the activities of Charles Bourne Lawton on a number of occasions over the years. Since the lesbian affair continued intermittently after Marianna's marriage, it needs to be borne in mind that Anne Lister's observations on Charles Lawton may not be entirely objective.

On Friday 7 April 1820 Anne Lister records 'Talked [*with her sister*] of Marianna's match. Insisted on Marianna's having done it partly for the good of her family ... [*her sister said*] that Marianna had been much abused for it ... That a man of such character as Charles was no credit to anybody he was connected with'.<sup>86</sup> A more illuminating entry in the diaries occurs in August 1826. Anne Lister recounts some gossip she learned from Watson, the housekeeper at Lawton Hall,<sup>87</sup> who said that Charles Lawton was '... as bad as ever out of doors. Perhaps there is more foolishness than wickedness in it but he has such a trick of calling after women and talking to them, uses very gross language. Said to have been seen the other day in the plantation with a low, bad woman. Will walk with any sort of trull'.<sup>88</sup>

The Cheshire tithe apportionment returns of 1836 show that besides 41 acres of land in Odd Rode, Charles Bourne Lawton owned 1,256 acres of land in Church Lawton, the latter figure being 92% of the total acreage recorded for that township, so he was a significant landowner in S.E. Cheshire. Only one of his tenants, George Edwards, occupied more than 200 acres in Church Lawton. In fact, the sole tenancies were generally small, as Table E overleaf shows. There were 34 distinct joint tenancies (some involving James Sutton and Co.) that *in total* only amounted to under ten acres, although James Sutton and Co. also occupied 103 acres in their own right. James Sutton and Co. were proprietors of Lawton Salt Works<sup>89</sup> that principally lay in Odd Rode township abutting the boundary of Church Lawton, but did extend onto Charles Bourne Lawton's land.

83 Buried at Church Lawton, 22 October 1814.

84 With whom Charles Lawton was alleged to have had an affair while his first wife was still alive (see Lister, SH:7/ML/E/1 13.12.1817, pp. 133–34).

85 An illustrated article about Anne Lister by Jan Newby appears at pp. 38–41 of *Ancestors* magazine, issue 94, April 2010, and a catalogue of the Anne Lister archive held at Calderdale District Archives, Central Library, Northgate, Halifax can be found at Huddersfield University web site: <http://library.hud.ac.uk/calmview/Record.aspx?src=Catalog&id=SH7www.saltsense.co.uk/hist-chem012.php>

86 Lister, SH:7/ML/E/4 7.4.1820, p. 83.

87 Whitbread, p. 188.

88 An obsolete word for a prostitute (O.E.D.).

89 Samuel Bagshaw, *History, Gazetteer and Directory of the County Palatine of Chester* (Sheffield, 1850), p. 446.

**Table E Land holdings in Church Lawton, 1836**

Holding size		Number of tenants
Exceeding	But equal to or less than	
–	1 acre	23
1 acre	25 acres	6
25 acres	100 acres	4
100 acres	200 acres	4
200 acres	–	1

Charles Lawton died on 7 February 1860 and was buried at Church Lawton on 13 February 1860. His will was made on 7 May 1858 and proved at Chester on 30 March 1860. It was registered at less than £10,000 and no leasehold. There are a few items in the will illustrative of the standing of the testator. These include ‘... unto my dear wife Marianna Percy ... my Brougham Carriage with one horse and harness, my Pony Carriage and the two horses belonging to it. Also her own riding Pony, Pianoforte and Seraphine<sup>90</sup> and three Alderney Cows at her selection.’ He also mentions his shares in the North Staffordshire Railway Company and in the Macclesfield Canal Company. Additionally, he refers to ‘... his dwelling house now used as an Inn or Public house called the Bleeding Wolf Inn situate at Hall Green in Odd Rode.’

In 1829 a settlement to modify the terms of the trust deeds regulating the transfer of the Lawton estates and for the provision of jointures had been made. The settlement appears to have been unsatisfactorily drafted and inconsistently applied and during Charles Bourne Lawton’s lifetime had given rise to dispute within the family. The death of Charles Bourne Lawton in February 1860 clearly brought matters to a head, since instructions for counsel were drawn up on 17 March 1860<sup>91</sup> on behalf of John Lawton the new life tenant.

The estate was largely mortgaged and presumably the proposal to amend the settlement and provide settlements of £2,000 on each led to the need to realize further capital, for a major sale of household effects took place at the Hall over the six days of 3–6, 9 and 10 July 1860. The detailed sale catalogue is summarized in Appendix B.

The final lord of the manor of Church Lawton in the period covered by this volume is John Lawton, nephew of Charles Bourne Lawton. He was baptized at Church Lawton, son of John, then rector of Church Lawton, on 5 September 1821, and was buried there on 15 June 1864. His widow Emily proved his will dated 10 June 1861 at the Principal Probate Registry on 18 August 1864.<sup>92</sup>

90 An English harmonium.

91 CRO, DLN 6436/21.

92 See draft settlement on marriage of Henry C G Brandreth Esq to Miss Evelyn F C Lawton, 4 Aug 1879, CRO, DLN 6436/16.

The Lawton Collection at CRO contains several nineteenth-century estate rental schedules, which are summarized in the following Table.

**Table F Church Lawton estate rentals, 1804–1874  
(excluding mine lease rentals)**

Rental period	Rental Income as returned	Actual Annual Rental Income
Annual rental 1804 <sup>93</sup>	£2,723	£2,723
Annual rental 1805 <sup>94</sup>	£2,802	£2,802
½ year to Lady Day 1836 <sup>95</sup>	£1,920	£3,840
½ year to Michaelmas 1852	£1,495	£2,990
½ year to Lady Day 1866	£2,784	£5,544
Annual <i>estimate</i> 1873 <sup>96</sup>	£5,764	£5,764
½ year to Lady Day 1874	£2,135 <sup>97</sup>	£4,270

The amounts in this Table are of course gross receipts: the rentals schedules do not generally include details of maintenance expenses. The half year to Lady Day 1866 however is an exception, and excluding distributions of income to Mrs Renaud, formerly the wife of the late John Lawton, who had re-married the previous year, outgoings amounted to £443.

## Lawton Hall

The Hall was effectively demolished in the 1990s when the site was developed by Gleasons but a considerable amount of information relating to the building exists and is detailed in Appendix B to this volume.

## Salt extraction in Church Lawton

Salt extraction has occurred in Cheshire since Roman times, but no *evidence* of brine extraction and processing in the vicinity of Church Lawton prior to the late eighteenth century appears to have been published. Thus Calvert, in his monumental

93 CRO, DLN 6436/29 (years 1804, 1805 & 1806).

94 1806, filed with it, was identical.

95 CRO, DLN 6436/15, /9, /21 and /29 (years 1836 to 1874 respectively, but excluding 1873).

96 *Return of Owners of Land, 1873*, II, p. 22 (London: H.M.S.O, 1875).

97 The rental also records the half-year income from mines of £2,193, excluded from the figure shown in the table.

work on the Cheshire salt industry says<sup>98</sup> ‘The discovery of the upper bed of salt at Northwich in 1670 gave an enormous impetus to the salt trade in the district ... in 1779 the search for brine in the Lawton district revealed the existence of another rock-salt deposit.’ Later<sup>99</sup> he adds ‘... this salt deposit is at Rode Heath, Lawton, and the brine shaft at present being worked is in the valley ... Salt has been manufactured here for over 130 years.’<sup>100</sup>

In his paper on salt making in Cheshire, Twigg says<sup>101</sup> ‘Salt works established in seventeenth century by the Lawton family on the south (Church Lawton) side of river ... Later developments on the Odd Rode side where a new Salt Works was established in 1778 following the completion of the canal.’ Twigg does not quote specific authorities for these statements, but in section 1.2 of his paper he provides an extensive list of documentary sources, and at section 1.3 a long bibliography.

The Weaver Hall Museum leaflet *The Supply of Brine [in Cheshire]* says ‘By 1808, however, Henry Holland reports that wind, water and horse power were being harnessed to raise brine.’ The un-referenced source for this statement appears to be pp. 8–49 of the book *General View of the Agriculture of Cheshire* by Henry Holland, published in 1808. The author specifically identifies the salt works at Lawton as using ‘a stream of water’ to raise the brine, presumably by driving a pump.

Furthermore, on page 26 Holland states that until 1779, Marbury<sup>102</sup> was the only area in Cheshire in which rock salt was found. In that year he says that rock salt was found 62 yards below the surface at Lawton. It would appear that it was the search for brine at the new salt works that led to the discovery of the salt bed, prompting Calvert’s statement quoted above. However, rock salt was exploited at Church Lawton much earlier than 1779 as will be seen.

The Lawton family was, as Twigg points out, involved in working brine in Church Lawton, and evidence for this statement is to be found in several disputes in Chancery proceedings at TNA and in documents in the Lawton family collection at CRO.

The earliest Chancery case specifically referring to brine pits involving the Lawton family is the 1695 bill of complaint<sup>103</sup> against, inter alia, John Lawton esquire. This was a dispute over leases and property, including a brine pit, in Thurlwood, Odd Rode. (Thurlwood is the site of the salt works established in 1778 mentioned above by Twigg. The works closed down in 1926.<sup>104</sup>) This dispute refers to the existence of several brine springs in the immediate vicinity, and specifically to the search in Ball Ridding Bottom in Thurlwood, which in May or June 1694 reached brine at a depth of about 58 yards.<sup>105</sup> The depositions in the case make it clear that in February and

98 Calvert, p. 776.

99 Calvert, p. 778.

100 i.e. since about 1780. Cf. Calvert, p. 984.

101 Twigg, section 1.1.5 under Odd Rode and Church Lawton townships.

102 About 1½ miles north of Northwich.

103 TNA, C9/244/12 (Chancery proceeding: John Acton & Thomas Culcheth v. John Lawton, Richard Lowndes & others) and C22/4/9 (depositions).

104 Twigg, section 1.1.5 under Odd Rode and Church Lawton Townships.

105 In line with the depth reported by Holland of 62 yards in 1779 quoted above.

March 1694 (N.S.) the defendant John Lawton already had a brine pit on his own land about 20 yards from the pit on Ball Ridding Bottom, which establishes the date for the start of the exploitation of salt anywhere by the Church Lawton manorial Lawton family to 1693 at the latest.

In April 1712, John Lawton, the then lord of the manor, lodged a bill of complaint in the Chancery court<sup>106</sup> against a number of people whom he alleged had caused him damage by sinking a brine pit on land belonging to one Thomas Lawton, which was adjacent to the complainant's own brine pit. Although not identified as such in the bill, the Lawton defendant is Thomas Lawton of the Snape, whose distinctive mark (a T with pronounced serifs) at the foot of his answer to this bill matches that on several deeds held in CRO to which he was a party and identified therein as of the Snape. The Snape land was adjacent to the border of Church Lawton with Odd Rode.<sup>107</sup>

John Lawton alleged that the defendant's brine pit had drained brine away from his own already existing pit. Thomas Lawton's answer, filed with the bill, refers to deeds of 17 February 1700 (N.S.) and 24 March 1705 (N.S.) regarding the property known as the Lower Ground, Lawton<sup>108</sup> which leased his brine pit to others. This answer also stated that in Michaelmas 1710 Thomas Lawton mortgaged his lands, premises and salt springs to the defendant Taylor.

This dispute dragged on for in 1719 Thomas Lawton acknowledged that he and one Samuel Taylor of Nantwich had sunk a brine pit on the former's grounds at Snape, and had for several years obtained salt by tunneling to John Lawton's brine pit adjacent.<sup>109</sup> He and Taylor had, in this manner, surreptitiously obtained great quantities of salt. An agreement to settle the dispute was entered into between John and Thomas Lawton, whereby the latter assigned to the former the Wich Houses and other works on Snape, for a limited period, conditionally to the payment of a mortgage debt. The latter presumably refers to the 1710 mortgage to Taylor referred to above.

These early dates for exploiting salt in Church Lawton are reinforced by another dispute in Chancery. The answer in 1725<sup>110</sup> of the John Lawton named above to his brother Edward's bill of complaint stated that he, the defendant, had spent £7,000 to £8,000 on building a brine pit on his settled estate for the production of white salt. The date of this expenditure is not mentioned, but clearly was several years earlier.

In November 1737, John Lawton, son and heir of John Lawton of Lawton esquire, deceased, lodged a bill of complaint<sup>111</sup> over the right of occupation and usage of salt

106 TNA C7/661/24 (Chancery proceeding (bill and answers), John Lawton v. Thomas Lawton, Samuel Taylor & others).

107 There is a discussion of this yeoman Lawton family in footnote 120.

108 See the 1735 will of John Lawton referred to on p. xxix which refers to this land 'with salt works and brine thereon'.

109 CRO, DLN 6436/3 (Release of the Lower Ground, Church Lawton by Thomas Lawton of Snape to John Lawton esquire, 20 May 1719).

110 TNA, C11/1449/7 (Chancery proceeding, Edward Lawton v. John Lawton, Richard Townsend & others).

111 TNA, C11/2456/24 (Chancery proceeding, John Lawton v. George Sparrow, Richard Lowndes the elder, Richard Lowndes the younger & others).

works and brine pits in Lawton. He refers to an agreement of 1732 concerning lands of John Lawton in Lawton, lately belonging to Thomas Lawton of the Snape in Lawton.

In January 1738, the answer<sup>112</sup> by George Sparrow to this bill of complaint accepted that the complainant's late father possessed salt-works in Church Lawton under a marriage settlement. Although not mentioned in the Chancery proceedings, John Lawton the complainant's father married twice: firstly about May 1683 and secondly between 1717 and 1723. It is not known which marriage is being referred to by Sparrow.

Finally, a Chancery proceeding in December 1741 establishes that mechanical pumping power was being used from an early date by the Lawton family in Church Lawton. The answer<sup>113</sup> of Robert Lawton, then aged 18, by his guardian Ralph Lawton of Lawton, gentleman, to the bill of complaint of Jonathan Lawton, gentleman, in a dispute over a £250 loan, indicates that the bill (which does not appear to have survived) had alleged that a John Lawton had erected an engine at a salt works on his estate in Cheshire.<sup>114</sup> The Answer corrects this allegation, stating that about 20 years earlier (i.e. about 1720–22) 'John Lawton *the elder*', father of the defendant, erected what it called a 'water engine' at Brooms Tenement for the easy drawing of brine from his brine pits. By implication it was this engine to which the bill was referring. This reference to a water engine accords with Holland's assertion quoted above that in the eighteenth century a stream was used as the source of power for raising brine in Church Lawton.

The answer then clarifies matters by stating that 'John Lawton *the younger*, deceased' erected a brick-built and tile-roofed building in which he set a 'fire engine' on land called the Floodgates (apparently mentioned in the bill) and this was on a parcel of land at that farm called Ox Leasow, and it was to this building that the bill was referring. The purpose of this fire-powered engine was to drain water from John Lawton's coal works.<sup>115</sup> The answer gives a detailed account of the construction costs involved: see Table G, which makes it clear<sup>116</sup> that it was indeed a *steam* powered beam engine that was constructed. Given the date of 1741, this would have been of the relatively inefficient Newcomen type introduced in 1712, since it was not until 1769 that James Watt patented a much improved design. The Salt Association web site History page<sup>117</sup> says, 'Although the Newcomen steam engine had been conceived in 1712 there is no evidence that it was ever used to pump Cheshire brine. The horse gin or water wheel was presumably adequate...' This 1741 proceeding supports the latter part of this assertion.

112 TNA, C12/1505/42 (Chancery proceeding, John Lawton v. George Sparrow & others).

113 TNA, C11/545/41 (Chancery proceeding, Jonathan Lawton v. Robert Lawton & others).

114 The bill states that this John's widow was Jane, so this is the lord of the manor who died in 1740.

115 He was lord of the manor from June 1736 which gives an earliest date for the construction of this pump.

116 Specifically, the references to the *Boiler*, the *Cylinder*, the *Cistern and its connection to the Cylinder*, and the *hot well*.

117 [www.saltsense.co.uk/hist-chem012.php](http://www.saltsense.co.uk/hist-chem012.php)

**Table G Steam pump costs, 1741****A Schedule and particulars of the Engine and other Engines referred to by the Defendant in Chancery Proceeding TNA, C11/545/41 dated 14 December 1741**

Particulars of which the Fire Engine it Self Consists of NB it is erected within an House built with Brick and Tile

	£	s	d
The Boiler	14	0	0
The Brass regular [ <i>?regulator</i> ]	4	10	0
The Cylinder	26	5	0
The Pistoll Chain and Brass ring	4	13	0
The Centre pin	1	4	0
Twenty one Cast metle Barrells	50	0	0
Seventy two Yards of Iron Rodds	3	12	0
five Iron Chains	3	0	0
The Sinking pipe	1	0	0
The Y: Y:	0	5	0
The Hanging Y: and Sliding Y: Irons	0	1	8
The T:	0	2	4
The Six Brass Clacks	1	10	0
The Jack head			
The two Cylinder Beams of Wood affixed to the House and Engine with the Joyes [ <i>?Joists</i> ] and Boards	10	0	0
The two Cistern and Beams	5	0	0
The Regulating Beam with two Arches and Spring pinns	4	0	0
The Cistern	3	13	0
The two Lead pipes and the Brass Cock from the Cisterne to the Cylinder	1	6	0
The cup round the Cylinder head and the lead pipe from thence to the hott well	0	10	0
The Hott Well	0	9	0
The Nine Wooden Trees in the pitt and Jack	9	0	0
NB For want of any of these the Engine cannot work and these are all affixt to Each other and to the House wherein the Engine is erected			
Utensils used in working the Fire Engine			
A Capson [ <i>?capstan</i> ] and Rope	1	0	0
Fire Shovle, rings, Coal Rake, and Fire hookes	0	5	0
[ <i>Total</i> ]	145	6	0]

It is clear from all the foregoing that the Lawton family's exploitation of brine by the middle of the eighteenth century was on a significant commercial scale.

Renaud discusses at some length the Lawton family's involvement with salt extraction on their land in the private volume of 1873 referred to in Appendix B in connection the fabric of Lawton Hall. He says<sup>118</sup> '... it is clear that the Salt spring at Lawton was worked at the latter end of the seventeenth century. According to the testimony of Mr. Harvey, formerly an officer of Excise at Nantwich, the Lawton Salt Works were erected by John Lawton in the year 1693, at a cost of £9,000.' This looks likely to be the '£7,000 to £8,000' spent on an unspecified date on the construction of a brine pit, mentioned in the 1725 Chancery proceeding referred to above. Renaud continues 'The Rock Salt Pit was sunk in 1711 and the produce sent to Gainsborough, Lincolnshire<sup>119</sup> ... The Lawton Salt Works abutted on lands formerly belonging to the Snape Farm which for centuries had been possessed by a Yeoman family bearing the same name as the Lawtons & apparently related to them.'<sup>120</sup>

The 1703 list of salt proprietors in the Falk Collection names the following in the vicinity of Church Lawton:

John Lawton	White Salt Works	Lawton
John Acton and Co.	White Salt Works	Thurlwood

118 Renaud, *Manor*, pp. 194–95.

119 Renaud gives as his authority for these statements 'Mr. Falk's Collections concerning Cheshire Salt Works, Winsford': Renaud, *Manor*, p. 195. Herman Eugen Falk (1820–98) was the leading light in the British salt trade in the nineteenth century. He also had antiquarian interests, particularly relating to the Northwich area of Cheshire. His very extensive collection covering both interests is now held at CRO, and Renaud's quotation is taken from a note at the end of document D6917/730. This manuscript document is entitled 'A List of all the Salt Works & Rock Pits in Cheshire with the names of the Proprietors in the year 1703; taken from [by whom and when is not noted] the accounts of the Commissioners of the Salt Duties'. An inexpensive but informative pamphlet on Falk is available from the Weaver Hall Museum and Workhouse at Northwich.

120 Based on this editor's personal genealogical researches, a distant relationship between the two families appears to be very likely but cannot be firmly established. The yeoman 'Lawton of the Snape' family feature regularly in the documents transcribed in this volume and the earlier Church Lawton manor court records, but the financial standing of the family appears to have declined as the eighteenth century progressed. Their line can be reliably carried back to 'Ranulph de Lauton', who was alive on 1 October 1397, when he was pardoned for an unspecified offence: *Calendar of the Patent Rolls* (London: HMSO, 1891–1916), 1396–99, p. 206. Ranulph was probably born about 1350–75 based on average generation intervals between him and his grandson Hugh, who on 25 December 1448 transferred his lands in Lawton and Rode, naming Ranulph Lawton as an earlier owner. Ranulph's son and grandson were of Lawton Lidgate, present day Lawtongate, a mile or so WNW of Lawton Hall: Stafford Record Office deed, D1798/663/165. Ranulph is three, perhaps four, generations later than Adam de Lauton who, about 1280, possessed a field called le Snape. This place name, which subsequently became attached as an identifier to the family name, strongly suggests that Adam is ancestral to Ranulph. Adam's great-great-grandfather, another Adam, was the progenitor of the manorial Lawton family (see early pedigree supplied by Renaud in Ormerod, III, p. 16) and so this is the possible link considered by Renaud.

William Dinwall	White Salt Works	Betchton
John Buckeridge	Rock Pit <sup>121</sup>	Lawton

This 1703 reference to a rock pit at Lawton clearly places the exploitation of rock salt in south east Cheshire to no later than that year, 76 years earlier than the date given by Holland quoted above.

Renaud also adds<sup>122</sup> ‘In 1737 it appears that an attempt was made to adjust differences & disputes which had arisen between John Lawton & Richard Lowndes, whereby large sums had been expended by both, to the prejudice of each. This agreement states that John Lawton was seized in his own right of Wich Houses in his own lands in Lawton, and of others on the lands of Thomas Lawton of Snape ... & of others in Odd Rode ... & of others in Betchton on Roger Wilbraham’s lands.’

Finally, Renaud states<sup>123</sup> that ‘Towards the close of the last Century [*i.e. the eighteenth*], John Lawton, with the consent of his three sons William, Charles and John, entered into an agreement with James Robinson, gentleman of Chester, to work the brine pit. Mr. Robinson agreed to spend one thousand pounds in taking down the Ancient Salt Works – which had been in a state of decay for some time – and to erect New ones. The old works were described as ‘those Ancient Wich houses which had for many years past been used for making Salt, situated in Lawton’ ... At the foot of this agreement there is a note to the following effect: ‘it is reported, and commonly believed, that there is a salt rock between the liberties of Lawton & Rode, which are divided by a brook; and that there were not any brine springs at the Rode side: but that, they made holes under ground through the salt rock and then the supply got to the other side’. Renaud’s source is presumably the lease dated 31 July 1798 in the Lawton Collection<sup>124</sup> concerning the lease of Lawton salt works to James Robinson by John Lawton and his sons William, Charles and John.

It is abundantly clear that exploitation of brine and rock salt was a major factor in the management of the manorial estate throughout the whole of the eighteenth century, and that these activities had started no later than 1693.

## Analyses of the surviving returns

Within the four periods prior to the nineteenth-century revival for which reasonably complete runs of court records exist (1632–42, 1658–1700, 1735–39 and 1772–78) there are 11 gaps, the largest of which is seven years (1678–84 inclusive). The other gaps are each of three years or less. To save much repetition of dates in the following discussion, the various spans of years are referenced as periods as listed in Table H overleaf.

121 Presumably not the one allegedly sunk subsequently by the manorial Lawton family.

122 Renaud, *Manor*, pp. 198–99.

123 Renaud, *Manor*, pp. 201–02.

124 CRO, DLN 6436/2.

**Table H Grouping of court records for analysis purposes**

Period		Years	
Overall	Sub-divisions	Overall	Sub-divisions
I		1631–42	
	IA		1631–37
	IB		1639–42
II		1658–1700	
	IIA		1658–77
	IIB		1685–1700
III	–	1735–39	–
III+	–	1735–78	–

This Table does not give the complete picture however. Although they are not transcribed in this volume, there is a run of 16 Church Lawton manor court rolls from 1599 to 1626 inclusive with a single gap of three years, the remaining gaps being only one or two years long. Although there is then a gap of five years until the first roll in this volume which contains presentments (1632), the 44 year period 1599–1642 containing 24 years of presentments, provides a sound baseline for comparison with the other periods defined earlier.

At the time of the 1836 tithe award, the total area of the township of Church Lawton was 1,366 acres. Of these the then lord of the manor, Charles Bourne Lawton, owned 1,256 acres,<sup>125</sup> 92% of the whole. Furthermore, excluding those few people who each owned less than one acre in the tithe award, there were only eight other owners of land in the township. There is no reason to suppose that the earlier lords of the manor did not possess an equally large proportion of the township in earlier years, so that the population of the township and the manor of Church Lawton are effectively the same

Given this, it is practicable to use statistics from the 1841 Census of Church Lawton to estimate the population of the manor in earlier years from listings of households. The latter are the suit rolls for 1631 and 1634 (hereafter ‘1630s’), and for 1771, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776 and 1777 (the ‘1770s’). Additionally there are the almost identical hearth tax returns for 1664 and 1669 (the ‘1660s’).

The 1841 Census in Appendix G shows that excluding boatmen and vagrants there were 603 persons in 119 households in Church Lawton, thus having an average size of 5.1 persons per household. Of these 603 persons, 266 were under 16 years of age, which amounts to 44.1% of the total permanent population or to 2.2 younger children per household. In the absence of any better guide, this figure could be applied to the reported number of households in earlier years to provide an estimate of the population in those years. However, the generally accepted multiplier for deriving

125 He also owned 41 acres of land in Odd Rode, abutting his property in Church Lawton.

population estimates from the hearth tax returns is 4.5.<sup>126</sup> The results of applying both these factors to the household numbers is given in Table I.

**Table I Population estimates**

	1630s	1660s	1770s
Actual number of households	77	70	80
Estimated number of persons @ 4.5 per household	347	315	360
Estimated number of persons @ 5.1 per household	393	357	408

The first thing to notice from this table is the close match in the number of households derived from the two series of suit rolls 140 years apart. Since the persons identified on the rolls were not being asked to pay a tax, and the three stewards involved in their compilation would have been keen to ensure these rolls were complete, it seems unlikely that there would have been any motivation for the individuals to avoid being listed or for the stewards to omit anyone. So we may take it that these totals are accurate. This means that the 1660s hearth tax returns exhibit under-reporting of numbers, although not necessarily of liabilities (the omitted persons may have been exempt from the tax).

As a check on the 1660s figure, the proportion of children aged under 16 years derived above from the 1841 Census can be applied to the 16-or-over population of the township (151) in the 1660 poll tax return to provide a comparison. This gives a total 1660 population of 270. Since there will have been little if any change in the population between 1660, 1664 and 1669, there is a large omission of 45 or 87 persons in the poll tax return by comparison with the hearth tax returns, depending upon which multiplier is used.

A possible cause of the relatively low population figure in the 1660s is a genuine reduction since the 1630s caused by bubonic plague outbreaks in the mid-seventeenth century. Whilst this may be a contributory factor, the most likely explanation of the discrepancy within the 1660s figures is that the then unique nature of the methods of assessing liability to the poll tax upon a greatly extended taxpayer base (151 individual assessments as opposed to 70 in the hearth tax) has led to a combination of error and avoidance, thus understating the numbers.

The only safe conclusion to be drawn on the population of the primarily agricultural manor over the period 1631–1777 is that it was basically static, and probably was about 375, plus or minus 25, an error margin of about 6%–7%. This in turn implies a growth in population of some 225 persons (60%) during the 70 year period of industrialization of 1777–1841.

The 70 households (manorial tenants) provided the pool from which the annually

<sup>126</sup> Lawton, p. 22 and that volume's footnote 50.

**Table J Church Lawton – Annually appointed officials, 1631–1700**

A = Affeerror B = Burliman C = Constable

Other detail	Period I		Period II										
	1634	'40	'63	'66	'71	'72	'76	'77	'85	'89	'93	'95	
James Beech	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas Beech tailor	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Cartwright chandler	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Cartwright of Moss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-
Richard Cartwright	A	-	-	-	-	A	-	B	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas Cartwright of Hall Green	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas Cartwright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	C	-	-
Thomas Cooper	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hugh Hall	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Hodgkinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A
Samuel Hodgkinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	B	-	-
Thomas Hulme	-	-	A	-	A	A	-	-	-	C	-	-	-
William Hulme	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ralph Kent	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Lawton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Lawton of Lawtongate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-
John Lawton of Snape	-	-	B	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Lawton tanner	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Lawton	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	-	A
Laurence Lawton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-

Other detail	Period I		Period II											
	1634	'40	'63	'66	'71	'72	'76	'77	'85	'89	'93	'95		
William Lawton of Green	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
William Lawton	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	
James Lowe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	
William Lowe	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	
John Mitchell nailor	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
John Mitchell of Moorhead	-	-	-	-	C	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
John Mitchell	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
William Postles	B	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Robert Proudlove	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Thomas Rowley	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	C	-	-	-	-	-	
Thomas Rowley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	
Thomas Rowley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	
William Rowley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	
Thomas Stubbs	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Randle Thompson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
John Twemlow	-	-	A	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Randle Walton	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
William Wearam	B	-	-	C	C	C	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	
William Wearam	-	-	-	-	-	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

appointed manor officials (two constables, two bailiffs and two affeerors) would be drawn. Thus if the selections were made evenly, a tenant could expect to be selected for a manorial office once every 11 or 12 years. Table J on the preceeding two pages lists all the manorial officials for the 12 years for which they are identified in the surviving records of Periods I and II (1631–1700 overall). For those whose names appear more than twice it is clear that they were called on for service far more frequently than the once in 12 years derived above. Clearly and unsurprisingly, the stewards regarded some tenants as more able and suitable than others.

The petty offences traditionally considered by the court leet gradually became the subject of statute law within the jurisdiction of the local quarter sessions, and the reduction in the matters considered by the Church Lawton manor court is very evident in the transcriptions in this volume. There is a marked falling away of business after 1700, the earlier eighteenth century period averaging 17 presentments per court and the later eighteenth century period averaging only four presentments per court. The latter period is not considered any further in the following analyses, and because of the small numbers, the results for the period 1735–39 should be viewed with considerable caution. A breakdown of the number and nature of the presentments is given in Table K.

The average number of presentments per court in Period I is about 77,<sup>127</sup> for Period II about 33<sup>128</sup> and for Period III as mentioned above, exactly 17. It is readily apparent that, roughly speaking, the number of presentments per court halved from Period I to Period II, and halved again from Period II to Period III. These are significant reductions in the business of the court. However, as mentioned above, Period I is not fully representative of the period 1599–1642, and so comparing Period I with Period II distorts the picture.

The longer early seventeenth-century period averages a little over 66 presentments per court, with 13 of these years exceeding the average. The number of presentments in *each* of the years in Period I exceed the overall average of 66, so that Period I accounts for over 60% of the above-average years in the extended early period.

A linear regression analysis<sup>129</sup> for the presentments in the eight courts of the 11-year span of Period I shows that the ‘best fit’ trend line is that of a rate of decline in the number of presentments of almost one each year (strictly, 0.83 per annum).

127 For this analysis the presentments on the misfiled ‘1632’ document page are merged with the 1634 presentments.

128 The 1671 court has an exceptional low of presentments of only eight, and that of April 1699 only ten. Although the rolls appear to be complete, these two are so out of line with the other courts of Period II (the next lowest tally is 23) they are very probably incomplete. If these two courts are disregarded the average increases to 35.

129 ‘Linear regression analysis’ consists in finding that straight line passing through time separated values which in a precise mathematical sense *minimizes* the average deviation of the observed values from those projected by that straight line. It is a commonly applied statistical technique to obtain a generalized result from individual data which can be assumed not to be subject to other than a steady trend over time, variation about that trend being random. The LINEST and INTERCEPT functions of the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet program have been used to compute the parameters of the relevant straight lines for the analyses in this section of the Introduction.

**Table K Church Lawton Manor Court Presentments, 1632–1739 – Subjects**

	Number of occurrences							
	Period I 1632–1642 (8 courts)		Period II 1658–1700 (20 courts)		Period III 1735–1739 (4 courts)		Overall 1632–1739 (32 courts)	
	Total	Average per court	Total	Average per court	Total	Average per court	Total	Average per court
Removing soil	224	28.0	258	12.9	–	–	482	15.1
Breaking assize of bread & ale	57	7.1	105	5.3	–	–	162	5.1
Encroachment	9	1.1	130	6.5	8	2.0	147	4.6
Affray	129	16.1	8	0.4	–	–	137	4.3
Toll of horses	50	6.3	48	2.4	–	–	98	3.1
Non-attendance	36	4.5	46	2.3	4	1.0	86	2.7
Hearing suits	44	5.5	3	0.2	–	–	47	1.5
Not using lord's mill	5	0.6	15	0.8	12	3.0	32	1.0
Stealing	22	2.8	–	–	–	–	22	0.7
Taking inmates	12	1.5	3	0.2	1	0.3	16	0.5
Suing outside lord's court	3	0.4	–	–	–	–	3	0.1
Other offences	16	2.0	27	1.4	11	2.8	54	1.7
Warnings and rulings	7	0.9	5	0.3	32	8.0	44	1.4
Death of a tenant	1	0.1	1	0.1	–	–	2	0.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>41.6</b>

However, a similar analysis for the extended early seventeenth-century period reveals that the ‘best fit’ trend line is an *increase* in the number of presentments of about one every two years (strictly, 0.46 per annum). Applying this rate of increase over the 16-year gap between Periods I and II gives a projected occurrence in 1658 of about 85 presentments.

A linear regression analysis for the 43 years of Period II shows that ‘best fit’ trend line is for a very slight rate of decrease in the number of presentments of about one every 20 years (strictly, 0.06 per annum). Applying this rate of decrease over the 35-year gap between Periods II and III gives a projected occurrence in 1735 of about 29 presentments.

The ‘best fit’ analysis for Period II additionally suggests a figure of about 34 presentments would have been expected in 1658 compared to the actual figure of 36. Thus the expected occurrence of 85 presentments given by projecting the Period I analysis forward is about 50 occurrences (58%) too high. This bears out and quantifies the scale of the reduction of presentments between the extended Period I and Period II, noted earlier on simple inspection of the raw figures.

This difference between Periods I and II can be highlighted by considering the *range* of the number of presentments in individual courts in the two periods. In Period I the range of the number of presentments in any particular court is 70–89. For Period II, excluding the anomalous values (see footnote 128), the corresponding range is 23–49. Thus the *maximum* value in Period II is significantly less than the *minimum* value in Period I. Taking the bigger picture, the two lowest numbers of presentments in the extended early seventeenth-century period are 36 in 1602 (and this minimum itself is anomalously low) and 51 in 1605. So the *maximum* value in Period II exceeds only the anomalous year in the extended period.

A similar analysis based on the Period II trend line gives a projected figure of 29 presentments in 1735 compared to the actual figure of 25, some four occurrences (18%) too high. The error here is both absolutely and proportionately less than between Period I and II, although it is still significant.

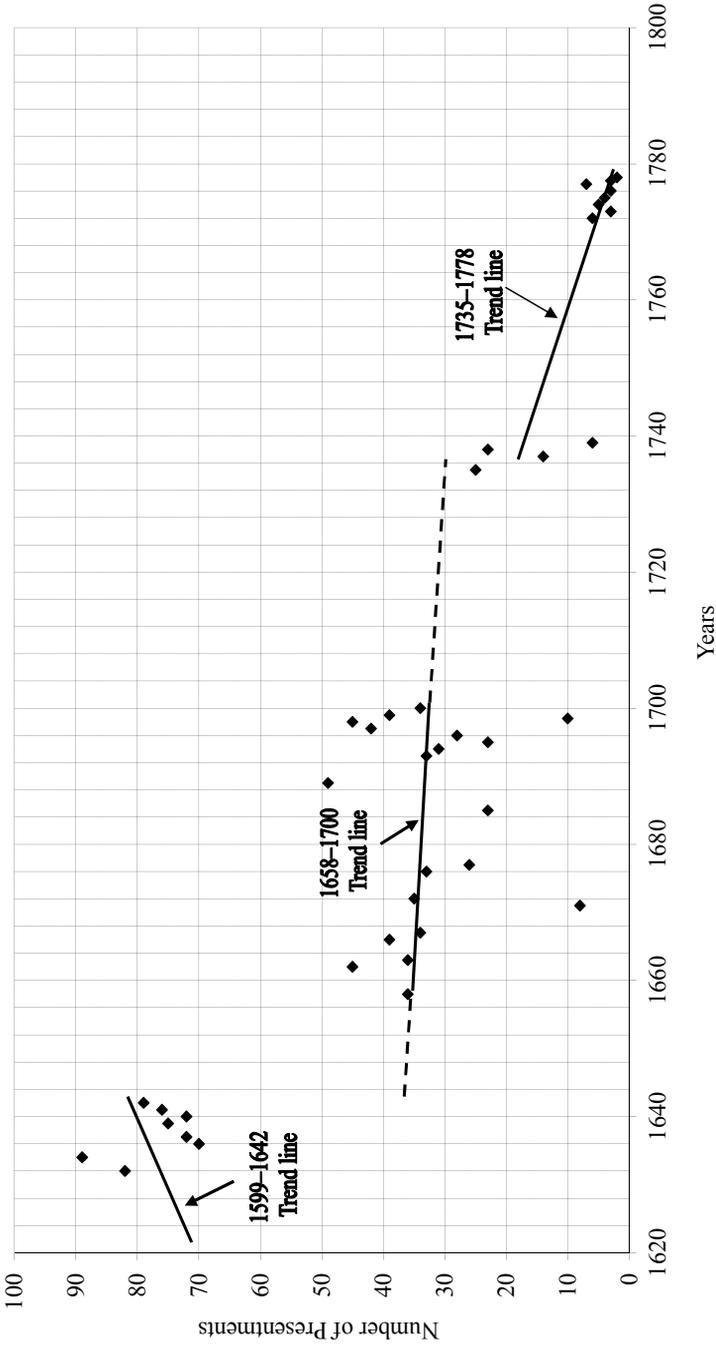
The Period III range of 6–25 in the number of presentments per court compared to the corresponding figure for Period II similarly shows that the *maximum* value in Period III is scarcely more than the *minimum* value in Period II.

Table L shows a plot of the number of presentments for Periods I to III+ inclusive with the trend lines mentioned above superimposed on them. The trend line for Period II has been extended back and forward (the dashed lines) to give a visual representation of the extent of the changes discussed above.

Turning from the overall number of presentments to the specific categories itemized in Table K, there are a number of distinct points that can be made. Over the 32 courts of Periods I to III, removing soil (and on occasions marl) from the lord’s waste accounts for some 36% of all presentments, with 482 occurrences out of 1,332 in total. This is despite the fact that the offence does not appear at all in Period III. It is clear that the removal of soil was a way of life on the manor.<sup>130</sup> Not

130 In an agreement to transfer lands made between William Lawton esquire and Joseph Hall

**Table L Church Lawton Manor Court Presentments, 1632–1778 – Numbers**



only did the average number of offenders per court of 28 constitute over 36% of all the presentments in the period, but of the 85 different names of tenants of the manor appearing in the combined suit rolls of 1631 and 1634,<sup>131</sup> 30 are presented for the offence in the 1632 court roll.

The fines imposed for the offence averaged 7.6d in Period I and 4.3d in Period II.<sup>132</sup> However, these averages are inflated by the amercement of 3s 4d imposed on William Kelsall in 1631 and those on Mr Hall, gentleman of 2s 6d in each of the years 1695 and 1697 and 3s 4d in 1700, as well as that of 2s 4d on Samuel Hodgkinson in 1697. These were presumably for more significant transgressions, particularly as the three large fines on Hall were imposed by three different stewards. If these major amounts are excluded, the averages drop to 7.4d for Period I and 3.8d for Period II. This significant reduction of over 48% in the average level of the amercements may reflect a less severe attitude to the nature of the offence by the lord of the manor, William Lawton, who succeeded his father in the mid-1650s, although it is clear that the attitude of the stewards influenced the general level of fines imposed.

Thus in 1632, the last known year when John Fernihough was steward, the fines imposed for the removal of soil were, with only a single exception, 6d. He had imposed the same general level for the offence in 1626 and 1627, so clearly that was his consistent policy on the matter. In 1634, the only surviving year when William Berrington was steward, each of the 28 offenders was fined 1s 0d for the offence. Then in 1637 Peter Mainwaring was steward, and the fine for removing soil reverted to its previous general level of 6d (23 out of 30 instances) and this was the typical fine in the four subsequent years of his stewardship for which records survive (to 1642).

From 1658 to 1695 there were only two stewards, Thomas Bagnall and William Middleton, and of the 206 fines for removing soil that they collectively imposed, only five exceeded 6d, and most were for 3d or 4d. Ralph Mountford, steward for the final four years of the seventeenth century, followed a very similar pattern.

If the presentments for the closely related offence of encroaching upon the lord's waste land<sup>133</sup> are aggregated with those for the removal of soil, the combined presentments account for almost 50% of the Periods I and II presentments, with 621 transgressors out of 1,264 named all told in the two periods.

Another way of illustrating the preponderance of these two offences is to compare their combined incidence with the next most frequent offence in each period. They are 1.8 times the number of *affrays* in Period I and 3.7 times the number of instances

rector of Church Lawton and dated 11 December 1674, there is a reference to the '...free liberty to have and take the mud and manure hereafter to be had and gotten upon the waste lands upon the east end of Lawton green...' This is in Period II but the wording suggests it was an established practice: CRO, DLN 6436/1/1.

131 Perhaps coincidentally, 77 tenants are named in each list.

132 Excluding 1698 and 1699 where the amercement entries are mostly illegible.

133 Encroachments were still occurring in 1856 when Charles Bourne Lawton's land agent, Thomas Heaton prepared a briefing paper entitled 'Newchapel Incroachments'. This described persistent '...attempts by working men to enclose small strips of land...' which had been ongoing since 1834 when he was appointed the estate Land Agent: CRO, DLN 6436/21.

of *breaking the assize of bread and ale* in Period II. If the offenders for affray and for breaking the assize of bread and ale are added in, almost 73% of the offences presented in Periods I and II fall into these four categories. However, the distribution between these four categories of offence changed markedly between Period I and Period II: while the incidence of removing soil almost halved per court, and breaking the assize of bread and ale was fairly constant, encroachment increased more than six-fold from Period I to Period II.

The most significant change was however a reduction in the number of presentments per court session in the consideration of affrays in Period II to a mere 1/40<sup>th</sup> of the Period I level. (It should be noted that similarly there was a fall to 1/37<sup>th</sup> of the previous level in the hearing of disputes between parties. These very considerable reductions in the two categories of disputes between individuals must reflect a real change in the extent of the manor court jurisdiction rather than being the vagaries of normal incidence of these matters in the life of the manor.)

The level of fines for breaking the assize of ale and bread also displays a marked reduction between Period I and II, from an average of 14s 7d in Period I<sup>134</sup> to 4s 5d in Period II.<sup>135</sup> In fact the fines were very consistent within each period. In Period I all these fines were 3s 4d in 1632, and 1s 0d 1636–42. In Period II, all the fines were 4d 1658–95, except for 1689 when they were all 6d. Then in the three years 1697–99 they were all 6d before reverting to 4d in 1700.

There is no obvious explanation for the high level of the individual amercements in 1632 when John Fernihough was steward, as he imposed a standard amount of 6d in 1626 and 1627. John Lawton was lord of the manor throughout Period I, but was a minor until July 1628. The 1632 court roll is the first surviving one after his majority which records presentments, so perhaps the significant increase in the level of fines for breaking the assize of ale and bread reflects his influence as lord in his own right, and the reduction to the much lower level in 1636 then perhaps being due to the change of steward in that year.

These presentments reveal a strong pattern of repeat offending in both Periods I and II. Four of the five people fined in 1632 were also fined every year 1636–42, and Richard Galley who first appears on a suit roll in 1634 was fined every year in Period I from 1636 onwards. Similar patterns of continuity occur in Period II, such as Edward Shufflebotham and William Wearam 1658–67, Anne Deane widow 1662–77, Thomas Gough 1672–99 and John Ridgway 1677–1700. Possibly William Wearam appearing in Period II is the man of the same name who appeared throughout Period I in which case he had appeared as a publican in every surviving year from 1632 to 1667 inclusive.

It seems likely that this frequency of repeat offending is indicative of a revenue source for the manor by way of a licence fee rather than continual infringement of the laid down standards of quality and quantity, as presumably the latter possibility would lead to a reduction in custom making the trade unsustainable?

134 Excluding 1634 when the amounts of the fines were not recorded.

135 Excluding 1696 when the amounts of the fines were illegible.

Affrays are generally described as such and generally involve only two persons – not always male. They primarily fall into Period I but a few (less than 6% of the total) fall into Period II. There are none recorded thereafter. The court penalized offenders who drew blood during an affray, sometimes described as a bloodwipe, at double the rate for offenders who did not draw blood. The basic level of amercement itself was quite high compared to those imposed for other offences, which indicates the serious view taken of these civil disturbances.

There was no amercement imposed on the innocent victim of an assailant, but if both persons were culpable, then both were amerced. There is no indication of which person initiated the fighting in the latter cases, but it seems plausible that the instigator of the fight is the one named first. Thus for example, the 1666 presentments include the following consecutive presentments (Section 53.3):

John Weever for affray on John Booth so in mercy 3s 4d.

John Booth for affray on John Weever so in mercy 3s 4d.

From this it seems reasonable to assume that although John Weever instigated the attack, John Booth did more than merely defend himself. In the analysis in Table M below, such a fight is described as a retaliatory affray.

On the other hand, the 1695 presentment (Section 64.2) ‘Rachell Waram for An Affray & blood whipe upon John Eccles 6s 8d’, seems to indicate that the man did not in his turn assault his female assailant, despite what must have been considerable provocation. Such a single-sided assault is described as a non-retaliatory affray in what follows.

The analysis of the 137 presentments arising from 82 affrays in Periods I and II is given in Table M.

In a private communication on the presentments, Paul Booth writes: ‘The ‘toll on horses’ entries are very unusual, in my experience. I wonder if they are in any way connected with another peculiarity of Church Lawton, and that is that there was a serjeanty there called ‘the keeper of the passage’ in the Middle Ages (*Cheshire Sheaf*, 3rd series, xvii (1920) 3059 and xxviii (1933) 6180)? The serjeant was a toll-collecting law-enforcement officer – there were others in Cheshire – responsible for protecting travellers, especially merchants, at that dangerous of all places, a county boundary’. In this connection it should be noted that the earliest surviving court roll, dated 28 May 1541, records the names of five persons who were presented for the sale of horses and were ‘to pay [2d or 4d] for the toll’. This court was held only a few weeks after the Lawton family acquired the manor at the dissolution of the monasteries and it seems likely that this fine was a continuation of the custom of the manor when it was held by the abbots of St Werburgh’s, Chester. Presentments for this toll were a regular feature until their last appearance in the estreat of fines in October 1698. There is no such entry in the estreats of April and October 1699. However, they may have continued intermittently for some years after 1699 as there is a gap in the rolls from then until October 1735.

Analyses of forename and surname frequencies for the periods considered above for the presentments are given in Appendix C.

**Table M Analysis of Affrays, 1631–1700**

Category of affray	Number of Incidents	Number of persons involved		
		Assailants	Victims	Total
<b>Non-retaliatory:</b>				
Involving 2 persons only	35	35	35	70
Involving more than 2 persons	6	8	6	14
<b>Retaliatory:</b>				
Involving 2 persons only	40	n/a	n/a	80
Involving 4 persons	1	n/a	n/a	4
Involving 5 persons *	1	n/a	n/a	5
Involving 6 persons	1	n/a	n/a	6
<b>Overall totals</b>	<b>84</b>	–	–	<b>179</b>

\* Described as a 'brawl'

## EDITORIAL CONVENTIONS

In the nineteenth century there are a few years where two copies of essentially the same court record have survived. Where this occurs, there is a single transcription but slight textual differences (apart from the inevitable lineage differences) are mentioned editorially.

Dates given in the documents by reference to feast days are followed by a conventional date using Cheney. Dates falling between 1 January and 24 March inclusive in years before the revision of the calendar in Great Britain in September 1752 are given with the year in revised (Gregorian) format, indicated by (N.S.) after the year. Thus a date recorded contemporarily in Julian format as 19 February 1656 appears in this volume as 19 February 1657 (N.S.), where the appended letters are short for 'New Style'.

Because there is considerable variation in the nature of the individual court rolls, for the sake of consistency, editorial pagination within each document is normally given in the style [*p. 1*] or when there is more than one distinct document for a given year [*Doc A p. 1*] etc. In the latter case, the order of the documents is logical if possible, otherwise arbitrary. In the few instances of single parchment sheets, [*front*] and [*back*] have been used instead of page numbers.

Some elements of the document layout e.g. headings, tabbing in lists of names, have been retained to reflect in the transcription the style of the actual document. Some spacing has been introduced in the lists of presentments (if not already present) that would otherwise appear as rather indigestible chunks of text in the transcript. To facilitate reading, upper case has been used for the first letter of names and places, even if the scribe used lower case (in some instances it is unclear if the scribe used upper or lower case anyway, the letter 'h' being particularly troublesome to interpret!) Thus henry lawton, Butt lane and great Moss appear as Henry Lawton, Butt Lane and Great Moss without editorial comment.

Each document has been numbered in the form **nn.m** where **nn** follows the chronological sequence of the courts. These section numbers start with **41** for 1631 in the current volume, leaving section numbers up to 40 available for any future publication of the manor court records 1541–1628 (21 years held in CRO and 3 years held in WSL (2 additional years plus an additional document for 1 year in the CRO collection), so that there will be no overlap in the section references in the two volumes.

The **m** in the reference is the consecutive sub-section number within the transcribed document. For clarity, these numbers appear in bold e.g. **53.3**. The sub-sections numbering follows the logical distinction of changes of topic with the document. Sub-section 1 is invariably the court heading, and the final sub-section in a document is invariably the signatories to the court record.

To avoid repetitive editorial comment, problem areas are treated as follows:

- (a) Text too faded or stained to read, or lost through tearing or rotting – square brackets enclosing the word 'lost' in italics.

- (b) Undeleted text visible, but illegible or not understandable – square brackets enclosing the word ‘unclear’ in italics.
- (c) Text deleted and illegible or not understandable – square brackets enclosing the word ‘deletion’ in italics.

(If the difficult section in (a), (b) and (c) above appears to be more than two or three words in length, it may be dealt with in an explanatory footnote. If it is possible to surmise the difficult text in (b) and (c) above, the possible text is inserted with a preceding question mark, thus [*unclear* ?de Hall Green]. In some cases, a footnote may also be necessary.)

- (d) Text deleted but legible – square brackets enclosing the deleted text using strike-through, thus [~~deleted material~~]
- (e) Inserted text interlined in the manuscript – braces (curly brackets) enclosing the inserted text at the point of insertion, thus {inserted material} so that for an amercement added to a presentment Wm {iiid} Lawton.
- (f) Various lists of names in the documents transcribed in this volume have a symbol, letter or more rarely a word, alongside many of the undeleted names. To save space these entries have been reduced to a standard abbreviation preceding the name in question, as follows:

‘a’ to replace ‘ap’, presumed from the context to indicate appearance at the court.

‘e’ to replace ‘e’, ‘ess’ or ‘esson’, presumed from the context to indicate non-appearance *with excuse* at the court.

‘n’ to replace ‘a’ or ‘ab’, presumed from the context to indicate non-appearance *without excuse* at the court.

Some entries have one, two or three dots alongside a name, sometimes in addition to one of the above abbreviations. The reason for entering the dots is not apparent – perhaps they relate to unexcused absences from the court – but the significance of the variable number of dots is unknown. The number of dots in this transcription replicates the number appearing in the document.

A few lists have ‘p’ or ‘x’ alongside some names, meanings unknown. These exceptions have been dealt with in an appropriate footnote in this transcript.

Some of the name listings are in ruled columns in the documents. To optimise space in this transcript the rulings have been omitted, and the number of columns used is not necessarily the same as used in the documents. However, the order of the names

reading down the columns, and the latter from left to right, follows the order of the original, reading similarly.

Where required, abbreviations have been extended in italic without square brackets, thus *Esquite* for Esqr.

Common forenames that are given in abbreviated form in the English sections of a document are transcribed as they appear, but with no indication in the transcript of how the abbreviation was indicated in the original and without a full stop in the transcript to indicate that the original was indeed abbreviated. Thus Willm, Wm and even Willia appear. Relatively uncommon forenames are however extended, thus *Walter* in the transcript for Wr. in the manuscript. In the Latin sections, because of case significance and the more unfamiliar forenames that occur, forename abbreviations are always extended.

In all cases, surnames are expanded in case users of this volume are unfamiliar with some of the more unusual surnames in S.E. Cheshire. Thus *Cumberbach*, *Strongitharm* rather than Cumbbach, Strongarm etc

All numbers are transcribed as arabic or roman numerals as they are recorded. Note that in roman numerals terminal j is transcribed as i, thus vii in the transcript for vij in the document.

Superscript st, th and rd in dates and other ordinal numbers, and li, s and d in money amounts in the documents are standardised as non-superscript letters in the transcript with no full stop.

The documents are very inconsistent where it comes to showing money amounts. In the transcription dashes and leading zeroes are omitted i.e. 0li-0s-6d is transcribed as simply 6d and 0li-10s-0d (or alternatively 0.10.0) as 10s 0d. If ‘£ s d’ appears as a heading over a column of amounts, it is retained but any leading zeroes in the entries of the actual amounts are omitted.

Where the ‘opposite page’ presentation is being used for the transcription and translation for the ‘mainly Latin’ years, the transcribed Latin appears on the left hand page, with the corresponding translation on the opposite page. Otherwise any English translation immediately follows the transcription of the Latin. In all cases the English translation appears in brackets and in italic font.

The footnotes for the right-hand, translation pages where the ‘opposite page’ presentation is being used form one continuous, lower-case alphabetic sequence.

The footnotes for the *left-hand* pages where the ‘opposite page’ presentation is being used, and *all* pages where the ‘opposite page’ presentation is *not* being used, form one continuous numeric sequence through the chronological presentation of the manor court records. This numeric sequence follows on from the last footnote number used in the Introduction and continues through the transcription, and thereafter through the Appendices.

Note that Appendices D to G are re-ordered extracts from the original documents, not transcriptions of the text. All names of heads of households appearing in the original document have been included, but details of people within the households have not. In the case of Appendix D (1660 Poll Tax) and part of Appendix E (1664 Hearth Tax) however, full transcriptions of the return are readily available in Lawton.

In the index of persons, multiple occurrences of the same name in the same document sub-section will appear, for example, as **41.1(3)** for three references to the same name in sub-section 1 of the Court Roll for 1631. Names in the Latin translations will not be indexed since they are repeats (in English) of those in the actual transcription, which will have been indexed. Lower case roman numerals are references to the pages of the Introduction.

Variant surnames are grouped together with the most normal spelling appearing first (this one governing its position in the index), followed by the variants in alphabetical order, thus **'Bailey** (*Beayly, Bely*)'. The surname variants additionally appear in their appropriate alphabetical places as cross-references to the composite entry, thus in this case *'Beayly, see Bailey'* and *'Bely, see Bailey'*.

Within a given surname, forenames are listed in full form, thus William for all the variants of that name used in the text. The order of the forenames is '[none]', Title e.g. 'Mr', 'widow' etc (in alphabetical sequence), Forename (in alphabetical sequence). Within a given surname/forename, the order of references is Introduction page, Section/sub-section number, Footnote number, Appendix identifier e.g. 'Appx A'.

Index of places: Essentially an alphabetical listing of town/building/field names using the same referencing system and ordering as the index of persons, suitably modified as necessary. Because of uncertainties in equating possible variants of place names, very little merging of names with corresponding cross-references has been done.

Almost all texts written in Latin in the seventeenth century and earlier were considerably abbreviated. This happened even to the most formal documents and was particularly true of 'working papers' such as records of court proceedings at every level. The court rolls of the manor of Church Lawton were no exception. The task of the translator is first to decide what the abbreviated words represent and to provide the extensions which demonstrate to the reader what each word really is. In this edition such extensions, being matters of editorial judgment, are given in italics. This enables the reader to some extent to exercise his own judgment on the correctness of the extensions provided – bearing in mind however that the reader has not seen the original document, whereas the editor has.

In practice the process of translation from Latin into English cannot be left until the abbreviated words have been extended; what those extensions should be depends to a large extent on what the translator thinks the text means. So there is a constant reference back and forth. This is particularly necessary when inflexions have been abbreviated or omitted altogether. Eventually the fully extended Latin text for which a translation has to be provided is a matter of editorial judgment. And it has to be borne in mind that editors occasionally may be wrong.

The most certain of the extended words are Christian names. There were standard abbreviations for common names, like 'Ricus' for 'Ricardus' which can then be rendered editorially as 'Ricardus'. There was less uniformity about the way other words were abbreviated although there were certain accepted conventions on how elements of words should be or could be abbreviated. 'Per', 'pre', 'pro', 'post' each had a recognizable abbreviation. Hundreds of individual syllables could be represented

by conventional abbreviations of this kind. Not all however distinctly identified the syllable; many merely showed that something had been left out and it is left to the reader, in this case the editor, to work out what had been omitted. Courts in particular often used standard formulae to record their business and these could be abbreviated severely because anyone who had reason to read the documents concerned would recognize them. 'po lo suo' (*ponit loco suo*) is one example.

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#### 41.1

Suit Roll for the Manor of Lawton

xviii die Octobris 1631

n William Leversage esquire	<del>Nicolas Hobson de yonger</del>
n Randull Rode esquire	Charells Shuffulbothum
e John Lawton de Snape	John Lawton telor
n William Lawton Clarke	e John Lawton de yonger
† William Rowley	Thomas Rowley
Robert Poole de Crappelle <sup>136</sup>	e Randull Tumsson
e Richard Lawton de Lawton yate	John Buterton
e Thomas Lawton de Alshager	John Beech
Thomas Clowes	† e Richard Fallowes
Thomas Hulme	Richard Beech
e John Twemley de Molle <sup>137</sup>	n Edward Jonnson
n John Weayrom	e Jorge Ashley
Nicolas Hobson	† e Thomas Jonnson
e William Lawton de Grine	Robert Gibson
Thomas Stubes	John Gibson
John Muchell	Richard Gibson
John Muchell the yonger	William Mayfilde
Rafe Unwyne	e Richard Carteright
Rafe Kent	e John Bagnall
e Richard Purssell	Thomas Henshall

136 Presumably the Crappilow Meadow shown in the 1839 Tithes Apportionment.

137 There are places called Mole in Odd Rode (a township in Astbury parish) and in Wolstanton parish, both of which adjoin Church Lawton. In this case it is the latter as there is a 1683 deed in the Baker Wilbraham Collection (DBW/A/C/6) at CRO that refers to 'John Twemlowe senior of Mole in parish of Woolsonton, Staffs'.

	Richard Woulfe	† e	Richard Drakeford
n e	John Oulcot		John Drakeford
	Roger Cumberbach		Thomas Shaw
	Randull Walton		Thomas Wildblud
	William Walton		John Cleton
	William Lawton de Mere	† e	William Cleton
e	Jerime Bromsall	† e	Richard Cleaton
	Richard Tumson		Thomas Cleaton
	Robert Lawton		John Chantler
e	Hugh Hall	e	John Benn
e	William Wayrom		Richard Gough
	Henry Wayrom		Richard Gough de yonger
	Thomas Turton	† e	John Purssell
e	Rafe Stine	†	John Twemley
	Richard Yardley		Robert Ligh <sup>138</sup>
	<del>Thomas Mitton</del>		William Purssell
e	John Hancocke		Edward Bely <sup>139</sup>
e	Robert Walton		John Muchell nelor
	William Swinerton		
	Richard Shuffulbothum		
	Richard Galley		
e	William Kelshall		

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18th October 1631

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Suit Roll for the Manor of  
Lawton

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138 Leigh intended?

139 Bailey intended?

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## Court of 12th October 1632

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## 42.1

Manerium de Lawton

*Visus Franci plegii Cum Curia Baroniam ac Curia Supervisorie Johannis Lawton armigeri domini manerii predicti tentus ibidem xii<sup>o</sup> die Octobris Anno Regni Caroli Regis Anglie &c viii<sup>o</sup> annoque domini 1632 coram Johanne Fernihaughe Senescallo &c.*

*[Manor of Lawton*

*View of Frankpledge with Court Baron and Court of Survey of John Lawton esquire lord of the aforesaid manor held there 12 October in the 8th year of the reign of Charles, king of England etc and A.D. 1632 before John Fernihaughe steward etc.]*

42.2

Homagium

Nicholaus Hopson <sup>140</sup> Juratus	Georgius Ashley Juratus
Willelmus Lawton de Greene Juratus	Robertus Gibson Juratus
Thomas Stubs Juratus	Thomas Wildbloodd Juratus
Rogerus Cumberbach Juratus	Ricardus Shipplebothom Juratus
Thomas Hulme Juratus	Johannes Mutchell iunior Juratus
Johannes Muchell senior Juratus	Willelmus Lawton de Meare Juratus
Robertus Walton Juratus	
Willelmus Wayrham Juratus	

[The Homage

Nicholas Hopson Sworn	George Ashley Sworn
William Lawton of Greene Sworn	Robert Gibson Sworn
Thomas Stubs Sworn	Thomas Wildbloodd Sworn
Roger Cumberbach Sworn	Richard Shipplebothom Sworn
Thomas Hulme Sworn	John Mutchell the younger Sworn
John Muchell the elder Sworn	William Lawton of Meare Sworn
Robert Walton Sworn	
William Wayrham Sworn]	

42.3

Querelle inter partes

[Plaints between Parties]

Solutum pro intratione 3d

Samuell Lawton Clericus querens versus Willelmum Rowley de placito quod reddat ei vis viiid Curia avisari vult usque diem Jovis in hebdomada pasche Anglice thursdaye in Easter Weeke<sup>141</sup> by reason of William Rowleys default of appeerance being at Chester Assyzes uppon the kings busines.

[Paid for entry 3d

Samuell Lawton clerk plaintiff against William Rowley in a plea that he pay him 6s 8d the Court wishes to be advised [adjourns] to Thursday in the week of Easter (in English Thursdaye in Easter Weeke) by reason of William Rowleys default of appeerance being at Chester Assyzes uppon the kings busines.]

140 Hobson intended.

141 25 April 1633.

Solutum pro intratione 3d pro una depositione 2d pro iudicio 4d

[Paid for entry 3d, for one deposition 2d, for judgment 4d]

Henricus Wayrham querens versus Radulphum Steene de placito quod reddat ei iiii ob. Henricus Wayt deposuit yat the defendant offerd the plaintiff xiid for a skin. Grace<sup>142</sup> the defendant confesseth xiid & for ye rest refectum ad iuratores

We fynd for the playntife xiid with costes

[Henry Wayrham plaintiff against Ralph Steene in a plea that he pay him 4s 3½d. Henry Wayt deposed that the defendant offered the plaintiff 12d for a skin. Grace the defendant confesseth 12d & for the rest referred to the jurors. We find for the plaintiff 12d with costs.]

Solutum pro intratione 3d pro uno teste iurato 2d pro iudicio 4d

[Paid for entry 3d, for one sworn witness 2d, for judgment 4d]

Radulphus Steene querens versus Henricum Wayrham de placito quod reddat ei 4s. Anne Bowler sworne

Wee fynd for the playntife 2s with costes William Wearam excepted who doth not agree

[Ralph Steene plaintiff against Henry Wayrham in a plea that he pay him 4s. Anne Bowler sworn. We find for the plaintiff 2s with costs. William Wearam excepted who does not agree.]

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#### 42.4

Mr {Wm} Lawton Clarke	}	Sworne to give Evidence for ye boundaries
Tho Beech Clarke		
Rich Drakeford		

They all reserve themselves to theyre former deposicions in a Court holden in this Manor 14<sup>o</sup> die October 1629<sup>143</sup> v<sup>to</sup> Carol &tc Savige yt Richard Drakeford sayeth yt about ~~5~~ 6 55 or 56 yeares since<sup>144</sup> (as he now remembereth) he this deponent was gettinge Claye in Buttlane to be imployd for his brother in law in the Lordship of

142 The meaning here is obscure. Possibly this is the name of the defendant's wife and some words to that effect are omitted.

143 The records for this court have not survived.

144 Thus about 1576 or 1577. John Lawton (c.1517–1599) succeeded his father William as lord of the manor, certainly by 28 May 1541.

Awdley wheruppon Mr John Lawton the Lord of this Manor Came to him & asked him whoe gave him lycence to gett Claye there and tooke him upp from getting Claye, and then afterwardes his brother in law went to the *said* Mr Lawton & *procured* of him lycence to gett claye, by whose permission he or his brother in lawe did gett Clay in the *said* Butt lane. And he further sayth yt he heard his mother say yt in the Abbotts tyme there was a meetinge by the Abbott & the Lord of Awdley and yt both walked the lane ~~with whyte~~ and had neyghbours with theym of both ye Lordships where they agreed & the neyghbors of Awdley on the one syde of the midst of the lane as in the Lord of Awdleys right for yt syde & the neyghbors of Lawton on the other syd of the midst of the lane ~~on the other syde~~ as in right of ye Abbott, & soe they parted frends as havinge dicouvoured both theyre rights, as beinge devyded by the midst of the lane.

	<i>Juratus Willelmus</i> Lawton de Greene
<i>Affiratores Curie</i>	
	<i>Juratus Johannes</i> Mutchell senior
	[Sworn William Lawton of Greene
<i>Affeerers of the Court</i>	
	Sworn John Mutchell the elder]

The Jurie doe Crave daye for the givinge up of theyire verdict for the Court of Survaye and the Accon [*Action*] dependinge between Samuell Lawton & William Rowley & some other busines wherin theye are not yett agreed upon: And thereuppon it is granted that theye shall have thursdaye in the Easter weeke<sup>145</sup> next, and if the forman appoynt anie tyme of meetinge for conference with ye rest of the Jurors it is payned yt if anie one of the Jurors uppon reasonable warninge given in the Church to meete him, doe make defalt then everie one makinge defalt to forfeyte vs

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42.5

<i>Jurati</i> {	The Constables	} <i>Jurati</i>
	Richard Pursell <i>Juratus</i> <sup>146</sup>	
	<del>John Bagnall</del>	
	Thomas Stubes <i>Juratus</i>	
	the burlimen	} <i>Jurati</i>
	Wm Lawton de Greene	
	Raphe Unwayne	
	<del>Richard Pursell</del> <sup>147</sup>	

145 See footnote 141.  
 146 *Juratus*, *Jurati*: Sworn.  
 147 This name already entered in the previous column as a Constable.

## 42.6

## Frayes

James Beeche {xs} made afraye uppon Rodger Hall and drewe bloode. Rodger {xs} Hall made afraye uppon James Beeche and drewe bloode uppon {him} Thomas Cleayton {iiis iiiid} made afraye uppon Thomas Peever, and Thomas {iiis iiiid} Peever made afraye uppon Thomas Cleayton.

Nicholas {iiis iiiid} Hobson the yonger and Thomas {iiis iiiid} Rowley made afraye uppon Richard Shufflebotham

Thomas Stubbes {3s 4d} made an afraye upon John Rowley. Ye *said* Thomas *Stubbes* {3s 4d} made afray upon Raph ~~Unwyn~~ Unwin

Margarett Wearam {3s 4d} [*deletion* ?up] made afray upon John Olcott the sayd Margarett *Wearam* {3s 4d} made afray upon Jone Wearam Jone Wearam {xs} made afray upon the sayd Margarett *Wearam*, and drewe bloode

Thomas {3s 4d} Cowper made afray upon one Robinson

Robert {3s 4d} Adderton made afray upon ~~John~~ {Tho} Mitton the sayd Tho *Mitton* {xs} made afray upon the *said* Robt *Adderton* and drewe bloode

~~John~~ Thoms Rowley {xs} made afray upon Edward Lowndes & drewe bloode. The sayd Edward *Lowndes* {3s 4d} made afray upon the sayd Thoms *Rowley*

Olyver {xs} Morton made afray upon John Rowley & drewe bloode

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Tole of horses	[1632 <i>in pencil here</i> ] <sup>148</sup>
Willm Lawton de Greene one mare & colt	2d
Thoms Stubbes one horse	4d
Richard Pursall one mare	2d

[*There is a line across the page here*]

6d a peece for ye lordes tenants, Kelsall [*unclear*]<sup>149</sup> excepted et apparet [*and it appears*] 3s 4d

148 See footnote 155.

149 A mark here which looks like pp in a circle. It is probably intended to draw attention to the exception indicated in the list. See footnote 150.

## Breakinge the lords wast

Randle Walton. Wm Lawton de Mere. Jeremie Bromsull. Anne Lawton vidua. Hughe Halle. Wm Wearam. Roger Cumberbatche. John Hamson. Richard Lawton. Thoms Stubbes. Wm Lawton. Ric Eardley. John Beeche de Greene. Andrewe Lawton. Tho Beeche. Robt Walton. John Lawton tayler. Willm {3s 4d} Kelsall. X<sup>150</sup> Wm Swynerton. Tho Hulme. John Beeche +<sup>151</sup> Ric {12d} Fallowes. Nicholas Hobson. Ric Pursell Raphe Kent. George Ashley Anne Byrron. Raphe Unwyne. John {6d} Unwyne de Cloughouse. [*unclear*] in the Butty Lane. Tho Turton. Ric Gibson Ric Cartwright. John Gibson. Tho Johnson Tho Henshawe. Ric Drakeford. Anne Muchell. Tho Shawe. John Chantler. Ric Goughe. John Muchell Junior

## breakinge the Assyse of bread &amp; ale. 3s 4d a peece

Robt Walton. Tho Beeche. Tho Shawe Willm Wearam. Ric Tomson. Ric {3s 4d} Cartwright for goeing from the lords milln

Inmates<sup>152</sup>

Willm Kelsall +<sup>153</sup> xs

## for lodgeinge of wanderinge beggars

John {3s 4d} Beeche de Greene. John {3s 4d} Beeche de Mylne. Ric {3s 4d} Fallowes

## Inchro{a}chments

Wm Lawton {2s} Clarke. Wm {6s 8d} Rowley. Wm {5s} Sharpe. Anthonie {3s 4d} Jones for takinge in parte of Butty Lanne. ~~Wm Rowley for a little p<sup>ar</sup>cell of gr<sup>ou</sup>nde lyinge neare to the brooke under the p<sup>ar</sup>sons house neare to the ?weare? end~~

for sleatinge<sup>154</sup>

Ric Drakeforde {2s} John {2s} Bagnalle Henry {2s} Wearam

[*Added in a different hand* For defalt of appearance gentlemen 12d apeece & the rest 2d]

150 This is presumably a marker for the exception mentioned at the head of this list.

151 Richard Fallowes is the first name on this line of the document and the plus sign is in the margin alongside, presumably to draw attention to the inserted non-standard fine.

152 The statute of 31 Eliz. I c.7 imposed restrictions on the taking of inmates. This entry is the first in this volume of a number of fines for this offence.

153 The reason for this mark is not known.

154 An obsolete word meaning baiting an animal with dogs (Shorter O.E.D., 5th edition).

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## 42.7

Constables

Raphe Kent for the freeholde *Juratus*<sup>156</sup>

Randle Walton for the Lords tenants *Juratus*

Burlimen

Willm Wearam *Juratus*

John Muchell naylor *Juratus*

## 42.8

for sueinge out of the Lords Court

Richard {3s 4d} Fallowes for suinge Rich Lawton & Raph Kent

for grindinge from the Lords millne

Richard {2s} Cartwright, Mary Cartwright {12d} vid

Tole for horses

Willm Rowley [*unclear* ?for] one mare {2d}, Tho Beeche i mare {2d} Willm Wearam {2d} one filly colt. Tho Shawe i mare {2d} ~~Jeferye~~ Jeremy Bromsull i mare 2d

for breakinge of the Lords soyle

Thoms {4d} Shawe, John {4d} Chantler John Bagnall {6d}, John {4d} Gibson Richard {4d} Gibson George {4d} Ashley, Robt {2d} Gibson

for stealinge ferrwood<sup>157</sup>

Anne {4d} Berron *vidua* Raphe {4d} Kent Nicholas {4d} Hobson Thomas {4d} Hulme Robert {4d} Wallton William {4d} Kellsall William {4d} Lawton Hennery {4d} Weahrome<sup>158</sup> Richard {6d} Lawton Richard {4d} Yardley John {4d} Beache de Greene, Thomas {4d} Beache, William {4d} Weayrome Hughe {4d} Halle Ane {4d} Lawton, Randle {4d} Wallton

155 See comments in the Introduction (pp. xii & xiii) on the dating of this second folded sheet. It is certainly not 1632, the year with which it is filed.

156 Sworn.

157 Firewood.

158 Here and again five names later, the surname appears as Weayrom in 1634.

## Affrayes

John {3s 4d} Lawton esquire<sup>159</sup> made an Affraye upon Francis White. Arnet<sup>160</sup> Aderton {10s} made afray upon Jeremy Bromsull & drewe blood, the *said* Jeremy *Bromsull* {10s} made a fray upon Arnet Adderton & drewe bloode. Randle {10s} Rode {Carpenter} made a fray upon Richard Corke & drewe bloode. Willm Lawton {3s 4d} Junior made a fray upon Thomas Stubbes, Robt {3s 4d} Bloore made a fray upon Hughe Hall & the *said* Hughe *Hall* {3s 4d} made a fray upon the *said* Robt Bloore. Willm Drakeford {3s 4d} Carrier made a fray upon Tho Stubbes, & the *said* Tho *Stubbes* {3s 4d} upon him [*Willm Drakeford*]. John Wilkinson {10s} made affray upon John Lawton de Snape & Drewe bloode & the *said* John Lawton {3s 4d} made affraye upon him [*John Wilkinson*]

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John ~~Beame~~ {Benne 3s 4d} made affraye upon Tho Wildbloode & the *said* Tho *Wildbloode* {3s 4d} upon him [*John Benne*].

Willm {3s 4d} Lawton {de Greene} made affray upon Willm Chell

Tho Wilkinson {3s 4d} made affray upon Tho Mitton & the *said* Tho Mitton {3s 4d} upon *Tho* Wilkinson

Roger Barnatt {3s 4d} made affray upon John Lawton senior taylor, & the *said* John *Lawton* {3s 4d} made affraye upon him [*Roger Barnatt*]

John {10s} Gibson made affray upon Thoms Fenton & drewe bloode. Henrye Wayte {3s 4d} made affray upon Randle Rode de Congleton, & the *said* Randle *Rode* {3s 4d} upon him [*Henrye Wayte*]. Henrye Wayte {3s 4d} made affray upon Hughe Ryley & the *said* Hughe *Ryley* {3s 4d} upon him [*Henrye Wayte*]

~~Edwa~~ Willm [5s *inserted above and then deleted*. 10s *entered in margin*] Kelsall made affray upon one Gallymore de Betchon & drewe blood. The *said* Gallymore {3s 4d} made affray upon him [*Henrye Wayte*].

John Proudlove {3s 4d} made affray upon Willm Kelsall butcher & the *said* *Willm* Kelsall {3s 4d} upon *John* Proudlove, the *said* *Willm* Kelsall {3s 4d} made Affraye upon John Lowe & the *said* John {3s 4d} Lowe upon the *said* *Willm* Kelsall

George {3s 4d} Barnett made affray upon Willm Kent

the Jury doe crave a truce untill the next Court to geve in there verdict for affray made by Wm Kent [*caret mark here*, upon John Rode *inserted in margin*] for breakinge the Assise of bread & ale [*unclear marginal note* ?Respite? days given]

159 The lord of the manor. He was aged 25 in 1634.

160 This obsolete forename is a male name.

Alehowses<sup>161</sup>

Robt Walton, Thoms Beeche, Richard Tomson Willm Wearam, Thoms Shawe.

Wee present Richard {2s 6d} Shupplebothom for settinge a Cottage & not layinge ground to it accordinge to the statute

for takeinge in Inmates

Richard Fallowes 3s 4d

a pounce breach

wee fynde that Richard Rowley did unlawfully heave sheepe out of the pound beinge lawfully impounded xxxs

42.9

<i>Affiratores Curie</i>	Ricus Cartwright	}	<i>Jurati</i>
<i>[Affeerors of the Court</i>	Tho Stubs		<i>Sworn]</i>

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[*non-contemporary entry*]

12th October 1632

Court Roll for the Manor  
of Lawton

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161 Presumably for breaking the assize of bread and ale. No ameracements are entered here. The amount on the true 1632 sheet was 3s 4d per person, but in 1637, 1640 and 1642 it was only 1s 0d per person.

## 43 Court of 13th October 1634

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*The document is in good condition.]*

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### 43.1

Lawton xiii die October. 1634

m <sup>162</sup> William Leaversage Esquire	Ⓜ	Richard Charterright
m Randall Rode Esquire		Thomas Wildblud
m John Lawton de Snape		William Cleaton
William Lawton Clarke		Richard Cleaton
Ⓜ William Rowley	Ⓜ	Thomas Shawe
Robert Polle		Thomas Henshaw
e Ⓜ Richard Lawton		John Bagnatt <sup>163</sup>
e Ⓜ Thomas Lawton	e	John Gibson
Thomas Clowes		Richard Gibson
Thomas Hulme <del>de man</del>		Gorge Ashley
e John Twemley de Molle <sup>164</sup>		Edward Jonnson
John Weayrom		Thomas Jonnson
e Ⓜ William Drakeford		{John Chantler}
Nicolas Hobson		Thomas Turton
e William Lawton	m	Thomas Rowley
Thomas Stubes	Ⓜ e	John Hobson
John Oulcott	m	Richard Woolfe
Roger Cumberbach		John Cleaton
Randull Walton	Ⓜ	Thomas Cleaton
Jerymie [ <i>Corrected from Jeryme</i> ] Bramsall		John Chantler

162 Indicates an entry having "mia" [*miseriordia, i.e. in mercy*] above the name.

163 Bagnall intended?

164 Mole in Wolstanton parish, see footnote 137.

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**43.1**

[A list of 78 tenant names here – see details opposite]

	Hugh Hall	m	William Maxfild
	William Weayrom		John Mutchell nealor
e	John Breareton	e	John Drakeford
	Richard Thropp	m	Richard Beech
	Richard Tumsson		William Walton
e	Robert Scott	e m	John Purssell
	Richard Eyrdley <sup>165</sup>	e	William Purssell
	Robert Walton		Gorge Ashley de younger
	William Swinerton		John Twemley <sup>166</sup>
	Richard Shuffalbothum		John Hancoke
	Richard Gally	m	John Lawton {tealor} de younger
	John Lawton tealor	m	Edward Beayly <sup>167</sup>
	William Kelshall		Richard Gough
e	Charles Shuffulbotham		Thomas Fenton
	Henry Weayrom	e	Robert Leigh
e	John Beech		
m	Randull Tumson		
e	Richard Fallowes		
e	Richard Purssell		
	Raphe Kentt		
e	Raphe Unwyn		
	John Muchell		
e	John Muchell de younger		

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## 43.2

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Manerium de Lawton

*Curia Baronía sive Curia Magna Johannis Lawton Armigeri domini manerii predicti tenta ibidem xiii<sup>o</sup> die mensis Octobris Anno Regni domini nostri Caroli nunc Regis Anglie &c decimo Annoque domini 1634 coram Johanne Fernihaugh Senescallo*

165 Eardley or Yardley intended?

166 Twemlow intended?

167 Bailey intended?

**43.2**

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*[Manor of Lawton*

*Court Baron or Great Court of John Lawton esquire lord of the aforesaid manor held there 13th day of October in the year of the reign of our lord Charles king of England &c the 10th and in the Year of the Lord 1634 before John Fernihaugh steward.]*

**43.3**

Homagium	Nicol Hobson	Juratus	Thom Wyldbloodd	Juratus
	Ricus Lawton	Juratus	Roger Cumberbach	Juratus
	Thomas Stubs	Juratus	Hugo Hall	Juratus
	Tho Hulme	Juratus	Ricus. Tomson	Juratus
	Johes Mutchell	Juratus	Jo Bagnall	Juratus
	<del>Radus Unwin</del> <sup>168</sup>		<del>Jeremie Bromsull</del>	
	Radus Kent	Juratus	<del>Thos Clowes</del>	
	Ricus Cartwright	Juratus	Wm Waynham	Juratus
	Johes Oulcott	Juratus	Wm Kelsall	Juratus

**43.4**

Non sute<sup>169, 170</sup>

Querelle inter partes<sup>171</sup>

Solutum pro intratione 3d

Johannes Hall *querens versus* Johannem Lawton taylor de *placito transgressionis super Casum ad damnum* 4s *refertur ad Juratores*. Defendant deposed that he never had any more taken a little peece ~~shewd~~ of taffata shewed in Court. Uxor *negavit pro solutione* ideo *refertur ad Juratores* Wee fynde for the playntiffe xiid

Solutum pro intratione 3d *Judicio* 4d uno teste 2d

Johannes Lawton Armiger *querens versus* Willelmum Rowley {*plegium pro Jacobo Shaw*} de *placito transgressionis ad damnum* xs. *defendens fatetur et pro damno refertur ad Juratores* 2 beasts impounded but more cattell in *per depositionem* Thomas Goughe *refertur ad Juratores* wee fynde for the playntiffe 5s *pro querente cum custagiis*

Solutum pro intratione [*No amount entered* <sup>172</sup>] *Judicio* 4d uno teste 2d

Idem Johannes Lawton *querens versus* Willelmum Lawton *plegium pro Jacobo Shaw de placito transgressionis &c ad damnum vs defendens cognovit et refertur ad Juratores* i mare impounded *per Johannes Jonson* [*deletion*] wee fynd for the playntiffe ~~xiiid~~ 2s vid

168 As 'Juratus' strictly means 'one sworn', presumably these struck-through names were nominees who did not take the oath.

169 This appears to be a heading to the following list of actions, but it may just apply to the first action only, having been added to the record later.

170 All the entries in the following list have a sloping '+' sign alongside, its meaning unknown.

171 All the headings in the following list of presentments were shown as marginal annotations in the document.

172 Presumably the standard 3d omitted.

## 43.3

[The Homage	Nicholas Hobson	Sworn	Thomas Wyldbloodd	Sworn
	Richard Lawton	Sworn	Roger Cumberbach	Sworn
	Thomas Stubs	Sworn	Hugh Hall	Sworn
	Thomas Hulme	Sworn	Richard Tomson	Sworn
	John Mutchell	Sworn	John Bagnall	Sworn
	Ralph Unwin		Jeremie Bromsull	
	Ralph Kent	Sworn	Thomas Clowes	
	Richard Cartwright	Sworn	William Waynham	Sworn
	John Oulcott	Sworn	William Kelsall	Sworn]

## 43.4

[*Non sute*<sup>a</sup>

*Disputes between parties.*

*Paid for the entry 3d*

*John Hall plaintiff against John Lawton tailor in a plea of trespass on case for damages 4s referred to the jurors. Defendant deposed that he never had any more taken a little piece ~~shewd~~ of taffeta showed in Court. The wife withheld payment<sup>b</sup> so referred to the jurors. We find for the plaintiff 12d.*

*Paid for the entry 3d for judgment 4d for one witness 2d*

*John Lawton esquire plaintiff against William Rowley pledge for James Shaw in a plea of trespass for damages 10s. The defendant confessed and for damages referred to the Jurors. 2 beasts impounded but more cattle according to the deposition of Thomas Goughe;<sup>c</sup> referred to the Jurors. We find for the plaintiff 5s with costs.*

*Paid for the entry ?3d for judgment 4d for one witness 2d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against William Lawton pledge for James Shaw in a plea of trespass &c for damages 5s. The defendant acknowledged it and it was referred to the Jurors. 1 mare impounded according to John Jonson [deletion]. We find for the plaintiff 2s 6d.*

a Cessation of the action.

b The meaning is uncertain.

c Possibly the animals were impounded by him acting in an official capacity.

*Solutum pro intratione 3d Judicio 4d uno teste 2d*

Idem Johannes Lawton querens versus Ricardum Eardley plegium pro Jacobo Shaw de placito transgressionis &c ~~vs~~ ad damnum vs defendens cognovit et pro damno refertur ad Juratores xii<sup>173</sup> ut putat Johannes Maxfield we fynd ~~xiii~~ xiiid<sup>174</sup> is

*Intrato 3d Judicio 4d uno teste 2d*

Idem Johannes Lawton querens versus Willelmum Rowley plegium pro Jacobo Shaw de placito transgressionis ad damnum vis viiid defendens fatetur et pro damno refertur ad Juratores Thomas Wulfe hath seene theym dyvers tymes we fynde [deletion]<sup>175</sup> 10s pro querente

*Intrato 3d Judicio 4d uno teste 2d*

Idem querens [Johannes Lawton] versus eundem de placito transgressionis plegium pro Jacobo Shaw ad damnum vs defendens fatetur et pro damno refertur ad Juratores Thomas Wulfe we fynde ~~xiii~~ 2s

*Intrato 3d Judicio 4d uno teste 2d*

Idem Johannes Lawton querens versus Thomam ~~Lawton~~ {Rowley} plegium pro Jacobo Shaw de placito transgressionis ad damnum 5s defendens cognovit et pro damno refertur ad Juratores Jurator Rogerus Cumberbach ~~xiii~~ 2s vid

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*Ballivo pro summonatione 8<sup>o</sup> 176 testes 8d*

*Intrato 3d Judicio 4d 3 testibus 6d*

Idem Johannes Lawton querens versus Willelmum Lawton et Johannem Oulcott de placito transgressionis ad damnum vs refertur ad Juratores Johannes Hancocke Johannes Eardley say they saw John Maxfield fetch Cattell out of the Mr Lawtons ground. We fynd ~~xxd~~ 2s vid

*Intrato 3d Judicio 4d 3 teste 2d*

Idem Johannes Lawton querens versus Willelmum Rowley plegium pro Jacobo Shawe de placito transgressionis ad damnum vis viiid defendens fatetur et damnum refertur ad Juratores Johannes Johnson deposuit pro hac &c wee fynd iiis 4d

173 Was this a judgment of 12d or 12s or was this a reference to twelve jurors? The figure on the line below may imply the first of these.

174 The “x” appears to have been deleted. The insertion of the one shilling amount after this partial deletion suggests that the intention was to delete the whole of the pence amount.

175 Although illegible it was clearly an amount in shillings and pence.

176 ‘8<sup>o</sup>’ means ‘octavo’ i.e. ‘eighth’, which is plainly an error since just ‘eight’ is meant.

*Paid for the entry 3d for judgment 4d for one witness 2d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against Richard Eardley, pledge for James Shaw, in a plea of trespass &c for damages 5s. The defendant acknowledged it and for damages it was referred to the Jurors 12 as John Maxfield may consider it. We find 1s.*

*For the entry 3d for judgment 4d for one witness 2d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against William Rowley, pledge for James Shaw, in a plea of trespass for damages 6s 8d. The defendant confessed and for damages it was referred to the Jurors. Thomas Wulfe hath seen them divers times. We find 10s for the plaintiff.*

*For the entry 3d for judgment 4d for one witness 2d*

*The same plaintiff against the same in a plea of trespass, pledge for James Shaw, for damages 5s. The defendant confessed and for damages it was referred to the Jurors. Thomas Wulfe. We find 2s.*

*For the entry 3d for judgment 4d for one witness 2d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against Thomas Rowley, pledge for James Shaw, in a plea of trespass for damages 5s. The defendant acknowledged it and for damages referred to the Jurors. Juror Roger Cumberbach 2s 6d.]*

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*[To the bailiff for summoning 8 witnesses 8d.*

*For the entry 3d for judgment 4d for 3 witnesses 6d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against William Lawton and John Oulcott in a plea of trespass for damages 5s referred to the Jurors. John Hancock and John Eardley say they saw John Maxfield fetch cattle out of Mr Lawton's ground. 2s 6d.*

*For the entry 3d for judgment 4d for a witness 2d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against William Rowley, pledge for James Shaw, for damages 6s 8d. The defendant confessed and for damages referred to the Jurors. John Johnson deposed for this. We find 3s 4d*

Intrato 3d Judicio 4d 3 teste 2d

Idem Johannes Lawton *querens versus Thomam Rowley plegium pro Jacobo Shawe de placito transgressionis ad damnum vs defendens per patrem fatetur et pro damno refertur ad Juratores Johannes Allin deposuit for sixe stirkes*<sup>177</sup> wee fynd [*deletion*] xviiiid [18d in a different hand added here]

Intrato 3d Judicio 4d 3 teste 2d

Idem Johannes Lawton *querens versus Willelmum Rowley plegium pro predicto Jacobo Shawe de placito transgressionis ad damnum xs defendens fatetur et pro damno ad Juratores Johannes Allen deposuit pro xii beastes* We fynde 4s

solutum pro intratione 3d Defectus [*deletion*]

Thomas Wulfe *querens versus Willelmum Rowley plegium pro Jacobo Shawe de placito transgressionis super casum ad damnum vs fatetur et pro damno ad Juratores we fynd nothinge Ignoramus*

Solutum pro intratione

Johannes Cleaton *querens versus Thomam Cleaton {executorem testamenti Margrete Cleaton*<sup>178</sup> *matris sue} defuncte de placito quod reddat ei 35s querens deposuit pro toto per consentionem defendentis*

9d Judicio pro tribus<sup>179</sup> 1s solutum

Idem Johannes Cleaton *querens versus eundem Thomam Cleaton {executorem testamenti Margrete Cleaton matris sue defuncte} de placito quod reddat ei x 35s querens deposuit pro toto per consentionem defendentis*

Idem Johannes Cleaton *querens versus eundem Thomam Executorem testamenti Margreti Cleaton defuncte de placito quod reddat ei 19s 4d querens deposuit pro toto per consentionem querentis*<sup>180</sup>

[*The last three items bracketed together*]

The plaintiff resteres<sup>181</sup>

177 Heifers.

178 Buried 15 April 1634 'wife of William Cleton' (Church Lawton Parish Register). Inventory of 'Margaret Cleyton of Church Lawton, widow' taken 29 April 1634 included various items of cloth which may have been trading stock. Admon to 'Thomas Cleaton' her son, 23 January 1634/5 totalled £88 2s 0d (CRO contested will).

179 'for three': presumably for this entry, and the immediately preceding and succeeding entries, which all relate to the same testamentary dispute.

180 Presumably an error and 'defendentis' was intended.

181 It is not clear what this means. If 'restores' was intended then perhaps it is a reference to the plaintiff/defendant error referred to in the previous footnote, or perhaps the defendant gave back the disputed goods.

*For the entry 3d for judgment 4d for a witness 2d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against Thomas Rowley, pledge for James Shaw, in a plea of trespass for damages 5s. The defendant confessed by his father<sup>d</sup> and for damages it was referred to the Jurors. John Allin deposed that for six stirkes. We find 18d.*

*For the entry 3d for judgment 4d for a witness 2d*

*The same John Lawton plaintiff against William Rowley, pledge for the aforesaid James Shaw, in a plea of trespass for damages 10s. The defendant confessed and for damages referred to the Jurors. John Allen deposed that it concerned<sup>e</sup> for 12 beasts. We find 4s.*

*Paid for the entry 3d Default*

*Thomas Wulfe plaintiff against William Rowley, pledge for James Shaw, in a plea of trespass on the case<sup>f</sup> for damages 5s. He confessed for damages to the Jurors. We find nothing. We do not know.*

*Paid for the entry*

*John Cleaton plaintiff against Thomas Cleaton, executor of the testament of Margaret Cleaton his mother deceased, in a plea that he pay him 35s the plaintiff deposed for all by consent of the defendant.*

*9d for judgment for three 1s paid*

*The same John Cleaton plaintiff against the same Thomas Cleaton, executor of the testament of Margaret Cleaton his mother deceased, in a plea that he pay ~~to him 10~~ 35s the plaintiff deposed for all by the consent of the defendant*

*The same John Cleaton plaintiff against the same Thomas Cleaton, executor of the testament of Margaret Cleaton deceased, in a plea that he pay to him 19s 4d. The plaintiff deposed for all by the consent of the defendant.*

*The plaintiff ?restores*

d To confess through his own father seems more likely than to do so by calling on **the** Father, i.e. God.

e This is a free translation.

f 'Trespass on the case' is a kind of legal action; valuable damage has to be proved as arising from the trespass.

*Solutum pro intratione* 3d *pro Judicio* 4d *pro teste* 2d

Thomas Cleaton {*executor testamenti Margrete*} *querens versus Johannem Cleaton de placito detentionis quorundam bonorum Margrete Cleaton nuper defuncte ad valenciam* 16s i payre sheetes 5s i pewtre bottle 2s i bowlster 2s 6d i blankett 4s i {dimid}<sup>182</sup> meastmere 2s i Chorke 3s 4d of all but the *dimidius* hoope and the Chorke to be [?]vd

Richard sworne owest 4d *solutum pro intrato* 3d *solutum pro Judicio* 4d

Margreta Hulse<sup>183</sup> *vidua querens versus Willelmum Rowley plegium pro Jacobo Shawe de placito transgressionis ad damnum xxvis viiid defendens cognovit et Thomas Stubs deposuit ad damnum viiis refertur ad Juratores* [wee fynd for the plentive<sup>184</sup> viiis added in a different hand]

*Summonitio*<sup>185</sup> 2d *solutum pro intratione* 3d *solutum pro Judicio* 4d *defendens soluit in Curia*

Jacobus Shaw *querens versus Margretam Hulse viduam de placito quod reddat ei xs*<sup>186</sup> for worke done by his sonnes (*videlicet*) for i boye & mare i daye to mucke is 6d for i mare to Talke 6d & i mare to Alger<sup>187</sup> 6d for his sonne James Shaw for 2 dayes in haye & corne 6d for 1 boye for 2 dayes weddinge 2d *refertur ad Juratores* [wee fynd for the plantive<sup>188</sup> xviiid added in the same hand as the addition to the previous presentment]

### 43.5

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For the difference betwene Anne Berron *vidua* and George Ashley concerninge the Well we desyre it may be respited untill the next Court uppon further testimonye And the widdowe to have libertye to fetch water for her needfull use not washinge cloathes at it nor otherwise spoylinge it & to go to it as formerlye

Appearances for gentlemen is      others      2d  
Ale housses 12d a peece

Johannes Lawton soluit pro [*deletion*] *omnibus custagiis*

182 ?dimidiatus, which means halved.

183 Possibly the widow of William Hulse husbandman of Lawton. His wife is named as Margaret, and his son as John in CRO supra will 1614.

184 Plaintiff.

185 This is a guess only.

186 It looks as if 'ei xs' was incorrectly included in the fourth item immediately preceding this one and then deleted there.

187 Alsager.

188 Plaintiff.

*Paid for the entry 3d for judgment 4d for a witness 2d*

*Thomas Cleaton executor of the testament of Margaret Cleaton plaintiff against John Cleaton in a plea of the detention of certain goods of Margaret Cleaton lately deceased to the value of 16s. 1 payre sheetes 5s, 1 pewtre bottle 2s, 1 bowlster 2s 6d, 1 blankett 4s, 1 {dimid}[unclear ?measure]<sup>g</sup> 2s, 1 Chorne<sup>h</sup> 3s 4d of all but the half hoop and the Chorne to be 5d.*

*Richard sworn owes 4d paid for the entry 3d paid for judgment 4d*

*Margaret Hulse widow plaintiff against William Rowley, pledge for James Shaw, in a plea of trespass for damages 26s 8d. The defendant acknowledged it and Thomas Stubs deposed for damages 8s referred to the Jurors. We find for the plaintiff 8s.*

*Summons 2d paid for the entry 3d paid for judgment 4d the defendant paid in court*

*James Shaw plaintiff against Margaret Hulse widow in a plea that she pay him 10s for work done by his sons (that is) for 1 boy & mare 1 day to muck is 6d, for 1 mare to Talke 6d, & 1 mare to Alger [Alsager] 6d, for his son James Shaw for 2 days in hay & corn 6d, for 1 boy for 2 days weeding 2d referred to the Jurors. We find for the plaintiff 18d.]*

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[In English – see details opposite]

*John Lawton has paid for ~~the whole~~ all the expenses]*

g This item presumably '1 half-measure'.  
h ?Churn.

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[5 *Modern Library item number in pencil*]

13th October 1634

[*Added beneath in a different hand*] 10 Car I

Court Roll for the Manor  
of Lawton

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*[In English – see details opposite]*

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## 44 **Court of 24th October 1636**

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### 44.1

Lawton

A true & perfect estraite of all the fynes & amerciaments due at the Court Leete & Court Baron of John Lawton of Lawton *esquire* houlden & kept in Lawton aforesaid the 24th of October In the twelveth yere of the Raigne of our gracious sovereigne Lord Charles over England King &tc Annoqe Dm 1636 as followeth viz

### 44.2

Willm Leversage & Randle Roade *esquires* for not appearing to doe their suite and service at the said Court either of them amerced 12d in toto iis

James Jacson, John Dale, Olliver Sanderson Thomas Harrison, John Jacson, Thomas Muchell & Thomas Rowley every one for the lyke vid a peece in toto iiis vid

Richard Tomson, Willm Wearam, Thomas Stubbs, Robart Walton Richard Galley Willm Unwin & Thomas Shawe, for breaking the assize of bread & ale everie one in 12d a peece in toto viis

Thomas Clowes, {John Alcott} Richard Pursell, Willm Cleaton, Richard Drakeford, Gough, Warbur Muchell, & John Bagnett<sup>189</sup> for breaking the Lords soyle every one 12d a peece in toto viiis

189 Bagnall intended?

Rondle Waton<sup>190</sup> Jeremy Bronnesull, Ann Lawton widdow Hugh Hall Willm Wearom, Roger Comberbach, Thomas Beech Richard Yardley Henry Wearom Thomas Hulme, Richard Lowe Nicholas Hobson Raffe Kent Anne Berron Georg Ashley John Chantler Thomas Shawe, Richard Gibson Robart Gibson & Willm Unwin every one for the lyke 12d a peece in toto xs

Richard Rowley sonne to Willm Rowley for making a Rescove and taking Cattell vyolantly from Margrett Pursell wife of Richard Pursell as she was taking them to the towne fould iiis iiiid

Richard Drakeford thelder for sleating sheepe usually upon the green amercied iiis iiiid

Randle Roade *esquire* & Mary Cartwright for not grynding ate the Lords milne amercied 12d a peece in toto iis

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John Lawton thelder for making an affray on Roger Comberbach then being Constable vis viiid

Thomas Rowley & Richard Rowley sonnes of Willm Rowley for making a rescowe<sup>191</sup> & affray & drawing blood on Roger Comberbach being Constable xiiis iiiid a peece in toto ili vis viiid

Margreet Rowley daughter of Willm Rowley for making a Rescove & affray on John Beech Constable in serving of a Warrant vis viiid

John Lawton the yonger & Thomas Fenton for making an affray the one upon the other iiis iiiid a peece in toto vis viiid

John Johnson for {making} an affray upon Richard Rowley iiis iiiid

Richard Shufflebothom & John Pursell for making an affray thone upon the other iiis iiiid a peece in toto vis viiid

John Twemlowe for making an affray on Willm Kelsall and drewe blood xs

The same John Twemlowe for making an affray upon John Lowe iiis iiiid

The said John Lowe for making an affray on the said *John* Twemlowe iiis iiiid

Thomas Rowley & John Lowe for making an affray the one upon the other iiis iiiid a peece in toto vis viiid

Willm Unwin, Richard Fallowes, Thomas Hulme Willm Wearom & Willm Lowe for the tole of every one a mare iid in toto xd

190 Walton intended?

191 Rescue. The significance of this description is unclear.

Nicholas Hobson the yonger & Willm Cleaton for the tole of either a nagg iiiid in  
toto      viiid

Thomas Lawton for inroaching upon the Lordes wast in Lynley Lane      iis

By me  
Willm Berrington Stuarde

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24th October 1636

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## 45 Court of 14th October 1637

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### 45.1

Lawton

*Curia Leta cum Visus [sic] franci plegii ac Curia Baronia Johannis Lawton armigeri manerii sive dominii sui de Lawton in Comitatu Cestrie tenta ibidem xviii<sup>o</sup> die Octobris Anno Regis Caroli nunc Anglie &c decimo tertio coram Petro Maynwarding generoso Senescallo suo*

[Lawton

*Court Leet with View of Frankpledge and Court Baron of John Lawton esquire of his manor or lordship of Lawton in the county of Chester held there 18 October in the 13th year of the reign of Charles now king of England &c before Peter Maynwarding his Steward.]*

### 45.2

Of Thomas Shaw for breaking thassiz of bread & ale	xiid
of William Unwyne for the like	xiid
of Richard Gally for the like	xiid
of Willm Wearum for the like	xiid
of Thoms Stubbes for the like	xiid
of Robart Walton for the like	xiid
of Richard Tompsone for the like	xiid
of Richard Rowly for afrey upon Willm Sharmon	iiis iiiid
of Willm Rowly for afrey upon Thom Spencer	iiis iiiid

of Thomas Rowly for the lyke <sup>192</sup>	iiis iiiid
of Richard Rowly for the lyke	iiis iiiid
of Thomas Spencer for afrey upon Willm Rowley	iiis iiiid
of Richard Rowly for afrey upon Willm Lawton	iiis iiiid
of Richard Ratclive for afrey upon Willm Clayton	iiis iiiid
of Willm Cleyton for afrey upon Richard Ratclive	iiis iiiid
of <del>Richard</del> {John} Pursell for afrey upon Richard Shou/bothom	iiis iiiid
of Richard Shou/bothom for afrey upon John Pursell	iiis iiiid
of Anne Berron widow for afrey upon Georg Ashley	iiis iiiid
of Thoms Rowly for afrey upon John Low	iiis iiiid
of John Low for afrey & bloodwype upon Thoms Rowly	vis viiid
of Richard Rowly for afrey upon John Low	iiis iiiid
of Willm Wearom for toole of one Nagg <sup>193</sup> according to Custome	iiid
of Willm Lawton of greene for toole of two Mares sold by him	iiid
of Willm Clayton for toole of one Mare sold by him	iid
of Thomas Hulme for toole of one Mare sold by him	iid
of John Bagnall for toole of one Nagg & one Mare sold by him	vid
of Thoms Cartwright for toole of one Nagg & one Mare sold by him	vid
of Margrett Houlse widow for toole of one Mare sold by her	iid
of Thoms Beech for toole of one Mare sold by him	iid
of Willm Lawton Clark for toole of one Mare sold by him	iid
Of Willm Leversage Esquire for not appearing to do his suit & service	xiid
of Randle Roade for not appearing to do his suit & service	xiid

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Of Thomas Turton for not doing his suit & service at this Court	vid
of Willm Deane for the like	vid
of John Savage for the like	vid
of Thomas Fenton for the like	vid
of Richard Rowley for the like	vid
of Thomas Rowley for the like	vid
of Willm Cleaton for breaking the Lords soyle upon the Comons without leave	xiid
of John Drakford for the like	xiid
of John Poole for the like	xiid
of John Bagnall for the like	xiid
of Warber Muchell for the like	xiid
of Richard Pursell for the like	xiid
of Richard Lawton for the like	xiid
of Thomas Shaw for breaking the Lords Soyle upon the Comons without leave	vid
of John Chartley <sup>194</sup> for the like	vid

192 Here and in the following entry, the affray was presumably on Thomas Spencer.

193 A small riding horse or pony.

194 There is no doubt that the surname is written Chartley, but it is probable that Chantler is intended.

of John Gibson for the like	vid
of Richard Gibson for the like	vid
of Robart Gibsone for the like	vid
of John Beech for the like	vid
of Thomas Hulme for the like	vid
of Thom Johnson for the like	vid
of George Ashley for the like	vid
of Anne Berron widow for the like	vid
of Willm Unweyn for the like	vid
of Nicholas Hobson for the like	vid
of Katherin Swynnerton for the like	vid
of Robt Walton for the like	vid
of Willm Wearum for the like	vid
of Hugh Hall for the like	vid
of Anne Lawton widow for the like	vid
of Richard Thropp for the like	vid
of John Thropp for the like	vid
of John Pursell for the like	vid
of Jerom Bromsull for the like	vid
of Randle Walton for the like	vid
of Roger Cumberbach for the like	vid
of Richard Pursell for three severall playnts against Anne Berron widow	xviiiid
of the said Anne [Berron] for three severall playnts against the said Richard [Pursell]	xviiiid
of Richard Edge et Thomas Stubbs pledg at the suit of John Twemlowe	vid
of John Drakford at the suit of Richard Fallowes	vid

**45.3**

Thome Beech ballio ad levandum      Petrus Maynwaringe Senesc[lost ?allus]

[To Thomas Beech bailiff to levy      Peter Maynwaringe Steward]

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[Two entries upside down here i.e. at top of document when folded for filing]

14th October 13th Chas

[Added in pencil 1637]

195 The correct total is £4 7s 0d.

**46 Court of 16th October 1639**

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**46.1**

Lawton

Visus franciplegii ac Curia Leta Johannis Lawton armigeri manerii sive domini sui de Lawton in comitatu Cestrie tentus ibidem xvi<sup>o</sup> die Octobris Anno Regis Caroli nunc Anglie &c decimo quinto

Lawton

*[View of Frankpledge and Court Leet of John Lawton esquire of his manor or lordship of Lawton in the county of Chester held there 16 October in the 15th year of the reign of Charles now king of England &c]*

**46.2**

Of Willm Lawton clearke for sueing one forth of this libertie	xiid
of Ales Shaw for the like	vid
of Nicholas Hobson for toole of a Nagg & Mare	vid
of Jerom Bromsull for toole of a Mare bought within this libertie	iid
of Thomas Shaw for toole of two Mares bought within this libertie	iiiiid
of Willm Deane for toole of one Mare bought within this libertie	iid
of Randle Road Esquire for toole of one Nagg bought within this libertie	iiiiid
of Willm Lawton of the grene for the like	iiiiid
of John Bagnall for the like	iiiiid
of Richard Wolf for the like	iiiiid
of Randle Road Esquire for breaking the lords soyle	xiid

of Willm Deane for the like		xiid
of John Drakford for the like		xiid
of Thomas Shaw, John Channtler, John Poole, John Bagnall John Johnson, Thom Johnson Richard Gibson, John Muchell Nealor George Ashley Anne Berron Willm Unwyn, Raph Kent, Richard Pursell Nicholas Hobson Thom Hulme Robart Walton, Willm Lawton de greene Thom Cloues Hugh Hall William Wearum Roger Cumberbach Jerom Bromsall & Randle Walton for breaking the lords soyle upon the Comons & carryinge it away each of them in 6d		xjs vid
of John Poole Thomas Johnson and Joane Chantler for Carrying away John Gibsons turves after they were gotten each of them in 6d		xviiiid
of Willm Unwyn for breaking the assyz of bread & ale		xiid
of Thoms Shaw for the like		xiid
of Richard Gally for the like		xiid
of Thoms Stubbes for the like		xiid
of Robart Walton for the like		xiid
of Willm Wearum for the like		xiid
of Richard Tompson for the like		xiid
of [blank space here] the wife of Edward Brook Margery Clayton and Ales Titshall for making afrey upon John Clayton each of them in 3s 4d		xs
of Georg Burges of Richard Koll <sup>196</sup>	for making afrey upon Thomas Lowndes Thom Cartwright Richard Leversage & Thomas Rowley & did draw bloud each of them in iiis iiiid	vis viiid
of Thom Lowndes of Thom Cartwright of Richard Leversage of Thomas Rowley	for making afrey upon Georg Burges and Richard Kelshall & did draw bloud each of them in iiis iiiid	xiiis iiiid
of Anne Walton for annoying the high way with carrion		iiis iiiid
of Edward Brook for taking one Ewe & lam within Lawton being wast & nether made the [deletion] Lord aranayment <sup>197</sup> therwith nor proclaymed them, but converted them to his own use		xs
of John Lawton Esquire of Willm Baggely gentleman	for fighting one with the other each of them in 3s 4d	vis viiid
of the wife of Edward Brook for making afrey upon John Corke of John Low for making afrey upon Samson Enny gentleman William Baggely gentleman & upon Richard Ratcliff		iiis iiiid iiis iiiid
of John Lawton Esquire <sup>198</sup> of Samson Enny gentleman	for fighting one with the other each of them in 3s 4d	vis viiid

196 Koll is clearly written, but it seems an unlikely surname, and in view of the next entry on the roll, the surname should presumably read Kelshall.

197 Possibly the word 'arrangement' or 'arraignment' is intended.

198 The lord of the manor.

of Rondle Dale for making afrey upon one Gallymor dwelling with Hugh } iiis iiiid  
 Breton<sup>199</sup> of Auger }  
 of the *said* Gallymor for the like upon the *said* Rondle Dale iiis iiiid

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of Richard Kelshall } for making afrey upon Raph Shawe and John Sharpe } vis viiid  
 of John Kelshall } & bloud each of them in iiis iiiid }  
 of Raph Shaw } for making afrey & bloud upon Richard Kelshall and } vis viiid  
 of John Sharpe } John Kelshall & bloud each of them in iiis iiiid }  
 of John Gibson for making afrey upon Thomas Johnson iiis iiiid  
 of Thomas Johnson for making afrey upon John Gibson iiis iiiid  
 of Anthony Jones for getting marlle<sup>200</sup> within this libertie of Lawton & } vis viiid  
 Carrying the same into Audley libertie having noe right }  
 of the *said* Anthony Jones for incroching part of Buttylane xiid  
 of Willm Sharpe for the like xiid  
 of Edward Johnson for that he hath an incrochment taking forth of Carters } xiid  
 lane, & builded an Oven house upon the *said* waste in Carters lane }  
 of Willm Rowley for incroching part of the *said* Carters lane & [*unclear*] }  
 ?converted] an [*unclear*]<sup>201</sup> of water forth of the right course } iis

**46.3**

Thomas Beech ballivus  
 ad levandum

Petrus Maynwaring generosus Senescallus  
 Curie Manerii predicti

[Thomas Beech bailiff  
 to levy

Peter Maynwaring gentleman steward  
 of the Court of the aforesaid Manor]

199 Breton intended?  
 200 Soil consisting principally of clay mixed with chalk. Valuable as a soil conditioner.  
 201 Probably two or three words here.

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## 47 Court of 7th October 1640

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### 47.1

Manerium de Lawton

Visus franci plegii ac Curia Leta cum Curia Baronia Johannis Lawton Armigeri manerii sive dominii sui de Lawton, tentus apud Lawton predictum in Comitatu Cestrie septimo die Octobris Anno Regni domini nostri Caroli dei gratia Anglie Scotie Frauncie et Hibernie Regis fidei defensoris &c decimo sexto, Coram Petro Maynwaring generoso Senescallo Curie predictae secundum consuetudines &c

### 47.2

Nomina liberorum tenentium qui debent sectas suas separales ad hanc Curiam

Willelmus Leversage Armiger non comparuit  
Randulphus Roade Armiger non comparuit  
Willelmus Lawton clericus comparuit in propria persona sua  
Johannes Lawton de Snape comparuit in propria persona  
Willelmus Rowley comparuit in propria persona sua  
Willelmus Sharman in iure uxoris eius comparuit  
Thomas Hulme comparuit in propria persona sua

Johannes Twemlow de Moole<sup>202</sup> comparuit in propria persona  
Ricardus Lawton comparuit in propria persona sua

202 Mole, Wolstanton parish.

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**47.1**

[*Manor of Lawton*]

*View of Frankpledge and Court Leet with Court Baron of John Lawton esquire of his manor or lordship of Lawton held at Lawton aforesaid in the county of Chester 7th October in the 16th year of the reign of our lord Charles by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, defender of the Faith &c, before Peter Maynwaring gentleman Steward of the aforesaid court according to custom etc.]*

**47.2**

[*The names of free tenants who owe their several suits of court to this Court*]

*William Leversage esquire did not attend*  
*Randall Roade esquire did not attend*  
*William Lawton clerk attended in his own person*  
*John Lawton of Snape attended in his own person*  
*William Rowley attended in his own person*  
*William Sharmon attended in right of his wife<sup>i</sup>*  
*Thomas Hulme attended in his own person*

*John Twemlow of Moole attended in his own person*  
*Richard Lawton attended in his own person*

i Presumably meaning he was essoined by his wife.

Thomas Lawton *essoيناتus per Thomam Beech*  
 Thomas Cloues *comparuit in propria persona sua*  
 Randulphus Poole *essoيناتus per Willelmum Wearum*  
 Willelmus Drakford *comparuit in propria persona sua*  
 Johannes Wearum *comparuit in propria persona sua*

### 47.3

*Inquisitio Capta apud Lawton predictam die et anno supradictis per sacramentum Johannis Lawton Thome Cloues, Willelmi Rowley, Willelmi Lawton, Nicholai Hobsoni Thome Hulme Willelmi Unwyn Rogeri<sup>203</sup> Cumberbach Willelmi Wearum Johannis Gibsoni Radulphi Kent Georgii Ashley Thome Shaw Henrici Wearum et Hugonis Hall, Juratorum Qui dicunt et presentant super Sacramentum suum prout patet Postea videlicet*

*Juratores predicti presentant quod predicti Willelmus Leversage et Randulphus Roade sunt liberi tenentes huius manerii et debent sectas suas separales ad hanc Curiam et ad hunc diem fecerunt defaultum ideo uterque eorum in misericordia vid*

*Item presentant quod Willelmus Unwyn Thomas Shawe, Robertus Walton, Thomas Shawe, Ricardus Galley Willelmus Wearum et Ricardus Tompsoni fuit communes braciatores et tipulatores panis et servicie et fregerunt assisam ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia xiid*

*Item presentant quod Thomas Shawe Johannes Chantler Johannes Muchell Naylor Georgius Ashley Anna Beren Radulphus Kent Willelmus Unwyn Johannes Muchell Ricardus Pursell Johannes Poole Johannes Bagnall Johannes Gibsoni Ricardus Gibsoni Nicholai Hobsoni Ricardus Fallowes Johannes Beech Thomas Hulme Henricus Wearum Willelmus Lawton Rogerus Cumberbach Willelmus Wearum Hugo Hall Thomas Cloues Johannes Lawton Ricardus Tompsoni Jeremias Bromsall et [blank] Walton de le Heath vidua foderunt fregerunt et asportaverunt solum domini super vastum in Lawton predicto ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia vid*

*Item presentant quod Willelmus Deane Johannes Drakforde Edwardus Brook et Thomas Cartwright foderunt fregerunt et asportaverunt solum domini super vastum in Lawton predicto ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia xiid*

*Item presentant quod Willelmus Cleaton accepit et custodivit in domo suo lez Inmates videlicet familiam Edwardi Brook et uxoris eius ideo ipse est in in<sup>204</sup> misericordia vis viiid*

*Item presentant quod Johannes Beech custodit et manutenuit in domo suo unum le Inmate contra formam statuti ideo ipse est in misericordia vs*

203 Name given as Radulphus at end of this document: see 47.6.

204 Dittograph.

*Thomas Lawton essoined by Thomas Beech  
 Thomas Cloues attended in his own person  
 Randall Poole essoined by William Wearum  
 William Drakford attended in his own person  
 John Wearum attended in his own person]*

### 47.3

*[Inquisition taken at Lawton aforesaid on the day and in the year abovesaid by the oath of John Lawton, Thomas Cloues, William Rowley, William Lawton, Nicholas Hobson, Thomas Hulme, William Unwyn, Roger Cumberbach, William Wearum, John Gibson, Ralph Kent, George Ashley, Thomas Shaw, Henry Wearum and Hugh Hall, the jurors, who say and present on their oath as appears afterwards, to wit*

*The aforesaid jurors present that the aforesaid William Leversage and Randall Roade are free tenants of this manor and owe their several suits to this court and on this day they committed default so both of them are in mercy 6d.*

*Item they present that William Unwyn, Thomas Shawe, Robert Walton, Thomas Shawe, Richard Galley, William Wearum and Richard Tompson are common brewers and sellers of bread and ale and have broken the Assize so each of them is in mercy 12d.*

*Item they present that Thomas Shaw, John Chantler, John Muchell naylor, George Ashley, Anne Berren, Ralph Kent, William Unwyn, John Muchell, Richard Pursell, John Poole, John Bagnall, John Gibson, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Hobson, Richard Fallows, John Beech, Thomas Hulme, Henry Wearum, William Lawton, Roger Cumberbach, William Wearum, Hugh Hall, Thomas Cloues, John Lawton, Richard Tompson, Jeremy Bromsall and [blank] Walton of the Heath, widow, dug up, broke up and carried away the lord's soil from the waste in Lawton aforesaid so each of them is in mercy 6d.*

*Item they present that William Deane, John Drakforde, Edward Brook and Thomas Cartwright, dug up, broke up and carried away the lord's soil from the waste in Lawton aforesaid so each of them is in mercy 12d.*

*Item they present that William Cleaton received and kept in his house inmates, to wit the family of Edward Brook and his wife, so he himself is in mercy 6s 8d.*

*Item they present that John Beech kept and maintained in his house an inmate against the form of statute so he himself is in mercy 5s.*

Item presentant Johannem Cleaton quia superoneravit *Communiam* in Lawton *predicto* cum ovibus (anglice for oppressing the Common with shepes) *ideo* ipse est in *misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item presentant Ricardum Sufflebothom quia cepit violenter {averia} a uxore *Johannis* Lawton taylor tam *predicta* uxor averia *predicta* asportabat ad *communem* parcum *per transgressionem factam ideo* ipse est in *misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item presentant Anthonium Jones quia cepit violenter oves a *Nicholao* Hobsone tam *predictus* *Nicholaus Hobsone* averia *predicta* asportabat ad *communem* parcum *per transgressionem factam ideo* ipse est in *misericordia* iis

Item presentant quod *Willelmus* Lawton *Rogerus* Cumberbach *Willelmus* Deane *Willelmus* Wearum et *Thomas* Smyth vendiderunt infra *jurisdictionem* huius manerii *diversas* separales equas citra *ultimam Curiam ideo* quilibet eorum debent solvere *domino* manerii *predicti pro* tolneto earundem equarum iid *secundum consuetudinem* hic usitatam ac approbatam

Item presentant quod *Johannes* Gibsone fecit affraiam super *Willelmum* Clayton *ideo* in *misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item presentant quod *Willelmus* Clayton fecit affraiam super *Johannem* Gibson *ideo* in *misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item presentant quod *Willelmus* Unwyn, *Radulphus* Unwyn, *Radulphus* Unwyn de la Mylne, *Johannes* Twemlow et *Johannes* Taylor de Hollinwood in simul pugnauerunt contra pacem *ideo* quilibet eorum in *misericordia* vis iiiid<sup>205</sup>

Item presentant quod *Thomas* Cartwright fecit affraiam et traxit sanguinem super *Rogerus* Wood *ideo* ipse est in *misericordia* vis viiid

[*Marginal note alongside the last entry in toto 3 - 16 - 4*]<sup>206</sup>

#### 47.4

Item *juratores predicti* presentant *Johannem* Drakford et *Henricum* Wearum ad *serviendum* in officio *Constabularii pro* villa de Lawton *pro* uno anno *proximo* sequente super quo venit *predictus* *Henricus* Wearum in *propria* persona sua et *juratus* est *pro debito executione officii predicti*

Et quia *predictus* *Johannes* Drakford infra *jurisdictionem* huius Curie in officio de *Constabulario* ville *predicte per* *presentationem predictam secundum consuetudinem* a tempore cuius *contrarii* memoria *hominum* non existit in [*unclear* ?ea parte] hic

205 The 6s 4d entered is an unlikely amount, 6s 8d or 3s 4d being more likely. The latter would however give a total of fines of £3 16s 8d rather than the £3 16s 4d shown in the margin, so perhaps 3s 0d is intended.

206 See previous footnote.

*Item they present John Cleaton because he overburdened the common in Lawton aforesaid with sheep (in English for oppressing the common with sheepes) so he is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present Richard Sufflebothom because by trespassing he violently took livestock from the wife of John Lawton taylor as the aforesaid wife was conveying them to the common park, so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present Anthony Jones because by trespassing he violently took sheep from Nicholas Hobson as the aforesaid Nicholas Hobson was conveying the aforesaid livestock to the common park, so he himself is in mercy 2s.*

*Item they present that William Lawton, Roger Cumberbach, William Deane, William Wearum and Thomas Smyth sold within the jurisdiction of this manor divers several mares since the last Court, so each of them ought to pay to the lord of the manor aforesaid by way of toll for the same mares 2d according to the custom here used and approved.*

*Item they present that John Gibson made an affray on William Clayton so in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that William Clayton made an affray on the aforesaid John Gibson so in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that William Unwyn, Ralph Unwyn, Ralph Unwyn of the Mylne, John Twemlow and John Taylor of Hollinwood brawled together against the peace so each of them is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that Thomas Cartwright made an affray, drawing blood, on Roger Wood so he himself is in mercy 6s 8d.*

*In total £3 16s 4d]*

#### **47.4**

*[Item the aforesaid jurors present John Drakford and Henry Wearum to serve in the office of Constable for the township of Lawton for one year next following, on which the aforesaid Henry Wearum came in his own person and was sworn for the due execution of the aforesaid office.*

*And because the aforesaid John Drakford within the jurisdiction of this Court is in the office of Constable of the aforesaid township by virtue of the aforesaid presentation according to custom from a time whereof the memory of man does not go in this*

usitata ac approbata ad hanc Curiam nominatus et electus fuit Ac Sacramentum suum pro debito executione officii illius et per juratores eiusdem Curie oblatus prestine seu officium illud super se suscriptionem penitus recusavit in Contemptu Domini Regis ac?<sup>207</sup> [*unclear* ?perniciosumque] aliorum et derogationem huius Curie ideo Senescallus predictus assideat et imponit super ipsum onerationem predictam xxxix xid ob<sup>208</sup>

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Item juratores predicti presentant Johannem Muchell et Willelmum Dayne ad serviendum in officio Burleymen pro villa de Lawton pro uno anno proximo sequente qui jurati sunt pro debito executione officii predicti

#### 47.5

For the waie to Willm Rowleys Stancliff,<sup>209</sup> the said Jury doe find that he ought not to Dryve the busye beast dealy [?daily intended]

For anncyent Cottages under the Free tenants, the said Jury doe find they have usually Kept geese and Swyne upon the wast lande in Lawton

There is no one yt we knowe that Shall [*unclear* ?righth possibly right intended] any Cart waie out of [*unclear* ?fare fall] into Linley Lane, but John Lawton the free holder and Thomas Beech tayler

Ordinatum est per juratores predictos ex assensu Senescalli ut sequuntur in hec verba videlicet That all the those who have diches that doe annoye the highway to scoure them within one month given to them by the supervisors of the highwaie upon payne of every one be forfett iiis iiiid

Willelmus Taylor querens versus Johannem Olcott et Johannem Throppe in placito debiti xxxixs defendentes in propriis personis suis cognoverunt actionem [*unclear* ?executio] cum iis id misis &c eodem die

Idem querens versus eosdem defendentes in placito debiti xxxixs defendentes in propriis personis suis cognoverunt actionem [*unclear* ?executio] cum iis id misis &c eodem die

Idem querens versus eosdem defendentes in placito debiti xs iid defendentes in

207 This 'ac' seems to be redundant.

208 39s 11½d. This is the maximum sum under £2 0s 0d payable in the currency of the day. There are other similar fines later in this volume but the reason for the apparent limit is not known.

209 This is a field which is assessed at 2s 6d in the earliest Land Tax assessment (1781) for Church Lawton township (CRO, QDV2/111/1). It is given as two adjacent fields, Big and Little Stancliff (27 acres in total), in the 1836 Tithe listing for the parish (CRO, EDT 110/2). In a deed of re-settlement of the Lawton estates dated 17 March 1829 (CRO, DLN 6436/22) it is described (on p. 22) as a wood, formerly part of Lawton Green Farm.

*matter here used and approved at this Court, he was named and elected and his oath for due performance of that office and by the jurors of the same Court [? formerly presented] or that office he utterly refused the undertaking for himself in contempt of the lord king and the ruin of other people and the detriment of this Court, so the aforesaid Steward may assess and impose on him the aforesaid charge of 39s 11½d.]*

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*[Item the aforesaid jurors present John Muchell and William Dayne to serve in the office of Burleymen for the township of Lawton for one year next following and who were sworn for the due execution of the aforesaid office]*

#### 47.5

*[For the way to William Rowley's Stancliff, the said Jury do find that he ought not to drive the busy beast ?daily?*

*For ancient Cottages under the Free tenants, the said Jury do find they have usually kept geese and swine upon the waste land in Lawton.*

*There is no one that we know that shall ?right? any Cart way out of ?fare fall? into Linley Lane, but John Lawton the freeholder and Thomas Beech tailor.*

*It was ordered by the aforesaid jurors with the consent of the Steward as follows in these words, to wit that all the [sic] those who have ditches that do annoy the highway to scour them within one month given to them by the supervisors of the highway upon pain of every one be forfeit 3s 4d.*

*William Taylor plaintiff against John Olcott and John Throppe in a plea of debt 39s, the defendants in their own persons acknowledge the action, execution with 2s 1d for costs etc on the same day.*

*The same plaintiff against the same defendants in a plea of debt 39s, the defendants in their own persons acknowledge the action, execution with 2s 1d for costs etc on the same day.*

*The same plaintiff against the same defendants in a plea of debt 10s 2d, the*

propriis personis suis cognoverunt actionem [*unclear* ?*executio*] cum iis id misis &c eodem die

Edwardus Kelshall querens versus Willelmum Dale in placito transgressionis super casum ad dampnum xxixs vid plegius de *prosequendo* Ricardus Shovelbothom super quod accipit unam equam ipsius Willelmi Dale plegius defendentis Johannes Lawton de Snape defendens per plegium suum dicit non assumpsit ideo xii° [*duodena*] et querens similiter Juratores dicunt quod defendens assumpsit et assiderunt dampnum xxixs vid [*unclear* ?*executio*] pro predicto dampno cum vs viiid misis &c eodem die

Idem querens versus eundem defendentem in placito transgressionis super casum ad dampnum xviiiis iid plegius de *prosequendo* Ricardus Shovelbothom plegius defendentis predictus Johannes Lawton defendens per plegium suum dicit non assumpsit ideo xii° [*duodena*] et querens similiter Juratores dicunt quod defendens assumpsit ac assiderunt dampnum xviiiis iid [*unclear* ?*executio*] pro predicto dampno cum iiiis iiid pro misis

Nicholaus Hobson querens versus Johannem Bagnett in placito debiti xviiiis iiiid partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi

Johannes Lawton querens versus Ricardum Shovelbothom in placito transgressionis ad dampnum vs defendens dicit non [*unclear* ?*culpabilis*] ideo xii° [*duodena*] et querens similiter, Juratores dicunt quod defendens est [*unclear* ?*culpatus*] xiiid [*unclear* ?*executio*] predictos xiid, cum xxiid misis &c eodem die

Willelmus Taylor querens versus Ricardum Shovelbothom in placito debiti iiiis iid partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi

Henricus Ridgwaie querens versus Thomam Shawe in placito debiti iiiis viiid partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi

## 47.6

Nomina juratorum ad triandum exitus ad hanc Curiam [*unclear* ?*iunctos*]

Thomas Cloues	} Jurati	Nicholaus Hobson	} Jurati
Willelmus Rowley		Willelmus Unwyn	
Willelmus Lawton		Thomas Hulme	
Radulphus <sup>210</sup> Cumberbach	} Jurati	Radulphus Skirett	} Jurati
Willelmus Wearume		Georgius Ashley	
Johannes Gibson		Thomas Shaw de le Mosse	

210 Name given as Rogeri at beginning of this document: see 47.3.

defendants in their own persons acknowledge the action, execution with 2s 1d for costs &c on the same day.

Edward Kelshall plaintiff against William Dale in a plea of trespass on the case for damages of 29s 6d the pledge for the prosecuting [of the suit] Richard Shovelbothom, on which he acquired a mare from the said William Dale, the pledge of the defendant John Lawton of Snape, the defendant by his pledge says that he has not undertaken<sup>j</sup> so the Twelve and the plaintiff likewise the jurors say that the defendant did undertake and they assessed damages at 29s 6d the execution for the same damages with 5s 7d for costs.

The same plaintiff against the same defendants in a plea of trespass on the case for damages of 18s 2d, the pledge for the prosecuting [of the suit] Richard Shovelbothom, the pledge of the defendant the aforesaid John Lawton, the defendant through his pledge says that he has not undertaken so the Twelve and the plaintiff likewise, the jurors say that the defendant did undertake and they assessed damages at 17s 2d, the execution for the aforesaid damages with 3s 3d for costs.

Nicholas Hobson plaintiff against John Bagnett in a plea of debt of 18s 4d, the parties have reached an agreement according to the report of Thomas Beech the bailiff.

John Lawton plaintiff against Richard Shovelbothom in a plea of trespass for damages of 5s, the defendant says that he is not ?guilty? so the Twelve and the plaintiff likewise, the jurors say that the defendant is ?guilty? for 12d, execution for the aforesaid 12d, with 22d for costs etc on the same day.

William Taylor plaintiff against Richard Shovelbothom in a plea of debt 4s 2d, the parties have reached an agreement according to a report from Thomas Beech the bailiff.

Henry Ridgwaie plaintiff against Thomas Shawe in a plea of debt 3s 7d, the parties have reached an agreement according to a report from Thomas Beech the bailiff.]

## 47.6

[Names of the jurors for trying the issues ?joined? at this court

Thomas Cloues  
William Rowley  
William Lawton

} Sworn

Nicholas Hobson  
William Unwyn  
Thomas Hulme

} Sworn

Ralph Cumberbach  
William Wearume  
John Gibson

} Sworn

Ralph Skirett  
George Ashley  
Thomas Shaw of the Mosse

} Sworn

j This is a plea in rebuttal of 'non assumpsit'. See A. W. B. Simpson's *A History of the Common Law of Contract: the Rise of the Action of Assumpsit* (Oxford, 1975).





**48 Court of 6th October 1641**

**Nature of document: Proceedings and Estreat of fines**  
**Location of document: Cheshire Record Office**  
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*[Two sheets of parchment pinned together in the top left corner. The top sheet (an estreat of fines) is approximately 10" × 5" in size, the bottom one (the court proceedings) approximately 17½" × 9¾" in size, both written in portrait mode on both sides.*

*The parchments are folded in half on their longer edge and then in half again, the back being endorsed in a non-contemporary hand with the document date for filing.*

*The document is in good condition.]*

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**48.1**

Manerium de Lawton

Visus franci plegii cum Curia Leta ac Curia Baronia Johannis Lawton Armigeri manerii sive Domini sui de Lawton *predicta* tentus *ibidem* sexto die Octobris anno regni regis Caroli nunc Anglie &c decimo septimo Coram Petro Maynwarding generoso Senescallo Curie *predicte* 1641

**48.2**

Of Mary Gally for afry and bloud wype upon John Twemlow	vis viiid
of John Twemlow for afry upon Thomas Shaw	iiis iiiid
of Thom Shaw for afry upon John Twemlow	iiis iiiid
of Robt Scott for afry upon Robart Symson	iiis iiiid
of Margarett Cartleech for afry upon Robt Scott	iiis iiiid
of Richard Low thyonger for afry upon Robt Leigh	iiis iiiid
of Thomas Yeardley <sup>211</sup> for afry & bloud upon Richard Low	vis viiid
of Richard Low for afry upon Thomas Winteley	iiis iiiid
of Richard Low for afry upon William Wearum	iiis iiiid

211 Yeardley is clearly written here, but see the following entry and also the corresponding proceedings, section 48.5, where the surname is given as Winteley in both instances. The surname Winteley does not appear anywhere else in these court rolls, whereas Yeardley appears in 1631, 1632 and 1636. However, the name in these earlier years is Richard, not Thomas, Yeardley. On balance it seems most likely that the Yeardley surname here should be Winteley.

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**48.1**

[*Manor of Lawton*

*View of Frankpledge with Court Leet and Court Baron of John Lawton esquire of his manor or lordship of Lawton aforesaid held there 6 October in the 17th year of the reign of Charles now king of England etc before Peter Maynwaring gentleman Steward of the aforesaid Court 1641]*

**48.2**

[*List of 40 fines – see details opposite]*

of Willm Wearum for afry upon Richard Low	iiis iiiid
of Richard Tompson for breaking thassiz of Bread & Ale	xiid
of Willm Wearum for the like	xiid
of Robt Walton for the like	xiid
of Thomas Shaw for the like	xiid
of Richard Gally for the like	xiid
of Nicholas Hobson thyounger for the like	xiid
of Willm Unwyn for the like	xiid
of Thomas Shaw thelder for the like	xiid
of Willm Deane for the like	xiid
of Elizabeth Walton widow for getting & taking Soyle of the Comon for the like	xiid
of Jerom Bromsal for the like	vid
of Thom Clowes for the like	vid
of Hugh Hall for the like	vid
of Willm Warum for the like	vid
of Thom Beech for the like	vid
of Richard Eardly for the like	vid
of Willm Lawton thelder for the like	vid
of Thomas Hulme for the like	vid
of Nicholas Hobson thelder for the like	vid
of John Bech for the like	vid
of Stephen Smyth for the like	vid
of Elizabeth Kent for the like	vid
of Willm Unwyn for the like	vid
of John Muchell for the like	vid
of Anne Beryn for the like	vid
of Georg Ashly for the like	vid
of John Muchell Noylor for the like	vid
of Warber Muchell for the like	vid
of Richard Gibsone for the like	vid
of John Gibson for the like	vid

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of John Channtler for the like	6d
of Robart Gipson for the like	6d
of Thomas Shaw for the like	6d
of Anne Lawton widow for breaking Soyle upon the Comins	xiid
of Richard Pursell for the like	xiid
of John Bagnall for the like	xiid
of John Poole for the like	xiid

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*[A further list of 23 fines – see details opposite]*



**48.3**

*[Thomas Beech bailiff  
to levy*

*Peter Maynwaring gentleman Steward*

*£6 8s 4d]*

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**48.4**

Manerium de Lawton

Visus franci plegii ac Curia Leta cum Curia Baronía Johannis Lawton armigeri Manerii sive Domini sui de Church Lawton in Comitatu Cestrie tentus ibidem sexto die Octobris Anno Regni Domini nostri Caroli dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regis fidei defensoris &c decimo septimo coram Petro Maynwaring generoso senescallo Curie ibidem.

**48.5**

Inquisitio Capta apud Church Lawton *predictam* die et anno *predictis* per sacramentum Ranulphi Poole, Nicholai Hobson, Willelmi Drakford Thome Hulme Rogeri Cumberbach, Johannis Oldcott, Johannis Muchell, Ricardi Wolfe Thome Shaw senioris Henrici Wearum Ricardi Gipsone, Ricardi Pursell, Willelmi Wearum, Georgii Asley<sup>216</sup> et Ricardi Eardley juratorum qui dicunt et presentant super Sacramentum suum quod Willelmus Leversage armiger et Randulphus Roade armiger sunt liberi tenentes huius Manerii et debent sectas suas separales ad hanc Curiam Et ad hunc diem fecerunt defaultum ideo uterque eorum in misericordia iis

Item presentant quod Randulphus Pever Edwardus Wolf, Johannes Jacksones Robertus Mee, Ricardus Burne Thomas Lowndes et Thomas Harrisone sunt tenentes huius Manerii et debent separatim sectas suas ad hanc Curiam Et ad hunc diem fecerunt defaultum ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia vid

Juratores *predicti* quod Maria Gallye fecit affraiam et traxit sanguinem super Johannem Twemlow ideo ipse est in misericordia vis viiid

Item presentant quod Johannes Twemlow fecit affraiam super Thomam Shaw de Crofft contra pacem ideo ipse est in misericordia iiis iiiid

Item presentant quod Thomas Shaw fecit affraiam super Johannem Twemlow ideo ipse est in misericordia iiis iiiid

Item presentant quod Robertum Scott fecit affraiam super Robertum Symsones ideo ipse est in misericordia iiis iiiid

Item presentant quod Margareta Cartleech fecit affraiam super Robertum Scott ideo est in misericordia iiis iiiid

Item presentant quod Ricardus Low junior fecit affraiam super Robertum Leigh ideo ipse est in misericordia iiis iiiid

216 Ashley intended.

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#### 48.4

[Manor of Lawton

*View of Frankpledge and Court Leet with Court Baron of John Lawton esquire of his manor or lordship of Church Lawton in the county of Chester held there 6 October in the 17th year of the reign of our lord Charles by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith &c before Peter Maynwarding gentleman the steward of the court there.]*

#### 48.5

*[Inquisition taken at Church Lawton aforesaid on the day and in the year abovesaid by the oath of Ralph Poole, Nicholas Hobson, William Drakford, Thomas Hulme, Roger Cumberbach, John Oldcott, John Muchell, Richard Wolfe, Thomas Shaw the younger, Henry Wearum, Richard Gipsone, Richard Pursell, William Wearum, George Asley and Richard Eardley jurors who say and present on their oath that William Leversage esquire and Randall Roade esquire are free tenants of this manor and owe their several suits to this Court and on this day have defaulted so both of them are in mercy 2s*

*Item they present that Randall Pever, Edward Wolf, John Jacksone, Robert Mee, Richard Burne, Thomas Lowndes and Thomas Harrisone are tenants of this manor and severally owe their suits to this Court and on this day have defaulted so each of them is in mercy 6d.*

*The aforesaid jurors present that Mary Gallye made an affray, drawing blood, on John Twemlow so she herself is in mercy 6s 8d.*

*Item they present that John Twemlow made an affray on Thomas Shaw of Crofft against the peace so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that Thomas Shaw made an affray on John Twemlow so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that Robert Scott made an affray on Robert Symson so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that Margaret Cartleech made and affray on Robert Scott so she is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that Richard Low the younger made an affray on Robert Leigh so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

Item *presentant quod* Thomas Wintele<sup>217</sup> fecit affraiam et traxit sanguinem super Ricardum Low *ideo* est in *misericordia* vis viiid

Item *presentant quod* Ricardus Low fecit affraiam super Thomam Wintelye *ideo* ipse est in *misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item *presentant quod* Ricardus Low fecit affraiam super Willelmum Wearum *ideo* ipse est in *misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item *presentant quod* Willelmus Wearum fecit affraiam super Ricardum Low *ideo* ipse est in *misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item *presentant quod* Ricardus Tompson, Willelmus Wearum, Robertus Walton, Thomas Shaw, Ricardus Gally, Nicholaus Hobson junior, Willelmus Unwyn Thomas Shaw senior & Willelmus Deane sunt *communes* brasciatores et tipulatores panis et cervicie et fregerunt assisam *ideo* quilibet eorum in *misericordia* xiid

Item *presentant quod* Elizabetha Walton vidua, Jeremia Bromsall, Thomas Cloues, Hugo Hall, Willelmus Wearum Thomas Beech taylor, Ricardus Eardley, Willelmus Lawton senior, Thomas Hulme, Nicolaus Hobson senior, Johannes Beech Stevenus Smyth, Elizabetha Kent Willelmus Unwyn, Johannes Muchell, Anna Berren, Georgius Ashley, Johannes Muchell nailer Warber Muchell, Ricardus Gibson, Johannes Gibson, Johannes Chanuntler, Robertus Gibsone et Thomas Shaw senior effoderunt ceperunt et asportaverunt solum super vastum<sup>218</sup> in Lawton *predicta* sine jure *ideo* quilibet eorum in *misericordia* vid

Item *presentant quod* Anna Lawton vidua, Ricardus Pursell, Johannes Bagnall, Johannes Poole Willelmus Drakford et Johannes Drakford effoderunt, ceperunt et asportaverunt solum anglice soyle super vastum in Lawton *predicto* sine jure *ideo* quilibet eorum in *misericordia* xiid

Item *presentant quod* Elizabetha Walton, Thomas Cloues, Thomas Hulme et Thomas Cartwright vendiderunt et deliberaverunt infra jurisdictionem quilibet eorum unam equam *ideo* quilibet {eorum} Debet solvere Domino manerii *predicti* iid pro tolneto cuilibet eque *secundum consuetudinem* manerii

Item *presentant quod* Anna Lawton, Willelmus Wearum, et Thomas Cloues vendiderunt et deliberaverunt infra jurisdictionem huius Curie quilibet eorum unum equum *ideo* quilibet eorum debet solvere domino manerii *predicti* iiiid pro tolneto anglice nag Colt eorundem equorum *secundum consuetudinem* manerii *predicti*

Item *presentant quod* Ricardus Shufflebottom erexit super vastum in Lawton

217 See footnote 211.

218 The three words ending here are the first three words on the line in the document, where they are underlined in pencil and a pencil X written in the margin alongside. The significance of this annotation is not known.

*Item they present that Thomas Winteley made an affray, drawing blood, on Richard Low so he is in mercy 6s 8d.*

*Item they present that Richard Low made an affray on Thomas Wintelye so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that Richard Low made an affray on William Wearum so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that William Wearum made an affray on Richard Low so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present that Richard Tompson, William Wearum, Robert Walton, Thomas Shaw, Richard Gally, Nicholas Hobson the younger, William Unwyn, Thomas Shaw the elder & William Deane are common brewers and retailers of bread and ale and have broken the Assize so each of them is in mercy 12d.*

*Item they present that Elizabeth Walton widow, Jeremy Bromfeild, Thomas Cloues, Hugh Hall, William Wearum, Thomas Beech taylor, Richard Eardley, William Lawton the elder, Thomas Hulme, Nicholas Hobson the elder, John Beech, Steven Smyth, Elizabeth Kent, William Unwyn, John Muchell, Anne Berren, George Ashley, John Muchell nailer, Warber Muchel, Richard Gibson, John Gibson, John Chantler, Robert Gibsone and Thomas Shaw the elder without right dug up, took and carried away soil from the waste in Lawton aforesaid so each of them is in mercy 6d.*

*Item they present that Anne Lawton widow, Richard Pursell, John Bagnall, John Poole, William Drakford and John Drakford without right dug up, took and carried away soil, in English soyle, from the waste in Lawton aforesaid so each of them is in mercy 12d.*

*Item they present that within the jurisdiction Elizabeth Walton, Thomas Cloues, Thomas Hulme and Thomas Cartwright each of them sold and delivered a mare so each of them ought to pay to the lord of the manor aforesaid 2d for the toll of each mare according to the custom of the manor.*

*Item they present that Anne Lawton, William Wearum and Thomas Cloues within the jurisdiction of this Court each of them sold and delivered a horse so each of them ought to pay to the lord of the aforesaid manor 4d for a toll, in English nag Colt, for each horse according to the custom of the aforesaid manor.*

*Item they present that Richard Shufflebottom, without right, built on the waste of*

*predicto unam edificationem vocata a swynecoat*<sup>219</sup> iuxta [*unclear ?le*] crofft house sine iure *ideo ipse est in misericordia* iiid

Item *presentant quod* Thomas Cartwright et Carolus Shufflebothom hospitaverunt et custodiverunt in domibus suis vagabandos *ideo uterque eorum in misericordia* vid

Item *presentant quod* Ricardus Lawton obiit<sup>220</sup> Citra Ultimam Curiam existens unus liber tenens huius manerii sed de qua [*deletion*] terra ipsius Ricardi Lawton tenuit ignoramus

Item *presentant quod* Willelmus Rowly non fecit haiamentum suum sufficientem secundum penam impositam super ipsum per le Burlyemen *ideo ipse est in misericordia* vs Et similiter quod *predictus Willelmus Rowly* non fecit haiamentum suum sufficientem secundum penam impositam super ipsum ad aliud tempus *ideo ipse est in misericordia* iiis iiiid

Pena imposita super Thomam Cartwright et Thomam Turton remove lez Inmates in domibus suis citra vicesimum diem Novembris proximum sequentem sub pena uterque eorum xxxixs

Item *presentant quod* Willelmus Rowly Conversit parcellum horrei sui in cottagium pro habitando Nicholai Hobson junioris et [*deletion*] uxor [*sic*] eius existente una filiarum eiusdem Willelmi Rowly *ideo ipse est in misericordia* xls

Item *presentant quod* uxor Edwardi Brooke est abiurgatrix anglice a scowle in Johanne Adams contra pacem *ideo in misericordia* xiid

Whereas John Gibson hath Complayned unto us the Jurors Concerning a wythen standinge betwixt John Gibson yard and John Beeches yard lyeing in Lawton aforsaid we the Jurors having viewed the same do find the said wythen [*unclear ?ther*] belonging unto the yard of the said John Beech

Wee doe find that Richard Shufflebothom hath [*unclear ?turfed*] the footewaie at the back of his house yet nonthles not hurtfull to the inhabitantes soe that the said Richard *Shufflebothom* doe kepe in repare and remove his swynstye hat or before the xxvth daie of March next Comeing and in not soe doing then to remove the waie into the annycnt place agayne upon payne of xs

## 48.6

Item *presentant* Thomam Cartwright pro Randulpho Roade generoso & [*deletion*] Nicholao Hobson pro Willelmo Kelshall quod servient in officio Constabularii pro villa de Lawton pro uno anno proximo sequente qui jurati fuit pro debito executione officii predicti

219 Pigsty.

220 Buried 3 March 1640/41 at Church Lawton (Parish Register).

*Lawton aforesaid a building called a swynecoat next to the Croft House so he himself is in mercy 3d.*

*Item they present that Thomas Cartwright and Charles Shufflebothom have lodged and kept vagabonds in their houses so both of them are in mercy 6d.*

*Item they present that Richard Lawton died since the last Court being a free tenant of this manor but of what land the said Richard held we do not know.*

*Item they present that William Rowly did not make his fence adequately according to the penalty imposed on him by the Burleymen so he himself is in mercy 5s. And likewise that the aforesaid William did not make his fence adequately according to the penalty imposed on him at another time so he himself is in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Penalty imposed on Thomas Cartwright and Thomas Turton to remove the Inmates in their houses by 20 November next following on pain of 39s for both of them.*

*Item they present that William Rowly has converted parts of his barns into a cottage for the habitation of Nicholas Hobson the younger and his wife, she being one of the daughters of the same William, so he himself is in mercy 40s.*

*Item they present that the wife of Edward Brooke is a scold, in English a scowle, on John Adams against the peace so in mercy 12d.*

*Whereas John Gibson hath complained unto us the Jurors concerning a wythen<sup>k</sup> standing betwixt John Gibson's yard and John Beech's yard lying in Lawton aforesaid, we the Jurors having viewed the same do find the said wythen there belonging unto the yard of the said John Beech.*

*We do find that Richard Shufflebotham hath ?turfed the footway at the back of his house yet nonetheless not hurtful to the inhabitants so that the said Richard do keep in repair and remove his swynstye at or before the 25th day of March next coming and in not so doing then to remove the way into the ancient place again upon pain of 10s.]*

## 48.6

*[Item they present Thomas Cartwright for Randall Roade gentleman & Nicholas Hobson for William Kelsall to serve in the office of Constable for the township of Lawton for one year next following, who were sworn to due performance of the aforesaid office.*

k willow tree.

Item *presentant* Henricum Wearum et Johannem Drakford ad *serviendum* in officio Burleymen *pro villa predicta pro uno anno proximo sequente* qui jurati sunt *pro debito executione officii predicti*

**48.7**

Afferatores huius Curie { Thomas Hulme } Jurati  
 { Johannes Oldcott }

Petrus Maynwaringe *generosus* Senescallus  
 Curie *predicte*

Thomas Beech ballivus<sup>221</sup> Curie *predicte*

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**48.8**

T<sup>222</sup> Ricardus Tompson *querens versus* Willelmum Lawton clericum in *placito transgressionis super casum ad dampnum xxxixs xid ob partes predicti posuerunt ad arbitrationem Roberti Auger de Auger*<sup>223</sup> *generosi tam ad audiendum quam ad determinandum*

T Johannes Hall *querens versus* Willelmum Barnatt in *placito debiti xxxixs xid ob plegius de prosequendo Hugo Hall partes concordaverunt per relacionem Thome Beech ballivi*

T Ricardus Low *querens versus* Willelmum Hancock in *placito debiti xxiiis iid plegius defendentis Robertus Walton defendens nihil dicit ideo iudicium pro querente eo quod querela Juratores jurant quod defendens debet debitum*

T Idem *querens versus eundem* Willelmum Hancock in *placito debiti xxiiis iid plegius defendentis Robertus Walton superius quod [unclear ?accipit] bonos predictos defendentis videlicet unum spadonem defendens nihil dicit ideo iudicium pro querente eo quod querela jurant quod defendens debet debitum*

T Johannes Rathbon *querens versus* Johannem Pursell in *placito debiti viiis pro pecunia mutuata partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi*

T Thomas Antrobus *querens versus* Johannem Poole in *placito debiti xxvs partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi*

T Jacobus Shaw senior *querens versus* Rogerum Cumberbach in *placito debiti xxs*

221 There appears to be a redundant 'u' in this word.

222 'T' seems the most likely reading of this decorative letter, perhaps standing for 'titulum', but it is by no means certain.

223 Alsager.

*Item they present Henry Wearum and John Drakford to serve in the office of Burleymen for the township aforesaid for one year next following, who were sworn for due performance of the aforesaid office.]*

**48.7**

[Affeerers of this Court { Thomas Hulme } Sworn  
 { John Oldcott }

*Peter Maynwarding gentleman Steward of the aforesaid Court*

*Thomas Beech bailiff of the aforesaid Court]*

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**48.8**

*[T. Richard Tompson plaintiff against William Lawton clerk in a plea of trespass on the case for damages of 39s 11½d. The aforesaid parties placed themselves under the arbitration of Robert Auger of Auger gentleman both to hear and to determine.*

*T. John Hall plaintiff against William Barnett in a plea of debt for 39s 11½d, pledge for the prosecuting [of the suit] Hugh Hall. The parties came to an agreement according to the report of Thomas Beech the bailiff.*

*T. Richard Low plaintiff against William Hancock in a plea of debt for 23s 2d, pledge for the defendant Robert Walton. The defendant says nothing so judgment is for the plaintiff because the jurors say that the defendant owes the debt.*

*T. The same plaintiff against the same William in a plea of debt for 23s 2d, pledge for the defendant Robert Walton on that he received goods from the aforesaid defendant, that is, a gelding. The defendant says nothing so judgment for the plaintiff because the jurors say that the defendant owes the debt.*

*T. John Rathbon plaintiff against John Pursell in a plea of debt for 8s for money loaned. The parties have reached an agreement according to the report of Thomas Beech the bailiff.*

*T. Thomas Antrobus plaintiff against John Poole in a plea of debt 25s. The parties have come to an agreement according to the report of Thomas Beech the bailiff.*

*T. James Shaw the elder, plaintiff, against Roger Cumberbach in a plea of debt*

pro pecunia mutuata defendens comparuit in propria persona et dicit non debet ideo xii<sup>o</sup> [duodena] et ~~defendens~~ querens similiter Juratores dicunt quod defendens debet debitum et predictus defendens soluit Thomam Beech ballivum tam predictos xxs debita cum misis &c

T Thomas Cloues querens versus Willelmum Wearum in placito debiti vs partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi

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T Johannes Unwyn generosus querens versus Ricardum Burne in placito transgressionis super casum ad dampnum vs partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi

T Johannes Rathbon et Johannes Muchell executores testamenti Radulphi Kent defuncti<sup>224</sup> querentes versus Ranulphum Fallowes in placito transgressionis super Casum ad dampnum xxs quod assumpsit solvere pro Ricardo Cleyton defendens dicit non assumpsit ideo xii<sup>o</sup> [duodena] et Juratores dicunt quod defendens assumpsit et assiderunt dampnum xxs [unclear ?executio] cum xxiid misis &c eodem die

T Eidem executores querentes versus eundem defendentem in placito transgressionis super casum ad dampnum xis iiid pro Centum Caseis defendens dicit non assumpsit ideo xii<sup>o</sup> [duodena] et querens similiter Juratores dicunt quod defendens assumpsit et assiderunt dampnum xis iiid [unclear ?executio] cum xxiid misis &c eodem die

T Willelmus Galle<sup>225</sup> querens versus Ricardum Fallowes in placito debiti iis iiiid pro quatuor diebus in secundo lignum defendens dicit non debet ideo xii<sup>o</sup> [duodena] et ~~querens~~ defendens juratores dicunt quod defendens non debet ideo &c

Ricardus Lee querens versus Willelmum Wearum in placito debiti iis

T Humfridus Dule<sup>226</sup> querens versus Ranulphum Tompsone in placito debiti partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi

T Anna Hobson querens versus Johannem Poole in placito debiti iis partes concordaverunt ex relatione Thome Beech ballivi

T Ricardus Fallowes querens versus Johannem Rathbon et Johannem Muchell executores testamenti Radulphi Kent defuncti in placito debiti xiiis viid partes posuerunt se ad arbitrationem

224 Buried at Church Lawton, 16 June 1641.

225 Could be Gater. Perhaps Gally intended.

226 Dale intended?

20s for money loaned. The defendant attended in his own person and says that he does not owe it. So the Twelve and the plaintiff likewise. The jurors say that the defendant owes the debt and the aforesaid defendant paid Thomas Beech the bailiff the aforesaid 20s debt with costs &c.

T. Thomas Cloues plaintiff against William Wearum in a plea of debt 10s. The parties have come to an agreement according to the report of Thomas Beech the bailiff.

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T. John Unwyn gentleman plaintiff against Richard Burne in a plea of trespass on the case for damages of 5s. The parties have come to an agreement according to a report of Thomas Beech the bailiff.

T. John Rathbon and John Muchell executors of the testament of Ralph Kent deceased, plaintiffs, against Randall Fallowes in a plea of trespass on the case for damages of 20s which he undertook to pay for Richard Cleyton. The defendant said he did not undertake so the Twelve and the jurors say that the defendant did undertake and assessed damages at 20s enforceable with 22d for costs etc. on the same day.

T. The same executors, plaintiffs, against the same defendant in a plea of trespass on the case for damages of 11s 2d for a hundred cheeses. The defendant says he did not undertake so the Twelve and the plaintiff likewise. The jurors say that the defendant did undertake and they assessed damages at 11s 3d enforceable with 22d for costs on the same day.

T. William Galle plaintiff against Richard Fallowes in a plea of debt 3s 4d for four days sawing timber. The defendant said he did not owe it so the Twelve and the defendant. The jurors say that the defendant does not owe the debt, so &c.

Richard Lee plaintiff against William Wearum in a plea of debt 2s.

T. Humfrey Dule plaintiff against Randall Tompsons in a plea of debt 2s. The parties have come to an agreement according to a report by Thomas Beech the bailiff.

T. Anna Hobson plaintiff against John Poole in a plea of debt 3s. The parties have come to an agreement according to a report by Thomas Beech the bailiff.

T. Richard Fallowes plaintiff against John Rathbon and John Muchell, executors of the testament of Ralph Kent deceased in a plea of debt 13s 7d. The parties offered themselves for arbitration.]

**48.9**

*Nomina Juratorum ad triandum exitus inter partes et partes in hanc Curiam [unclear  
?iunctos] &c*

<i>Nicholaus</i> Hobson Juratus <sup>227</sup>	<i>Radulphus</i> Cumberbach Juratus
<i>Willelmus</i> Drakford Juratus	<i>Johannes</i> Oldcot Juratus
<i>Thomas</i> Hulme Juratus	<i>Johannes</i> Muchell Juratus
<i>Ricardus</i> Woolf Juratus	<i>Ricardus</i> Gibsone Juratus
<i>Thomas</i> Chantler Juratus	<i>Ricardus</i> Pursell Juratus
<i>Henricus</i> Wearum Juratus	<i>Willelmus</i> Wearum Juratus

**48.10**

*Petrus* Maynwaring *generosus* Senescallus  
*Curie* *predicte*

*Thomas* Beech ballivus *Curie* *predicte*

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**48.9**

*[The names of the jurors to try issues between parties and parties ?joined in this court*

*Nicholas Hobson sworn  
William Drakford sworn  
Thomas Hulme sworn*

*Ralph Cumberbach sworn  
John Oldcot sworn  
John Muchell sworn*

*Richard Woolf sworn  
Thomas Chantler sworn  
Henry Wearum sworn*

*Richard Gibson sworn  
Richard Pursell sworn  
William Wearum sworn]*

**48.10**

*[Peter Maynwaring gentleman steward of the  
aforesaid Court*

*Thomas Beech bailiff of the aforesaid Court]*

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**49 Court of 4th October 1642**

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**49.1**

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Church Lawton

*Visus franci plegii ac Curia Leta cum Curia Baronia Johannis Lawton armigeri manerii sive dominii sui de Church Lawton in Comitatu Cestrie tentus ibidem quarto die Octobris anno Regis Caroli nunc Anglie &c decimo octavo coram Petro Maynwarding generoso Senescallo*

*[View of Frankpledge and Court leet with Court baron of John Lawton esquire of his manor or lordship of Church Lawton in the county of Chester held there 4 October in the 18th year of the reign of Charles now king of England &c before Peter Maynwarding gentleman Steward.]*

**49.2**

Of Richard Tompson for braking thassiz of Ale  
And the rest as followeth

xiid

of Willm Wearum	xiid
of Thom Shaw	xiid
of Robt Walton	xiid
of Francis Lunt	xiid
of Richard Gally	xiid
of Nicholas Hobson	xiid
of Willm Deane	xiid
of Willm Unwayn	xiid
of Thomas Shaw	xiid
Of Jerum Bromsull for Tole of one Nagg sold when his [ <i>unclear</i> ]	iiid
of Elizabeth Walton for the like	iiid
of Stephen Smyth for the like	iiid
of Willm Deane for the like	iiid
of Richard Low for the like	iiid
of Edward Brook for Toll of one Mare sold within this Jurisdiction	iid
Of Richard Shuffleton <sup>228</sup> for keeping one Inmate in his house contrary to the Statute <sup>229</sup>	xs
of Katherin Lawton for the like	xs
of Thomas Cartwright of the hall greene for the like	xs
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Of Roger Wood for buying Corn contrary to the Statute	vid
of Hugh Hall for afrey on Richard Shufflebothom	iiis iiid
of Thomas Rowly for afrey on Henr Wayt	iiis iiid
of Heny Wayt for afry on Tho Rowly	iiis iiid
of Richard Cartwright for afry on Georg Wardle	iiis iiid
of Georg Wardle for afry on Ric Cartwright	iiis iiid
of Richard Low for afry on Randle Cartwright	iiis iiid
of Randle Cartwright for afry upon ye said Richard Low	iiis iiid
of John Low for afry on Wm Lawton thyounger	iiis iiid
of Wm Lawton for afry on John Low	iiis iiid
of James Baddely for afry on Richard Low	iiis iiid
of Richard Low for afry on James Baddely	iiis iiid
of Katherin Shufflebotham for afry upon Mary Gally	iiis iiid
of the said Mary <i>Gally</i> for afry upon the said Katherin <i>Shufflebotham</i>	iiis iiid

228 Shufflebothom intended?

229 Statute 31 Eliz I. c.7 as mentioned in footnote 152.

230 Turn over.

Of Willm Leversage Esquire for not appearinge to do his sout and service	xiid
of Randle Roade esquire for the like	xiid
of Thom Lowndes for the like	<del>xiid</del> vid
of Thomas Deane for the like	<del>xiid</del> vid
of Edward Wolfe for the like	vid
of Thomas Hamson for the like	vid
of John Jackson for the like	vid
of Willm Roade for the like	vid

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Of Willm Unweyn for the braking the Lords soyle on the Comons	vid
of John Muchell for the like	vid
of John Channtler for the like	vid
of John Gibson for the like	vid
of Richard Gibson for the like	vid
of Georg Ashley for the like	vid
of Anne Berren for the like	vid
of Elizabeth Kent for the like	vid
of Stephen Smyth for the like	vid
of John Beech for the like	vid
of Thom Hulme for the like	vid
of Katherine Lawton for the like	vid
of John Hulse for the like	vid
of Thom Beech for the like	vid
of Willm Wearum for the like	vid
of Roger Cumberbach for the like	vid
of Hugh Hall for the like	vid
of Jermy Bromfild for the like	vid
of Elizabeth Walker for the like	vid
Of Edward Brook for the like	xiid
of Wm Drakford for the like	xiid
of John Drakford for the like	xiid
of Wm Deane for the like	xiid
of John Poole for the like	xiid
of John Bagnall for the like	xiid

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Of Thomas Cartwright for the like	xiid
of John Muchell for the like	xiid
of Thomas Turton for the like	xiid
of Robt Smyth for the like	xiid
of John Lawton for the like	xiid
of Richard Tompson for the like	xiid
Of Richard Edge for not presenting against Thomas Shaw in tow accons <sup>231, 232</sup>	xiid
of Roger Cumberbach at the sout of James Shaw	vid
of James Shaw for two fals playntes againste Roger Cumberbach	xiid
of Francis Lunt at the sout of Richard Gally	vid
of Richard Gally at the sout of Fran Lunt	vid
of James Shaw at the sout of Roger Cumberbach	vid
of Roger Cumberbach for a fals playnt against James Shaw	vid

**49.3**

Thomas Beech ballivus  
ad levandum

[Thomas Beech bailiff  
to levy]

Some total  
5li-16s-8d<sup>233</sup>

per me Petrum Maynwaring  
generosum Senescallum Curie predicti

[By me Peter Maynwaring  
gentleman Steward of the aforesaid Court]<sup>234</sup>

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231 'Two actions' intended.

232 Here and in the following six entries, the amercement is at the rate of 6d for each occurrence. See also footnote 214.

233 This figure is based on the corrected amounts for Thomas Lowndes and Thomas Deane.

234 The following constables for Church Lawton are named in Harl. MS 1943: in 1642 – Will Rowley and Tho Shaw (f. 1); in 1645 – Will Lawton and Ran Lawton (f. 8); in 1646 – Will Unwin and Tho Booth (f. 9). These names agree with the Constables' Book discussed in the Introduction (p. xiii).

## 50 Court of 8th October 1658

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### 50.1

Church Lawton

The view of free pledge with The Court Baron of William Lawton Esquire & of his Mannor or Fee of Church Lawton holden there the eight daie of October in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred Fiffy & Eight before Thomas Bagnall Steward there

### 50.2

Esson John Lawton of the Snape Thomas Cartwright & others

An Inquisicon taken att Church Lawton the daie & yeare abovesaid upon the oath of

Thomas Hulme	Hugh Hall	William Clayton
William Lowe	Nicholas Hobson	William Bagnall <i>sworn</i>
Richard Cartwright <i>sworn</i> <sup>235</sup>	Richard Gibson <i>sworn</i>	William Alexander
Richard Peever	George Ashley	Roger Cumberbatch
		Samuel Poole

235 There are no brackets in the document but it seems clear that the three *sworn* annotations are intended to apply to all the names in each column.

## 50.3

Who being sworne present Uppon their oath as followeth

First they present Ellen Walton widow for breaking the Assize of ale & beare therefore amerced in iiiid Edward Shufflebotham for the like amerce iiiid Richard Kellsall for the like amerce iiiid William Deane for the like amerce in iiiid William Wearum for the like amerce iiiid Robert Weever for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Alice Taylor wife of Thomas Taylor for making an affray & bloodwipe upon Elizabeth Gibson wife of John Gibson & therefore amerced vis viiid

Also they present William Challner for making an affray uppon Richard Heendley amerce iiis iiiid

Also they present that William Bagnall sold a nagg & payd not toll amerce iiiid

Also they present Richard Cartwright for selling a nagg & mare & not paying toll amerce vid

Also they present Thomas Taylor for selling a nagg & not paying toll amerce iiiid

Also they present Stephen Smith for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present William Low for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Thomas Hulme for the like amerce iiiid Also they present Raphe Prince for selling a mare & not paying toll amerce iid

Also they present John Kent for selling a mare & not paying toll amerce vid

Also they present William Lawton Esquire & Lord of the Mannor for stopping for stopping an antient footway neare Thomas Rowleys garden nooke leading out of the lane into ye Bagnatte Flatt amerce in xiid

Also they present Hugh Hall for breaking of the Lords soil amerce iiiid

Also they present Richard [*lost ?Peever*] for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Ann Walton {wid} for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present [*lost ?Jeremie*] Brownefeild for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present James Brownefeild for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Robert Weever for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Roger Cumberbach for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present John Lawton tanner for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present [*space left for omitted forename*] Clowes wid for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Thomas Beech taylor for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Samuell Poole for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Richard Cartwright for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Margerie Johnson widow for the like amerce in iiiid

Also they present George Ashley for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present Margrett Channtler for the like amerce iiiid

Also they present William Dean for the like amerce iiiid



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**51 Court of 15th October 1662**

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**51.1**

Manerium de Church Lawton

Visus Franciplegii cum Curia Baroniam Willelmi Lawton armigeri manerii sui predicti tentus *ibidem* decimo quinto die Octobris anno regni domini nostri Caroli secundi Anglie [lost] dei gratia Francie Hibernie et fidei defensoris & decimo quarto coram Thoma Bagnall senescallo *ibidem*

**51.2**

Essonie

Johannes Lawton de Snape Thomas Cartwright generosus Andreas Lawton generosus Ranulphus Poole [lost] Lawton de Alsager<sup>236</sup> Henricus Wearam Johannes Twomley & alii

Inquisitio capta apud Church Lawton *predictam* die et anno supradictis super sacramentum

{Johannis Lawton Tanner}<sup>237</sup>

Nicholai Hobson

Samuelis Poole

Ricardi Gibson

236 Probably the John Lawton of Alsager who was assessed on £5 p.a. in the Church Lawton poll tax of 1660.

237 This name has been written in afterwards and may have been to replace whatever was originally intended for the entry 'xxxxxx' two lines below.

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**51.1**

[*Manor of Church Lawton*

*View of Frankpledge with the Court Baron of William Lawton esquire of his aforesaid manor held there 15 October in the 14th regnal year of our lord Charles the Second king of England, France and Ireland before Thomas Bagnall steward there.]*

**51.2**

[*Essoins: John Lawton of Snape, Thomas Cartwright gent, Andrew Lawton gent, Randall Poole [lost ?John] Lawton of Alsager, Henry Wearam, John Twomley and others.*

*Inquisition taken at Church Lawton aforesaid on the aforesaid day and year on oath of*

*{John Lawton Tanner}  
Nicholas Hobson*

*Samuel Poole*

*Richard Gibson*

xxxxxxxxxxx <sup>238</sup>	Thome Gough	Willelmi Wearum
Willelmi Lawton	Willelmi Clayton	Henrici Wearum
Thome Holme	Hugonis Hall	Rogeri Cumberbach
Johannis Stonyer	Jacobi Bromfeilld	

### 51.3

Qui dicunt et presentant super sacramentum modo et forma sequente

Imprimis presentant Edwardum Shufflebotham resiantem infra manerium predictum pro non comparendo ad hanc curiam ad faciendum sectam suam curie [lost] ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Ellenam Walton viduam {brasiatorem cervicie} pro fractione Assizam cervicie Ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Edw[lost ?ardum] Shufflebotham pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Elizabetham Kellsall viduam pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia [lost]

Item presentant Annam Deane pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Willelmum Wearum pro Consimili Ideo on misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Robertum Weever pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Samuelem Poole pro fractione solum domini ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Mariam Clowes pro Consimili [lost ?Ideo] amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Thomam Clewlowe pro consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant ~~Thomam~~ {Willelmum} Hulme [lost pro consimili] Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Robertum Plant pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Johannem Lawton pro consimili [lost ideo amerciat] in iiiid

Item presentant Jacobum Bromfeild pro fractione solum domini ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Hugonem Ha[lost ?ll] Consimile Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Robertum Weever pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Annam Walton [lost] pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Jeremiam Bromfeild pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Willelmum We[lost ?aram] pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Willelmum Lawton de Greene pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Marge[lost ?ry] Johnson viduam pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Johannem Gibson juniorem pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant [lost ?George] Ashley pro consimili ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Margaretam Chantler pro consimili ideo amerciat in iiiid

Item presentant Ricardum [lost] Shawe de Mosse pro Consimili Ideo amerciat in iiiid

238 It looks as if a name has been scratched off the parchment here and over-written with crosses.

xxxxxxxxxx	Thomas Gough	William Wearum
William Lawton	William Clayton	Henry Wearum
Thomas Holme	Hugh Hall	Roger Cumberbach
John Stonyer	James Bromfeild]	

**51.3**

*[Who say and present on oath in manner and form following*

*First, they present Edward Shufflebotham dwelling within the aforesaid manor for not appearing at this court to make suit of court so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Ellen Walton widow {brewer of ale} for breaking the Assize of Ale so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Edward Shufflebotham for the same so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Elizabeth Kellsall widow for the same so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Anne Deane for the same so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present William Wearum for the same so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Robert Weever for the same so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Samuel Poole for breaking the lord's soil so he is amerced for 4d.*

*Item they present Mary Clowes for the same she is amerced for 4d.*

*Item they present Thomas Clewlowe for the same so he is amerced for 4d.*

*Item they present ~~Thomas~~ William Hulme for the same so he is amerced for 4d.*

*Item they present Robert Plant for the same so he is amerced for 4d.*

*Item they present John Lawton for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present James Bromfeild for breaking the lord's soil so he is amerced for iiid.*

*Item they present Hugh Ha[lost ?ll] for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present Robert Weever for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present Anne Walton for the same so she is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present Jeremy Bromfeild for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present William We[lost ?aram] for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present William Lawton of Greene for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present Marge[lost ?ry] Johnson widow for the same so she is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present John Gibson the younger for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present [lost ?George] Ashley for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present Margaret Chantler for the same so she is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present Richard Shawe of Mosse for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

Item presentant Willelmmum Wearum juniorem pro Consimili Ideo americiatur in iiid

Item presentant quod Ranulphus Tomson vendidit unam equam et non soluit tolnetum ideo in misericordia iid

Item presentant Tho[lost ?mam] Cartwright de Hallgreene Consimile Ideo ideo americiatur in iid

Item presentant Thomam Rowley pro continuando incroachmentum super vastum domini ideo in misericordia iid

It[lost ?em presentant] Edwardum Johnson pro Consimili Ideo americiatur in iid

Item presentant Jacobum Brownefeld pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia iid

Item pre[lost ?sentant] Margeriam Johnson pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia iid

Item presentant Johannem Poole pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia iid

Item presentant Andream Lawton pro continuatione cotegium ideo in misericordia xiid

Item presentant [blank space] Heayes<sup>239</sup> de Brereton generosum pro Consimili Ideo americiatur in xiid

Item presentant Aliciam Shawe de Little Mosse pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia xiid

Item presentant Radulphum Prince pro consimili in misericordia xiid

Item presentant Johannem Lawton de Snape pro faciendo affraiam et tractione sanguinis ideo in misericordia vis vii [lost ?id<sup>240</sup>]

Item presentant quod Johannes Corke cum inhabitantes manerii predicti grana sua ad molendinum domini {infra manerium predictum} non moluit [lost] suam domino manerii predicti substraxit ideo in misericordia vid

Item presentant Thomam Rowley pro Consimili Ideo in m[lost ?isericordia vid]

Item presentant Johannem Lawton de Snape pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia domini vid

Item presentant Johannem Lawton Tanner pro C[lost ?nsimile] Ideo in misericordia vid

Item presentant Mariam Clowes pro Consimili Ideo in misericordia vid

Item presentant Willelmmum Postles pro Consimili [lost Ideo in] misericordia vid

Ricardus Pigott querens versus Ricardum Shufflebotham de placito debiti viis iid super compotum defendens dicit quod nil debito et ren[lost] quia similiter

239 No one of this or similar surname appears in the Brereton poll tax of 1660 or hearth tax of 1668 (Lawton, pp. 70 & 262 respectively). A Richard Hayes was assessed on £15 10s 0d p.a. in Church Lawton poll tax of 1660 (Lawton, p. 96).

240 This scribe uses a terminal 'j' in numerals elsewhere and the surviving text before the tear is 'xii' so there *is* a missing 'j' here. Additionally, the penalty for an affray drawing blood is usually 6s 8d.

*Item they present William Wearum the younger for the same so he is amerced for 3d.*

*Item they present that Randall Tomson sold a mare and did not pay the toll so in mercy 2d.*

*Item they present Thomas Cartwright of Hallgreene for the same so he is amerced for 2d.*

*Item they present Thomas Rowley for maintaining an encroachment on the lord's waste so in mercy 2d.*

*Item they present Edward Johnson for the same so he is amerced for 2d.*

*Item they present James Brownefeld for the same so in mercy 2d.*

*Item they present Margery Johnson for the same so in mercy 2d.*

*Item they present John Poole for the same so in mercy 2d.*

*Item they present Andrew Lawton for maintaining a cottage so in mercy 12d.*

*Item they present [blank space] Heayes of Brereton gent for the same so he is amerced for 12d.*

*Item they present Alice Shawe of Little Mosse for the same so in mercy 12d.*

*Item they present Ralph Prince for the same in mercy 12d.*

*Item they present John Lawton of Snape for making an affray and drawing blood so in mercy 6s ?8d.*

*Item they present that John Corke with the inhabitants of the aforesaid manor, did not grind his grain at the Lord's mill {within the aforesaid manor} [lost] he withdrew from the lord of the manor aforesaid so in mercy 6d.*

*Item they present Thomas Rowley for the same so in mercy ?6d.*

*Item they present John Lawton of Snape for the same so in the lord's mercy 6d.*

*Item they present John Lawton Tanner for the same so in mercy 6d.*

*Item they present Mary Clowes for the same so in mercy 6d.*

*Item they present William Postles for the same so in mercy 6d.*

*Richard Pigott plaintiff against Richard Shufflebotham in a plea of debt of 7s 2d on an account the defendand says that nothing is owed and [lost] because likewise]*

51.4

Ad Curiam Baroniam Juratores videlicet Nicholaus Hobson Willelmus Lawton Thomas Hulme Johannes St[lost ?onyer]<sup>241</sup> Samuel Poole Thomas Gough Willelmus Clayton Hugo Hall Jacobus Bromfall Ricardus [lost ?Gibson] Willelmus Wearum & Henricus Wearam, qui jurati ad triandum exitus predictos inter partes predictos invenerunt [lost] pro querente pro debito viis de debito predicto rendente pro defendenti et permisserunt iid

Item juratores presentant Johannem Lawton de Snape et Hugonem Hall Constabularios & Robertus [lost] juratus {fuit} Constabularius vice predicti Hugonis Hall per assensum juratorum

Item presentant Thomam Beech de Greene & Robertum Weever Burlimen

51.5

Samuel Poole } Afferatores Curie  
Henricus Wearam } Jurati

Examinatum per Thomam Bagnall  
Senescallum ibidem

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241 Missing names in this section supplied from the names of the jurors at the start of this court roll.

**51.4**

*[Jurors at the Court Baron, to wit Nicholas Hobson, William Lawton, Thomas Hulme, John St[lost ?onyer], Samuel Poole, Thomas Gough, William Clayton, Hugh Hall, James Bromfall, Richard [lost ?Gibson], William Wearum, Henry Wearum, who, sworn to try the aforesaid issues between the aforesaid parties found for the plaintiff for ~~for debt~~ 7s of the aforesaid debt according to the defendant and setting aside 2d.*

*Item the jurors present John Lawton of Snape & Hugh Hall Constables and Robert [lost] was sworn as Constable in place of the aforesaid Hugh Hall by the agreement of the jurors*

*Item they present Thomas Beech of Greene & Robert Weever as Burlimen]*

**51.5**

[Samuel Poole } Affeerers of the Court  
Henry Wearam } Sworn

*Examined by Thomas Bagnall  
steward there]*

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## 52 Court of 5th October 1663

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### 52.1

Church Lawton

Visus franciplegii cum Curia Baroniam manerii [*unclear* ?Willmi Lawton] armigeri manerii sive feodi de Church Lawton *ibidem* vicesimo quinto die Octobris anno regni domini nostri Caroli Secundi & dei gratia Anglie Scotie Francie & Hibernie regis fidei defensoris decimo quinto coram Thoma Bagnall senescallo *ibidem*

### 52.2

Essonie

Thomas Cartwright Andreas Lawton *generosus* Ranulphus Poole Thomas Clowes et alii

Inquisitio capta apud Church Lawton die et anno *supradictis* super sacramentum Johannis Lawton de Snape Thome Rowley Nicholai Hobson Willelmi Lawton Thome Beeche Ricardi Cartwright Thome Hulme Willelmi Loe Hugonis Hall Thome Goughe Georgii Ashley Stephani Smyth Johannis Lawton tanner Jacobi Brownefeld & Johannis Twemlowe

### 52.3

Qui quidem Juratores (*preter* Johannem Lawton de Snape Thomam Rowley &

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**52.1**

[Church Lawton

*View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of the manor aforesaid of William Lawton esquire lord of the manor or fee of Church Lawton there 25 October in the 15th regnal year of our lord Charles the Second defender of the faith & by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland before Thomas Bagnall steward there.]*

**52.2**

[Essoins

*Thomas Cartwright, Andrew Lawton gentleman, Randall Poole, Thomas Clowes & others*

*Inquisition taken at Church Lawton on the aforesaid day and year on the oath of John Lawton of Snape, Thomas Rowley, Nicholas Hobson, William Lawton, Thomas Beeche, Richard Cartwright, Thomas Hulme, William Loe, Hugh Hall, Thomas Goughe, George Ashley, Stephen Smyth, John Lawton tanner, James Brownefeild & John Twemlowe.]*

**52.3**

[Who, these Jurors (except John Lawton of Snape, Thomas Rowley & John Lawton

Johannem Lawton tanner qui in presenti cum offensis tantum dissentiebant) super sacramentum suum presentant ut sequitur

Imprimis presentant Ranulphum Rode armigerum pro non comparendo ad faciendum sectam curie existentem liberum tenentem de manerii predicti ideo in misericordia domini xiid

Item presentant Ellenam Walton viduam Edwardum Shufflebotham Elizabetham Kellsall Annam Deane viduam Willelmum Wearum & Robertum Weever pro fractione Assize Cervisie ideo quilibet eorum amerciatur in iiiid

Item presentant Margeriam Johnson viduam pro continuando cottagium ideo in misericordia domini iiiid

Item presentant Aliciam Shawe pro consimili amerciatur iiiid

Item presentant Thomam Cartwright de Hallgreene pro continuando cottagium ideo amerciatur in vid

Item presentant Andream Lawton generosum pro continuando cottagium ideo amerciatur in xiid

Item presentant Willelmum Lawton armigerum pro continuando cottagium in quo Margareta Bardeley inhabitat

Item presentant Johannem Poole pro incrochiamento super vastum domini ideo amerciatur in iid

Item presentant Margeriam Johnson viduam, Margaretam Chantler, Ricardum Shawe & Jacobum Brownefeild pro consimili ideo quilibet eorum amerciatur in iid

Item presentant quod Thomas Goughe vendidit equam et non solvit tolnetum ideo in misericordia iid

Item presentant quod Johannes Corke vendidit spadonem & non solvit tollnetum ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant quod Stephanus Smithe vendidit spadonem et non solvit tollnetum ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant quod Johannes Lawton de Snape fregit solum domini manerii predicti ideo amerciatur iiiid

Item presentant Thomam Cartwright pro consimili ideo amerciatur iiiid

Item presentant Mariam Clowes pro consimili ideo amerciatur iiiid

Item presentant Hugonem Hall Ricardum Cartwright Thomam Beech de Greene Thomam Hulme Stephanum Smith Jacobum Brownefeild Annam Walton viduam Jeremiam Brownefeild & Margeriam Johnson separatim pro fractione soli domini ideo quilibet eorum amerciatur in iiiid

Item presentant Johannem Lawton de Snape pro non molando granam suam a predicto molendino domini manerii predicti infra manerium predictum sed subtrahabant sectam suam abinde ideo in misericordia domini vid

Item presentant Mariam Clowes viduam pro consimili ideo amerciatur vid

tanner who greatly disagreed with the offences in the presentment) on their oath present as follows

First, they present Randall Rode esquire for not attending to make suit of court being a free tenant of the aforesaid manor so in the lord's mercy 12d.

Item they present Ellen Walton widow, Edward Shufflebotham, Elizabeth Kellsall, Anne Deane widow, William Wearum & Robert Weever for breaking the Assize of Ale so each of them is amerced for 4d.

Item they present Margery Johnson widow for maintaining a cottage so in the lord's mercy 4d. Item they present Alice Shawe for the same she is amerced for 4d. Item they present Thomas Cartwright of Hallgreene for maintaining a cottage so he is amerced for 6d. Item they present Andrew Lawton gentleman for maintaining a cottage so he is amerced for 12d. Item they present William Lawton esquire for maintaining a cottage in which Margaret Bardeley dwells.

Item they present John Poole for an encroachment on the lord's waste so he is amerced for 2d. Item they present Margery Johnson widow, Margaret Chantler, Richard Shawe & James Brownefeild for the same so each of them is amerced for 2d.

Item they present that Thomas Goughe sold a mare and did not pay the toll so in mercy 2d. Item they present that John Corke sold a gelding and did not pay the toll so in mercy 4d. Item they present that Stephen Smithe sold a gelding and did not pay the toll so in mercy 4d.

Item they present that John Lawton of Snape broke the soil of the lord of the aforesaid manor so he is amerced 4d. Item they present Thomas Cartwright for the same so is amerced 4d. Item they present Mary Clowes for the same so she is amerced 4d.

Item they present Hugh Hall, Richard Cartwright, Thomas Beech of Greene, Thomas Hulme, Stephen Smithe, James Brownefeild, Anne Walton widow, Jeremy Brownefeild & Margery Johnson severally for breaking the lord's soil so each of them is amerced for 4d.

Item they present John Lawton of Snape for not grinding his grain from the aforesaid mill of the lord of the aforesaid manor within the aforesaid manor but withdrew his suit from there so in the lord's mercy 6d. Item they present Mary Clowes widow for the same so she is amerced 6d.

Item presentant Willelmum Lawton {[lost]} pro obstupando viam pedestrem transientem in quadam parcellam terre infra manerium domini predicti in poss[ess]ione<sup>242</sup> predicti Willelmi Lawton iacente iuxta domum Thome Rowley ideo amerciatur iid

A payne layd uppon Stephen Smith that he remove his style in the head of his feild called the Coldpitt Feild and sett it in its right place where the stile anciently stood before the twelfth daie of November next or els to forfeit two shillings & sixpence

52.4

Item Juratores presentant Willelmum Lawton de Greene & Willelmum Hulme Constabularios pro anno sequente et jurati fuit ad officium predictum bene et fideliter exequendum

Item juratores presentant Johannem Lawton de Snape et Hugonem Hall Burlimen & jurati.

52.5

Johannes Twemlow } Afferatores Curie  
Thomas Hulme } Jurati

Examinatum per me Thomam Bagnall  
Senescallum ibidem

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Court Roll for the Manor of  
Lawton  
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*Item they present William Lawton for obstructing the footpath crossing a certain parcel of land within the manor of the aforesaid lord in the possession of the aforesaid William Lawton lying by the house of Thomas Rowley so he is amerced 2d.*

*A pain laid upon Stephen Smith that he remove his stile in the head of his field called Coldpitt Field and set it in its right place where the stile anciently stood before the 12 November next or else to forfeit 2s 6d.]*

**52.4**

*[Item the Jurors present William Lawton of Greene and William Hulme Constables for the following year and they were sworn to the aforesaid office to execute it well and faithfully. Item the jurors present John Lawton of Snape and Hugh Hall Burlimen & they are sworn.]*

**52.5**

<i>[John Twemlow</i>	}	<i>Affeerers of the Court</i>
<i>Thomas Hulme</i>		<i>Sworn</i>

*Examined by me Thomas Bagnall  
Steward there]*

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### 53 Court of 5th October 1666

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*An estreat of fines dated 4 October 18 Chas [1642] (see Section 49) was mistakenly filed with this document in the Lawton muniments and is not separately catalogued at CRO.]*

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#### 53.1

Church Lawton

Visus franciplegii cum Curia Baronia Willelmi Lawton armigeri manerii sui de Church Lawton predicto tentus ibidem quinto die Octobris anno regni domini nostri Caroli secundi dei gratia Anglie Scotie Frauncie & Hibernie Regis fidei defensoris &c decimo octavo coram Thoma Bagnall Senescallo ibidem

#### 53.2

Inquisitio capta apud Church Lawton die et anno supradictis super sacramentum Thome Cartwright ge[lost ?nerosi] Johannis Lawton tanner Nicholai Hobson Willelmi Lawton, Johannis Mutchell, Samuelis Poole Stephani Smyth Thome Hulme Thome Beech de Greene Hugonis Hall, Willelmi Weyrum Georgii Ashley Ricardi Gibson, Johannis Mutchell naylor & Roberti Sillito qui[lost] jurati et onerati dicunt ut presentant super sacramentum suum ut sequitur

#### 53.3

Imprimis presentant Edwardum Hancock pro fractione Assizam Cervicie ideo amerciatur in iiiid  
Item presentant Edwardum Shufflebotham, Elizabetham Kellsall viduam Annam

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**53.1**

[Church Lawton

*View of Frankpledge with the Court Baron of William Lawton esquire of his manor of Church Lawton aforesaid held there 5 October in the 18th regnal year of our lord Charles II by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith &c before Thomas Bagnall Steward there.]*

**53.2**

*[Inquisition taken at Church Lawton on the abovesaid day and year on the oath of Thomas Cartwright gent, John Lawton tanner, Nicholas Hobson, William Lawton, John Mutchell, Samuel Poole Stephen Smyth Thomas Hulme Thomas Beech de Greene Hugh Hall William Weyrum, George Ashley, Richard Gibson, John Mutchell naylor & Robert Sillito who being sworn and charged thus to present on their oath as follows]*

**53.3**

*[First, they present Edward Hancock for breaking the Assize of Ale so he is amerced for 4d. Item they present Edward Shufflebotham, Elizabeth Kellsall widow, Anne*

Deane viduam Willelmum Wearum & Robertum Weever *pro consimili ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia* iiiid

Item presentant Margeriam Johnson viduam *pro continuendo cottagium ideo in misericordia* iiiid [lost]

Item presentant Aliciam Shawe & Willelmum Lawton armigerum [lost]

Item presentant Andream Lawton generosum *pro continuendo* [lost]

Item presentant Johannem Poole *pro encrochiamento super vastum* [lost] Margaretam Johnson *pro consimili Ranulphum Tomp*[lost ?son<sup>243</sup>] Mosse *pro consimili Jacobum Brownefeld & Annam Walton pro consimili ideo quil*[lost ?ibet eorum in] *misericordia* iiiid.

Item presentant Nicholaum Hobson *pro venditione spadonem et non solvendo {consimili ideo qui*[lost]<sup>244</sup>*}* tollnetum *ideo in misericordia* iiiid

Item presentant Radulphum Hilditch *pro consimili Edwardum Hancock pro consimili ?d Thomam Cartwright generosum pro consimili ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia* iiiid

Item presentant Johannem Mutchell de Morehead *pro fractione solum domini ideo in misericordia* iiid

Item presentant Hugonem Hall *pro consimili Thomam Hulme pro consimili Willelmum Wearum dm seniore pro consimili Willelmum Wearum juniorem pro consimili Willelmum Lawton de Greene pro consimili Johannem Gibson pro consimili Thomam Beech de Greene pro consimili Robertum Weever pro consimili Johannem Mutchell naylor pro consimili ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia* iiid

Item presentant Johannem Crompton armigerum *pro fractione solum domini ideo in misericordia* xiid

Item presentant Willelmum Sherratt *pro fractione solum domini ideo in misericordia* iiiid

Item presentant Thomam Clewlowe *pro consimili Johannes Lawton de Snape pro consimili et Samuelem Poole pro consimili ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia* iiiid

Item presentant Johannem Lawton de Snape *pro non molendo granam suam apud molendinum domini ideo in misericordia* iiiid

Item presentant Robertum Weever *pro affraia super Georgium Ashley ideo in misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item presentant Robertum Weever *pro affraia et trahendo sanguinem super Johannem Booth ideo in misericordia* vis viiid

Item presentant Johannem Weever *pro affraia super Johannem Booth ideo in misericordia* iiis iiiid

Item presentant Johannem Booth *pro affraia super Johannem Weever ideo in misericordia* iiis iiiid

243 Probably four or five words lost here.

244 This apparent insertion is probably made in the wrong place.

*Deane widow, William Wearum & Robert Weever for the same so each of them in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Margery Johnson widow for maintaining a cottage so in mercy 4d. Item they present Alice Shawe & William Lawton esquire [lost]<sup>1</sup> Item they present Andrew Lawton gentleman for maintaining [lost]*

*Item they present John Poole for encroachment on the lord's waste [lost] Margaret Johnson for the same, Randall Tomp[lost ?son followed by several other words] Mosse for the same, James Brownefeild & Anne Walton for the same so each of them in mercy 4d. Item they present Nicholas Hobson for the sale of a gelding and not paying the {the same so each [lost]<sup>m</sup>} toll so in mercy 4d. Item they present Ralph Hilditch for the same, Edward Hancock for the same, Thomas Cartwright gent for the same so each of them in mercy 4d. Item they present John Mutchell of Morehead for breaking the lord's soil so in mercy 3d.*

*Item they present Hugh Hall for the same, Thomas Hulme for the same, William Wearum the elder for the same, William Wearum the younger for the same, William Lawton of Greene for the same, John Gibson for the same, Thomas Beech of Greene for the same, Robert Weever for the same, John Mutchell naylor for the same so each of them in mercy 3d. Item they present John Crompton esquire for breaking the lord's soil so in mercy 12d. Item they present William Sherratt for breaking the lord's soil so in mercy 4d. Item they present Thomas Clewlowe for the same, John Lawton of Snape for the same & Samuel Poole for the same so each of them in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present John Lawton of Snape for not grinding his grain at the Lord's mill so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Robert Weever for affray on George Ashley so in mercy 3s 4d.*

*Item they present Robert Weever for affray and drawing blood on John Booth so in mercy 6s 8d.*

*Item they present John Weever for affray on John Booth so in mercy 3s 8d.*

*Item they present John Booth for affray on John Weever so in mercy 3s 4d.]*

1 See the 1663 and 1667 proceedings where these two persons and the one in the presentment immediately following were separately amerced both years for maintaining a cottage. Presumably this missing entry is for the same offence.

m Due to the missing part of this insertion, its meaning is unclear.

**53.4**

Item presentant Thomam Cartwright de Hallgreene et Willelmum Wearum Constabularios Jurati

Item presentant Thomam Beech taylor & Ricardum Cartwright Chandler Burleymen & Jurati

**53.5**

Afferatores Curie	Johannes Lawton Tanner	} Jurati
	Johannes Mutchell	

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5th October 16[lost]

Court Roll for the Man[lost or]  
of Lawton

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**54** **Court of [lost]<sup>245</sup>**

<b>Nature of document:</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>
<b>Location of document:</b>	<b>Cheshire Record Office</b>
<b>Document reference:</b>	<b>DLN 7110/34</b>

*[A sheet of parchment now approximately 14½" × 8¾" in size but originally probably up to 2" longer, written in portrait mode on one side only.]*

*This parchment is folded in half lengthwise and the bottom has been folded up to shorten the whole, the top of the right hand side of the back being endorsed in a non-contemporary hand with the document title and presumably date for filing.*

*The document is in mediocre condition, the top of the sheet (including part of the relatively modern endorsement on the back of the document) and the lower, outer corner of the folded sheet being rotted away.*

*Comparing what remains of the filing annotation with similar ones in nearby years, it appears that 1"-1½" has been lost from the highest surviving point of the text (the top right-hand corner). However, apart from the court heading, there is probably only a moderate loss of data.]*

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**54.1**

*[lost ?Visus franciplegii cum Curia Baronia<sup>246</sup> manerii sui de Church Lawton predicto tentus] ibidem [lost ?anno regni domini nostri Caroli sec]undi Dei [lost ?gratia Anglie Scotie Francie & Hibernie Regis] fidei defensoris [lost ?&c] decim<sup>247</sup> [lost ?coram Thoma B]agnall [lost ?Senescallo] ibidem*

**54.2**

*[lost ?Inquis]itio capta apud Church [lost ?Lawt]on die et anno supradictis super sacramentum [lost<sup>248</sup>] Mutchell de Morehead Henrici Wearum Nicholai Hobson, Willelmi [lost ?La]wton Thome Hulme Willelmi Lowe Ricardi Cartwright de Mosse*

245 Michaelmas 1667. The reason for this determination is given in the Introduction, p. xiv. There is an incorrect pencilled note of unknown date on the back of the roll stating it to be 1668.

246 The name of the lord of the manor would have been written here. For all the possible dates for this document the lord of the manor was William Lawton.

247 The second part of the number is missing.

248 Probably John. See 1666.

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**54.1**

[lost ?View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of his [William Lawton's] manor of Church Lawton aforesaid held] there [lost ?in the ?? regnal year of our lord Charles the] second [lost ?by the grace of] God [lost ?king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland] defender of the faith [lost ?&c] I? [lost ?before Thomas B]agnall [lost] [lost ?steward] there.

**54.2**

[Inquisition taken at Church Lawton on the abovesaid day and year on the oath of John Mutchell of Morehead, Henry Wearum, Nicholas Hobson, William Lawton, Thomas Hulme, William Lowe, Richard Cartwright of Mosse, John Poole, Richard

Johannis Poole Ricardi Cartwright chandler Hugonis Hall Jacobi Brownefield Willelmi Weyrum Johannis Mutchell nayler et Peter Sillito &c qui jurati et onerati ad inqu[lost ?irendum presentant] et dicunt super sacramentum suum ut sequitur

### 54.3

Imprimis presentant Edwardum Hancock pro fractione Assizum Cervicie ideo amerciatur iiiid

Item presentant Edwardum Shufflebothom, Annam Deane viduam et Willelmum Wearum pro consimili ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Margeriam Johnson pro continuendo cottagium ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Aliciam Shawe, Andreum Lawton generosum et Willelmum Lawton armigerum {pro consimili} ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Ricardum Shufflebothom pro receptione inmati [sic] ideo amerciatur vs

Item presentant Willelmum Lawton de Greene pro venditione equam et non solvendo tollnetum ideo in misericordia iid

Item presentant Willelmum Arderne et Hugonem Hall pro vendendo {spadonem} et non &c ideo uterque eorum in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Thomam Clewelowe pro fractione solum domini ideo in misericordia iiiid

Item presentant Samuelem {iiiid} Poole Thomam {iiiid} Hanson Johannem {iiiid} Lawton Mariam {iiid} Clowes Jacobum {iiid} Brownefield Willelmum {iiid} Postles Ranulphum {iiid} Tompson Radulphum {iiid} Hildich Annam {iiid} Walton de Heath Stephanum {iiid} Smith Thomam {iiid} Hulme Hugonem {iiid} Hall Willelmum {iiid} Wearum seniozem Willelmum {iiid} Wearum juniorem Johannem {iiid} Brownefield Robertum {iiid} Weever Thomam {iiid} Machin & Thomam {iiid} Johnson et Willelmum {xiid} Parker {generosum} pro consimili ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia pro ut patet superius eorum capita

Item presentant quod Thomas Cartwright generosus liber tenens infra manerium predictum obiit citra ultimam Curiam seisitus de uno messagio et diversis terris infra manerium predictum sed quid accidit domino super eius mortem juratores ignorant

### 54.4

Item presentant Johannem Stonier et Johannem Poole Constabularios pro anno [lost ?proximo] sequente

*Cartwright chandler, Hugh Hall, James Brownfeild, William Weyrum, John Mitchell nayler and Peter Sillito &c who being sworn and charged to the inquisition say on their oath as follows]*

### 54.3

*[First, they present Edward Hancock for breaking the Assize of Ale so he is amerced for 4d. Item they present Edward Shufflebothom, Anne Deane widow and William Wearum for the same so each of them in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Margery Johnson for maintaining a cottage so in mercy 4d. Item they present Alice Shawe, Andrew Lawton gentleman & William Lawton esquire for the same so each of them in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Richard Shufflebothom for receiving an inmate so he is amerced 5s.*

*Item they present William Lawton of Greene for selling a mare and not paying the toll so in mercy 2d. Item they present William Arderne and Hugh Hall for selling a gelding and not &c so both of them in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Thomas Clewlowe for breaking the lord's soil so in mercy 4d.*

*Item they present Samuel {4d} Poole, Thomas {4d} Hanson, John {4d} Lawton, Mary {3d} Clowes, James {3d} Brownefield, William {3d} Postles, Randall {3d} Tompson, Ralph {3d} Hildich, Anne {3d} Walton of Heath, Stephen {3d} Smith, Thomas {3d} Hulme, Hugh {3d} Hall, William {3d} Wearum the elder, William {3d} Wearum the younger, John {3d} Brownfield, Robert {3d} Weever, Thomas {3d} Machin & Thomas {3d} Johnson and William {12d} Parker gentleman for the same so each of them in mercy for as appears above by their heads.*

*Item they present that Thomas Cartwright gentleman a free tenant within the aforesaid manor died since the last Court seised of one messuage and divers lands within the aforesaid manor but what falls to the lord on account of his death the jurors do not know.]*

### 54.4

*[Item they present John Stonier and John Poole Constables for the following year*



*Item they present John Lawton Tanner & Robert Plant Burleymen for the following year*

*John Stonier } Constables*  
*John Poole }*

*John Lawton } Burleymen]*  
*Robert Plant }*

**54.5**

*[Affeerers of the Court    Richard Cartwright } Sworn*  
*Nicholas Hobson    }*

*Examined by me Thomas Bagnall*  
*Steward there]*

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[In English – see details opposite]

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## 55 Court of 26th September 1671

<b>Nature of document:</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>
<b>Location of document:</b>	<b>Cheshire Record Office</b>
<b>Document reference:</b>	<b>DLN 7110/35</b>

[A single sheet of parchment approximately 16½" × 10½" in size written in portrait mode on one side only.

The parchment is folded in half and half again crosswise, the back being endorsed in pencil in a non-contemporary hand with the document regnal year for filing.

The document is in passable condition although with a large area on the left hand side rotted away with material loss of data.]

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### 55.1

Church Lawton

Visus franciplegii cum Curia Baronia Willelmi Lawton armigeri manerii sui de Church Lawton *predicto* tentus *ibidem* vicisimo sexto die Septembris anno regni domini nostri Caroli Secundi dei gratia Anglie Scotie Frauncie & Hibernie Regis &c fidei defensoris &c vicesimo tertio coram Thoma Bagnall senescallo *ibidem*

### 55.2

Essonie Ranulphus Poole de Hallgreene Nicholaus Hobson Willelmus Lowe et alii

Inquisitio capta apud Church Lawton die et anno supradictis super sacramentum Johannis Lawton de Snape Thome Rowley Ricardi Cartwright de Mosse Ricardi Cartwright de Hallgreene Willelmi Alexander Willelmi Lawton de Greene Johannis Mitchell de Morehead [lost ?T]home Hulme Henrici Wearum de Hallgreene Henrici Wearum [lost ?de] Lawtongate Hugonis Hall Johannis Stonier Johannis Lawton tanner [lost]<sup>250</sup> Wearum & Johannis Mitchell Naylor Qui jurati et onerati {ad inquirendum} pro [lost ?domino rege] et pro domino manerii *predicti* dicunt et presentant super sacramentum suum ut sequitur

250 Possibly William. See 1666, 1667 and 1672.

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**55.1**

[Church Lawton

*View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of William Lawton esquire of his manor of Church Lawton aforesaid held there 26 September in the 23rd regnal year of our lord Charles II by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland &c, defender of the faith, &c, before Thomas Bagnall steward there.]*

**55.2**

[Essoins *Randall Poole of Hallgreene, Nicholas Hobson, William Lowe and others.*

*Inquisition taken at Church Lawton on the day and year abovesaid on the oath of John Lawton of Snape, Thomas Rowley, Richard Cartwright of Mosse, Richard Cartwright of Hallgreene, William Alexander, William Lawton of Greene, John Mutchell of Morehead, Thomas Hulme, Henry Wearum of Hallgreene, Henry Wearum of Lawtongate, Hugh Hall, John Stonier, John Lawton tanner, William Wearum & John Mutchell naylor, Who being sworn and charged to inquire for [lost] for the lord of the aforesaid manor say and present on their oath as follows]*

55.3

[lost ?Imprimis presentan]t Willelmum Lawton armigerum pro obstupatione antique  
vie pedestris [lost] vocate Bagnalls Flatt ideo in misericordia vid

[lost ?Item presentant quod H]enricum Wearum vendidit unam equam infra manerium  
predictum [lost ?sed non solvebat] tolnetum ideo ipse in misericordia domini iiiid

[lost ?Item presentant quod] Johannes Muchell vendidit unum spadonem infra  
manerium [lost ?predictum sed non solve]bat tolnetum ideo ipse in misericordia  
domini iiiid.

[lost ?Item presentant Hugone]m Hall pro fractione soli domini ideo ipse in miseri-  
cordia domini iiiid

[lost ?Item presentant L]awrencium Lawton pro consimili ideo ipse in misericordia  
domini iiiid

[lost ?Item presenta]nt Johannem Gibson pro consimili ideo ipse in misericordia  
domini iiiid

[lost ?Ite]m presentant Ranulphum Tompson pro consimili ideo ipse in misericordia  
domini iiiid

Item presentant Johannem Muchell de Morehead pro consimili ideo ipse in miseri-  
cordia domini iiiid

55.4

Item presentant Johannem Mutchell de Morehead } Constabularios  
& Willelmum Wearum }

Item presentant Willelmum Postles & } Burlimen  
Robertum Proudlove }

55.5

Afferatores Curie Johannes Lawton de Snape Jurati  
Thomas Hulme

per me Thomam Bagnall  
Senescallum ibidem

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**55.3**

[First, they present William Lawton esquire for blocking an old footpath called Bagnalls Flatt so in mercy 6d.

Item they present that Henry Wearum sold a mare within the aforesaid manor without paying toll so he himself in the lord's mercy 2d.

Item they present that John Muchell sold a gelding within the aforesaid manor without paying toll so he himself in the lord's mercy 4d.

Item they present Hugh Hall for breaking of the lord's soil so he himself in the lord's mercy 3d.

Item they present Lawrence Lawton for the same so he himself in the lord's mercy 3d.

Item they present John Gibson for the same so he himself in the lord's mercy 3d.

Item they present Randall Tompson for the same so he himself in the lord's mercy 3d.

Item they present John Muchell of Morehead for the same so he himself in the lord's mercy 3d.]

**55.4**

[Item they present	John Mutchell of Morehead & William Wearum	}	Constables
Item they present	William Postles & Robert Proudlove	}	Burlimen]

**55.5**

[Affeerers of the court	John Lawton of Snape Thomas Hulme	Sworn
	By me Thomas Bagnall Steward there.]	

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[In English – see details opposite]

## 56 Court of 24th October 1672

<b>Nature of document:</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>
<b>Location of document:</b>	<b>Cheshire Record Office</b>
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*The document is in good condition.]*

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### 56.1

Church Lawton

Visus franciplegii cum Curia Baronia Willelmi Lawton armigeri manerii sui de Church Lawton *predicti* tentus *ibidem* vicesimo quarto die Octobris anno regni domini nostri Caroli secundi dei gratia Anglie Scotie Frauncie & Hibernie Regis fidei defensoris & vicesimo quarto coram Thoma Bagnall Senescallo *ibidem*

### 56.2

Essonie Johannes Rowley de Snape Thomas Rowley Ricardus Cartwright Willelmus Hodgkinson et alii

Inquisitio capta apud Church Lawton *predictum* die et anno supradictis super sacramentum Johannis Mitchell Ricardi Cartwright Ranulphi Poole Thome Goughe Samuelis Poole Radulphi Prince Johannis Mitchell Naylor Ricardi Cartwright chandler Willelmi Lowe Thome Hulme Willelmi Lawton Henrici Wearum Willelmi Wearum Josephi Mitchell & Henrici Wearum Qui jurati et onerati ad inquirendum pro domino rege et pro domino manerii *predicto* dicunt et presentant super sacramentum suum ut sequitur

### 56.3

Imprimis presentant quod Rogerus Wilbraham armiger Thomas Stevenson armiger & Andreas Lawton generosus liberi tenentes manerii *predicti* ad hanc curiam non comparuerunt ad faciendum separaliter sectas Curie ideo quilibet eorum in misericordia domini vid

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### 56.1

[Church Lawton

*View of Frankpledge with Court Baron of William Lawton esquire of his manor of Church Lawton aforesaid held there 24 October in the 24th regnal year of our lord Charles II by the grace of God king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith &c before Thomas Bagnall steward there.]*

### 56.2

[Essoins *John Rowley of Snape, Thomas Rowley, Richard Cartwright, William Hodgkinson and others.*

*Inquisition taken at Church Lawton aforesaid on the day and year above said on the oath of John Mitchell, Richard Cartwright, Randall Poole, Thomas Gough, Samuel Poole, Ralph Prince, John Mitchell naylor, Richard Cartwright chandler, William Lowe, Thomas Hulme, William Lawton, Henry Wearum, William Wearum, Joseph Mitchell and Henry Wearum who, having been sworn and charged to inquire for the lord king and for the lord of the manor aforesaid say and present on their oath as follows]*

### 56.3

[*First, they present that Roger Wilbraham esquire, Thomas Stevenson esquire and Andrew Lawton gentleman free tenants of the aforesaid manor have not come to this court severally to make suit of court so each of them is in the lord's mercy 6d.*

Item *presentant* Lawrentium Lawton Edwardum Shufflebotham Henricum Wearum Annam Deane et Thomam Goughe *pro* fractione Assizam Cervicie *ideo* quilibet eorum in *misericordia domini* iiiid

Item *presentant* quod Lawrentius Lawton vendidit unum spadonem et non solvebat tollnetum *ideo* in *misericordia domini* iiiid. Et quod Thomas Cooper vendidit unam equam et non solvebat tolnetum *ideo* in *misericordia domini* iid

Item *presentant* quod Anthonius Gorst de Talke quoddam incrochimentum super vastum *domini* in Buttlane infra manerium *predictum* fecit in longitudine duarum virgatarum et in latitudine quatuor virgatarum *ideo* ipse in *misericordia domini* xiid

Item *presentant* Willelmum Wearum *pro* fractione solum *domini* *ideo* in *misericordia domini* iiiid Item *presentant* Hugonem Hall *pro* consimili *ideo* in *misericordia domini* iiiid Item *presentant* Ricardum Cartwright chandler Ranulphum Wearum Johannem Brownfeild Johannem Walton Robertum Proudlove Henricum Wearum Thomam Hulme Johannem Muchell de Morehead Ranulphum Tompson Rogerum Bentley Thomam Swinnerton Thomam Clewloe Thomam Johnson Samuelem Poole Johannem Mutchell Naylor Johannem Gibson et Thomam Robbison *pro* *separaliter* fractione solum *domini* *ideo* quilibet eorum in *misericordia domini* iiiid Item *presentant* Johannem Lawton de Snape *pro* fractione soli *domini* *ideo* in *misericordia domini* iiiid Item *presentant* Ricardum Cartwright de Mosse *pro* consimili *ideo* in *misericordia domini* iiiid

**56.4**

Item *presentant* Willelmum Wearum et Johannem Muchell naylor Constabularios et Jurati

Item <i>presentant</i>	Johannem Muchell de Morehead	} Burlimen & Jurati
	& Willelmum Wearum	

**56.5**

Paynes Layd

A payne layd uppon William Arderne that he scoure the ditch belonginge to the Hall of Lee Lane as farr as his land lyeth to the lane within two moneths next, or else to forfeit Five shillings

A payne layd uppon William Postles that he scoure the ditch between his meadow & the high lane within a moneth next, or else to forfeit two shillings

A payne layd uppon Thomas Clewloe that he scoure his ditch belonginge to his Intack lying along betweene the Little Mosse & the Hall Greene within one moneth next ensueinge or else to forfeit two shillings

*Item they present Lawrence Lawton, Edward Shufflebotham, Henry Wearum, Anne Deane and Thomas Goughe for breaking the Assize of Ale so each of them in the lord's mercy 4d.*

*Item they present that Lawrence Lawton sold a gelding and did not pay the toll so in the lord's mercy 4d. And that Thomas Cooper sold a mare and did not pay the toll so in the lord's mercy 2d.*

*Item they present that Anthony Gorst of Talke made a certain encroachment on the lord's waste in Buttlane within the aforesaid manor in length of two virgates<sup>n</sup> and in width of four virgates so he himself in the lord's mercy 12d.*

*Item they present William Wearum for breaking the lord's soil so in the lord's mercy 3d.*

*Item they present Hugh Hall for the same so in the lord's mercy 3d. Item they present Richard Cartwright chandler, Randall Wearum, John Brownfeild, John Walton, Robert Proudlove, Henry Wearum, Thomas Hulme, John Muchell of Morehead, Randall Tompson, Roger Bentley, Thomas Swinnerton, Thomas Clewloe, Thomas Johnson, Samuel Poole, John Mutchell naylor, John Gibson and Thomas Robbison for severally breaking the lord's soil so each of them in the lord's mercy 3d. Item they present John Lawton of Snape for breaking of the lord's soil so in the lord's mercy 4d. Item they present Richard Cartwright of Mosse for the same so in the lord's mercy 4d.]*

**56.4**

*[Item they present William Wearum and John Muchell naylor Constables and Sworn*

*Item they present John Muchell of Morehead } Burlimen &  
& William Wearum } Sworn]*

**56.5**

*[In English – see details opposite]*

<sup>n</sup> A virgate at this period was a linear measure equal to three feet.

**56.6**

Ricardus Cartwright } *Afferatores Curie*  
Thomas Hulme } *Jurati*

*per predictum Thomam Bagnall  
Senescallum manerii predicti*

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[*entered in pencil 1673*]<sup>251</sup>  
24th October 24th Chas 2nd

Court Roll of the Manor  
of Lawton

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251 Incorrect: the year is 1672.

**56.6**

[Richard Cartwright } Afferers of the Court  
Thomas Hulme } sworn

*by the aforesaid Thomas Bagnall  
Steward of the aforesaid manor.]*

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[In English – see details opposite]

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## 57 & 58 Courts of October 1676 and 1677

<b>Nature of document:</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>
<b>Location of document:</b>	<b>Cheshire Record Office</b>
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*[This parchment carries the records of two successive Michaelmas courts, written in the same hand and without any material separation between them.*

*The individual court dates are 24 October 1676 and 26 October 1677 and the proceedings are recorded on a single sheet of parchment approximately 25½" × 12¾" in size written in portrait mode almost entirely on one side only.*

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*The document is in good condition.]*

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[1676]

### 57.1

Manerium de Lawton

Visus franciplegii et Curia Baroniam Willelmi Lawton armigeri pro manerio suo de Lawton tentus apud Lawton infra manerium predictum vicesimo quarto die Octobris anno regni domini nostri Caroli secundi dei gratia Anglie Scotie Francie & Hibernie Regis fidei defensoris &c vicesimo octavo annoque domini millesimo sexcentesimo [sic] septuagesimo sexto coram Willelmo Middleton generoso Senescallo ibidem.

### 57.2

Essonie Willelmus Rowley de Snape Johannes Mitchell de Moorehead Robertus Plant Willelmus Horderne Thomas Johnson et alii.

Johannes Lawton generosus	} Jurati	Radulphus Thropp	} Jurati	Rogerus Bentley	} Jurati
Ricardus Cartwright		Radulphus Prince		Johannes Bromfield	
Samuel Poole		Thomas Cooper		Hugo Hall &	
Willelmus Lowe		Willelmus Warum		Thomas Gough	
Willelmus Lawton					

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[1676]

**57.1**

[The Manor of Lawton

*View of Frankpledge and Court Baron of William Lawton esquire for his manor of Lawton held at Lawton in the aforesaid manor 24 October in the 28th regnal year of our lord Charles II by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c, and in the year of the Lord 1676, before William Middleton gent the steward there:]*

**57.2**

[Essoins *William Rowley of Snape, John Mutchell of Moorehead, Robert Plant, William Horderne, Thomas Johnson and others.*

<p><i>John Lawton gent</i>  <i>Richard Cartwright</i>  <i>Samuel Poole</i>  <i>William Lowe</i>  <i>William Lawton</i></p>	}	<p>Sworn</p>	<p><i>Ralph Thropp</i>  <i>Ralph Prince</i>  <i>Thomas Cooper</i>  <i>William Waram</i></p>	}	<p>Sworn</p>	<p><i>Roger Bentley</i>  <i>John Bromfield</i>  <i>Hugo Hall &amp;</i>  <i>Thomas Gough</i></p>	}	<p>Sworn</p>
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**57.3**

*Juratores predicti per sacramentum suum presentant ut sequitur*

*Imprimis*

That the said Mannor extendeth from a stile at the bottome of Woodfield on the north side *of* the Church and followeth the brooke upwards on the north side up to the taile of the mill fleame and so up the side of the wade lane into a field now in the possession of John Beech crossing a croft of Richard Cartwrights and then crossing two Crofts of John Poole pointing upon the Little Mosse betwixt a fallpost of a gate and a holly bush through an Inclosure of William Duckett in the deep of the little Moss to a Mere stone lieing in a field in the possession of Thomas Cooper soe continueing the bounds on the north east side into a field now in the possession of Richard Cartwright to the end of a field called Smedrope now in the possession of William Hodkinson belonging to the Hall and so along the hedge Northwards to a brook which comes from Mole Lane so along the brooke eastwards to a little footbridge so crossing mole lane downe an Intacke now in the possession of Thomas Gough to the end of a brooke which comes down Cobmoor lane and so following the brooke southwards untill it meets the water course coming from Hardings wood mill so crossing the water southwards from a meadow of John Mutchell to a Lane that comes from James Rathbones and so along the said Lane north west to Richard Cartwrights Orchard Hedge at the end of the said Lane and from thence to a place at the lower end of Buttey lane and so directly up the middle of the Buttey lane crossing little Intack in the possession of Anthony Gourst to Thomas Rowleys Carters heyside and thence westward to a water Course on the side of the Carters heylane so over the valley pointing up a hedge which divides betwixt Thomas Rowley and Robert Shawe and so to a water Course in the ditch on the south side belonging to the Lord of the Mannor soe Westward to Linley Lane and so along the water to the hough meadow in the possession of Ralph Thropp so westward to a meadow in the possession of John Lawton of Alsager so following the water to Ouse lane and so along the water to the lower Intack now in the possession of William Waram so winding over Lawton heath to a little ditch place as a meare hard by the place called cross walls and so directly by a line to a Corner of a field of John Waltons and so to a water place which Runs northward to Lawton brook so following the brooke eastward to Jeremias bridge and so following the brooke to Barrough ditch Bridge and so upward following the brooke up to the horse cop so crossing over the stile at the bottom of the Woodfield

**57.4**

*Judicium Willelmus Unwyn querens versus Samuelem Taylor de placito debiti xiiiis  
Judicium Willelmus Lawton armiger querens versus Thomam Clewlowe de placito  
debiti xiis vid*

**57.3**

*[The aforesaid jurors by their oath present as follows*

*First]*

*[In English – see details opposite]*

**57.4**

*[Judgment William Unwyn plaintiff against Samuel Taylor in a plea of debt 14s.*

*Judgment William Lawton esquire plaintiff against Thomas Clewlowe in a plea of debt 12s 6d.*

Item {juratores predicti} presentant Thomam {vid} Stevenson Rogerum {vid} Wilbraham Ricardum {vid} Hendley Willelmum {vid} Amery pro non comparendo ad faciendum separales sectas suas Curie ideo amerciuntur &c pro ut patet supra eorum capita

Item presentant Lawrencium {iiiiid} Lawton Edwardum {iiiiid} Shufflebotham Henricum {iiiiid} Waram Annam {iiiiid} Deane viduam Thomam {iiiiid} Gough pro fractione Assizam Cervicie ideo amerciuntur &c

Item presentant Georgium {iiiiid} Deane pro venditione spadonem Henricum {iid} Waram pro venditione eque

Item presentant Antonium {vid} Gorst pro continuatione incrochiamentum in le Buttey Lane Willelmum {vid} Duckett pro simili

Item presentant Willelmum {vid} Horderne Thomam {iiiiid} Jonson Samuelem {iiiiid} Poole Ricardum {iiiiid} Cartwright Willelmum {iiid} Lowe Rogerum {iiid} Bentley Willelmum {iiid} Postles Johannem {iiid} Muchell Naylor Willelmum {iiid} Warum Henricum {iiid} Waram Johannem {iiid} Walton Robertum {iiid} Weever Johannem {iiid} Brownefield Robertum {iiiiid} Plant Ricardum {iiiiid} Foley generosum Johannem {iiid} Gibson Aliciam {iiid} Gibson pro fractione soli domini ideo amerciuntur &c pro ut patet super eorum capita.

### 57.5

Item presentant Radulphum Thropp Ricardum Cartwright pro conflictu

Item presentant	Thomam Rowley	} Constabularios Jurati
	Thomam Cooper	

Item presentant	Willelmum Lowe	} Burleymen Jurati
	Randolphus Tompson	

### 57.6

Fines iiis iiiid impositi per senescallum super Willelmum Lowe pro non comparendo curiam ideo iiis

Examinatum per Willelmum Middleton  
Senescallum ibidem

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*Item the aforesaid jurors present Thomas {6d} Stevenson, Roger {6d} Wilbraham, Richard {6d} Hendley, William {6d} Amery for not attending to do their several suits of court so they are amerced &c according to what appears above by their heads.*

*Item they present Lawrence {4d} Lawton, Edward {4d} Shufflebotham, Henry {4d} Waram, Anne {4d} Deane widow, Thomas {4d} Gough for breaking the Assize of Ale so they are amerced &c.*

*Item they present George {4d} Deane for selling a gelding, Henry {2d} Waram for the sale of a mare*

*Item they present Anthony {6d} Gorst for maintaining an encroachment in Buttey lane, William {6d} Duckett for the same*

*Item they present William {6d} Horderne, Thomas {4d} Jonson, Samuel {4d} Poole, Richard {4d} Cartwright, William {3d} Lowe, Roger {3d} Bentley, William {3d} Postles, John {3d} Mutchell naylor, William {3d} Warum, Henry {3d} Waram, John {3d} Walton, Robert {3d} Weever, John {3d} Brownefield, Robert {4d} Plant, Richard {4d} Foley gent, John {3d} Gibson, Alice {3d} Gibson for breaking the lord's soil so they are amerced &c according to what appears above by their names.]*

**57.5**

*[Item they present Ralph Thropp, Richard Cartwright for a dispute.*

*Item they present Thomas Rowley } Constables Sworn  
Thomas Cooper }*

*Item they present William Lowe } Burleymen Sworn  
Randle Tompson }*

**57.6**

*[Fines 3s 4d imposed by the steward on William Lowe for not attending the court so 3s.*

*Examined by William Middleton  
Steward there.]*

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**58.1**

Manerium de Lawton

Visus franciplegii et Curia Baronia Willelmi Lawton armigeri pro manerio predicto tentus apud Lawton infra manerium predictum vicesimo sexto die Octobris anno regni domini nostri Caroli secundi dei gratia Anglie, Scotie, Francie & Hibernie, Regis, fidei defensoris &c vicessimo nono annoque domini millesimo sexentessimo septuagessimo septimo coram Willelmo Middleton generoso Senescallo ibidem

**58.2**

Essoine Johannes Brownefield Willelmus Rowley de Snape Robertus Weaver Hugo Hall Willelmus Waram & alii

Ricardus Cartwright de Mosse Johannes Lawton Tanner Thomas Rowley Junior Radulphus Thropp Willelmus Lowe	}	Matheus Lowe Radulphus Prince Ricardus Cartwright {de Hallgreene} Josephus Mutchell Samuel Poole	}	Johannes Mutchell de Moorehead Henricus Waram Thomas Cooper Johannes Beech & Willelmus Horderne	}	Jurati
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**58.3**

Juratores predicti super sacramentum suum presentant Rogerum {is viiid} Wilbraham armigerum, Thomam {is viiid} Stevens pro non comparendo ad faciendum sectas suas ad hanc curiam ideo americiuntur &c pro ut patet super eorum capita  
Item presentant Laurencium {iiiiid} Lawton, Edwardum {iiiiid} Shufflebotham, Johannem {iiiiid} Ridgway, Annam {iiiiid} Deane viduam, Thomam {iiiiid} Gough pro fractione Assizam Cervicie Willelmum {iiiiid} Lowe pro venditione equam Radulpho Prince

Item presentant Antonium {is viiid} Gorst pro continuatione in croachiam in le Buttey Lane Willelmum {is viiid} Duckett pro simili Johannem {iiiiid} Beech pro in croachiam super vastum domini [lost ?ideo] americiuntur &c pro ut {patet super eorum capita} Item presentant Radulphum {iiiiid} Prince Willelmum {iiiiid} Lowe Willelmum {iiiiid} Horderne Willelmum {iiiiid} Hodkinson Willelmum {iiiiid} Rowley de Snape [lost] {iiiiid} Gibson Josephum {iiiiid} Mutchell Henricum {iiiiid} Waram Johannem {iiiiid} Walton Johannem {iiiiid} Brownefield Willelmum {iiiiid} Waram Radulphum [lost] Ricardum {iiiiid} Cartwright de Greene Ricardum {iiiiid} Cartwright de Moss Johannem {iiiiid} Mutchell de Moorehead pro fractione soli d[lost ?omini]

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**58.1**

[Manor of Lawton

*View of Frankpledge and Court Baron of William Lawton esquire for the aforesaid manor held at Lawton in the aforesaid manor 26 October in the 29th regnal year of our lord by the grace of God Charles II of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c and in the year of the Lord 1677 before William Middleton gent steward there.]*

**58.2**

[*Essoins: John Brownefield, William Rowley of Snape, Robert Weaver, Hugh Hall, William Waram & others.*

Richard Cartwright of Mosse	} Sworn	Matthew Lowe	} Sworn	John Mutchell of Moorehead	} Sworn]
John Lawton Tanner		Ralph Prince		Henry Waram	
Thomas Rowley Junior		Richard Cartwright of Hallgreene		Thomas Cooper	
Ralph Thropp		Joseph Mutchell		John Beech &	
William Lowe		Samuel Poole		William Horderne	

**58.3**

[*The aforesaid jurors on their oath present Roger {1s 8d} Wilbraham esquire, Thomas {1s 8d} Stevens for not attending to do their suit at this court so they are amerced &c according to what appears above by their names.*

*Item they present Lawrence {4d} Lawton, Edward {4d} Shufflebotham, John {4d} Ridgway, Anne {4d} Deane widow, Thomas {4d} Gough for breaking the Assize of Ale, William {4d} Lowe for selling a mare to Ralph Prince.*

*Item they present Anthony {1s 8d} Gorst for maintaining an encroachment in Buttey Lane, William {1s 8d} Duckett for the same, John {4d} Beech for an encroachment on the lord's waste so they are amerced &c according to what appears above by their names. Item they present Ralph {4d} Prince William {4d} Lowe, William {4d} Horderne, William {4d} Hodkinson, William {4d} Rowley de Snape, [lost] {4d} Gibson, Joseph {4d} Mutchell, Henry {3d} Waram, John {4d} Walton, John {4d} Brownefield, William {3d} Waram, Ralph [lost], Richard {4d} Cartwright of Greene, Richard {4d} Cartwright of Moss, John {3d} Mutchell of Moorehead for breaking of the lord's soil.]*

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**58.4**

Item presentant	Thomam Rowley & Laurentium Lawton	} Constabularios Jurati
Item presentant	Thomam Rowley & Ricardum Cartwright	} Burleymen Jurati

**58.5**

Johannes Lawton & Thomas Rowley	} Afferatores Jurati
	Examinatum per Willelmum Middleton Senescallum ibidem

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**58.4**

<i>[Item they present</i>	<i>Thomas Rowley</i> <i>&amp;</i> <i>Lawrence Lawton</i>	}	<i>Constables Sworn</i>
<i>Item they present</i>	<i>Thomas Rowley</i> <i>&amp;</i> <i>Richard Cartwright</i>	}	<i>Burleymen Sworn]</i>

**58.5**

<i>[John Lawton</i> <i>&amp;</i> <i>Thomas Rowley</i>	}	<i>Affeerers Sworn</i>
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*Examined by William Middleton*  
*Steward there]*

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## 59 Court of 13th October 1685

<b>Nature of document:</b>	<b>Proceedings</b>
<b>Location of document:</b>	<b>Cheshire Record Office</b>
<b>Document reference:</b>	<b>DLN 7110/38</b>

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*The parchment is folded in three crosswise, the back being endorsed in a contemporary hand with the document date for filing.*

*The document is in poor condition with a large area in the centre rotted away and badly stained with significant loss of data.]*

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### 59.1

Manerium de Lawton

Visus francii plegium<sup>252</sup> et Curia Baronia Willelmi Lawton armigeri domini manerii predicti tentus ibidem tertio decimo die Octobris anno domini millesimo sextensemo [sic] octogesimo quinto coram Willelmo Middleton generoso senescallo ibidem

### 59.2

Essonie Radulphus Thropp Jacobus Beech Willelmus Lockett Ricardus Williams Ricardus Kelsall Willelmus Beech essoniunt

Inquisitio

Johannes Lawton	} Jurati	Willelmus Wearam	} Jurati	Edwardus	} Jurati
Willelmus Alexander		Samuell Hodgkinson		Shufflebotham	
Willelmus Lawton		Samuell Poole		Ricardus Cartwright	
Willelmus Beech		Rogerus Machin		Robertus Weever	
				Johannes Shawe &	
				Willelmus Mutchell	

### 59.3

Inquisitio predicta super sacramentum suum presentat quod Rogerus {iis iiid}

252 It appears that 'franci' was put in the genitive case instead of 'plegii'.

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**59.1**

[Manor of Lawton

*View of Frankpledge and Court Baron of William Lawton esquire lord of the aforesaid manor held there 13 October 1685 before William Middleton gent steward there.]*

**59.2**

[*Essoins: Ralph Thropp, James Beech, William Lockett, Richard Williams, Richard Kelsall, William Beech essoined.*

*Inquisition*

<i>John Lawton</i>	}	<i>William Wearam</i>	}	<i>Edward</i>	}	
<i>William Alexander</i>		<i>Samuel Hodgkinson</i>		<i>Shufflebotham</i>		
<i>William Lawton</i>	}	<i>Samuel Poole</i>	}	<i>Richard Cartwright</i>	}	
<i>William Beech</i>		<i>Roger Machin</i>		<i>Robert Weever</i>		
			}	<i>John Shawe &amp;</i>	}	[Sworn]
				<i>William Mutchell</i>		

**59.3**

[*The aforesaid inquisition on their oath present that Roger {3s 4d} Wilbraham*

Wilbraham armiger Thomas {iiis iiiid} Stevens armiger Willelmus {is viiid} Amery Tenementa [tenentes]<sup>253</sup> infra manerium predictum et debent sectam huic Curie et non comparuerunt ideo quilibet eorum amerciatur pro ut patet superius eorum capita &c

Et ulterius juratores predicti super sacramentum suum presentant Johannes<sup>254</sup> {iiid} Ridgwaie Edwardus {iiiiid} Shufflebotham [lost ?Samuel]{iiiiid} Hodgkinson Thomas {iiiiid} Gough [lost] {iid} Muchell pro fractione Assizam Cervisie ideo amerciantur pro ut patet [lost ?superius eorum] capita &c

Et J[lost ?uratores] presentant Johannes {iiid} Walton Lawrentius {iiid} Lawton Johannes {iiid} Brownfeild Willelmus {iiid} [lost]son Josephus {iiid} Mutchell Samuel {iiid} Hodgkinson Rogerus [lost] Radulphus [lost]<sup>255</sup>{iiid} Lawton Ricardus {iiid} Eardley Thomas {iiid} Beech Johannes [lost] {iiid} Wearam R[lost ?pro] fractione soli domini ideo amerciantur pro ut superius eorum capita &c. Item pre[lost ?sentant] Antonius {iiis iiiid} Gorst Elizabetha {iiiiid} Duckworth Randulphus {iiiiid} Wearam pro encrochiamento super vastum domini ideo am[lost ?erciantur] pro ut superius eorum capita &c

**59.4**

Et juratores predicti super sacramentum suum presentant Johannem Lawton de Lawtongate<sup>256</sup> & Samuellem Hodgkinson Constabularios pro hoc anno proximo sequente Jurati Willelmus Lawton Willelmus Rowley Burleymen jurati

**59.5**

Ricardus Cartwright } Johannes Lawton }	Afferatores Jurati
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Senescallum ibidem

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253 It is clear that ‘tenementa’ was an error and that ‘tenentes’ was meant.  
 254 The clerk may have carelessly omitted ‘quod’ after ‘presentant’ but if so he incorrectly left the personal name in the nominative case. Henceforward however in this edition the original text has been followed notwithstanding the incorrect case-ending.  
 255 Both this gap and the ones on the preceding and following lines include enough space for several words; so here it would be unwise to connect ‘Radulphus’ with the following ‘Lawton’.  
 256 Described as ‘John Lawton tanner’, without a location, in the list of constables in the Constables’ Book among the Church Lawton parish vestry documents held at CRO. See Introduction p. xiii.

*esquire, Thomas {3s 4d} Stevens esquire, William {1s 8d} Amery, tenants within the aforesaid manor &c owe suit to this court and did not attend so each of them is amerced as it appears above by their names &c.*

*And moreover the aforesaid jurors on their oath present John {4d} Ridgwaie, Edward {4d} Shufflebotham, [lost ?Samuel] {4d} Hodgkinson, Thomas {4d} Gough, [lost] {2d} Muchell for breaking the Assize of Ale so they are amerced as it appears above by their names etc.*

*And the J[lost ?urors] present John {3d} Walton, Lawrence {3d} Lawton, John {3d} Brownfeild, William {3d} [lost]son, Joseph {3d} Mutchell, Samuel {3d} Hodgkinson, Roger [lost], Ralph [lost] {4d} Lawton, Richard {3d} Eardley, Thomas {3d} Beech, John [lost] {3d} Wearam, R[lost] for breaking of the lord's soil so they are amerced as it appears above by their names etc Item they present Anthony {3s 4d} Gorst, Elizabeth {4d} Duckworth, Randle {4d} Wearam, for encroachment on the lord's waste so they are amerced as appears above by their names etc.]*

**59.4**

*[And the aforesaid jurors on their oath present John Lawton of Lawtongate and Samuel Hodgkinson Constables for this next year following sworn William Lawton William Rowley Burleymen sworn]*

**59.5**

*[Richard Cartwright }  
John Lawton } Affeerers Sworn*

*Examined by William Middleton  
Steward there.]*

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*[In English – see details opposite]*

## 60 Court Roll of 16th October 1689

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### 60.1

Manerium de Lawton

Visus Francplegii cum Curia Baroniam Willelmi Lawton Armigeri Domini Manerii predicti tentus ibidem Decimo sexto die Octobris Anno Regni Domini & Domine Willelmi & Marie Dei Gratia Anglie Scotie Francie & Hibernie Regis & Regine fidei Defensorum primo Annoque Domini 1689 coram Willelmo Middleton generoso senescallo ibidem

### 60.2

Essoine Johannes Brownfeild Willelmus Swinnerton Joshua Baddiley Ricardus Waram Daniel Whilton Thomas Hulme Georgius Deane Randulphus Tompson Jun Jacobus Rabone Essoine

Inquisitio

Willelmus Rowley	} Jurati	Radulphus Thropp	} Jurati	Samuel Poole	} Jurati
Ricardus Cartwright de Moss		Samuel Hodgkinson		Robertus Hodgkinson	
Thomas Rowley		Thomas Mountfort		Ricardus Cartwright	
Johannes Lawton		Willelmus Wearam		Ricardus Kelsall	
Johannes Hollins		Ricardus Williams		Johannes Shawe	

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**60.1**

[Manor of Lawton

*View of Frankpledge with the court baron of William Lawton esquire lord of the aforesaid manor held there 16 October in the Year of the Reign of Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defenders of the Faith, the first, and in the Year of the Lord 1689 before William Middleton gent steward there.]*

**60.2**

[*Essoins John Brownfeild William Swinnerton Joshua Baddiley Richard Waram Daniel Whilton Thomas Hulme George Deane Randle Tompson Jun James Rabone Essoin*

<p>William Rowley Richard Cartwright de Moss Thomas Rowley John Lawton John Hollins</p>	}	<p>Sworn</p>	<p>Randle Thropp Samuel Hodgkinson Thomas Mountfort William Wearam Richard Williams</p>	}	<p>Sworn</p>	<p>Samuel Poole Robert Hodgkinson Richard Cartwright Richard Kelsall John Shawe</p>	}	<p>Sworn]</p>
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**60.3**

*Inquisitio predicta super sacramentum suum presentat quod Rogerus Wilbraham Armiger {?iii?s iiiid} Thomas Stevens Armiger {iiis iiiid} Radulphus Lawton<sup>257</sup> generosus {iiis iiiid} Johannes Cartwright<sup>258, 259</sup> libera Tenementa infra Manerium predictum et debent sectam huic Curie & non [unclear]<sup>260</sup> Ideo quilibet eorum [unclear ?amersiati] & c prout patet super eorum Capita & c*

*Inquisitio predicta presentat Johannes Ridgway {vid} Edwardus Shufflebotham {vid} Samuel Hodgkinson {vid} Josephus Mutchell {vid} Isaac Key {vid} Thomas Gough {vid} & Johannes Johnson [no amount entered] Jun. pro fractione Assize Cervicie quilibet eorum amersiati & c prout patet super eorum Capita & c*

*Inquisitio predicta presentat Edwardus Meire {iiid} Thomas Gough {iiid} Ricardus Cartwright {vid} de Moss Radulphus Thropp {vid} Thomas Mountford {vid} Willelmus Lawton {vid} de Snape Samuel Hodgkinson {vid} Johannes Walton {vid} Roger Martin {vid} Willelmus Swinnerton {vid} Johannes Brownfeld {iiid} Johannes Lawton {vid} Johannes Hollins {vid} Thomas Beech {vid} Maria Mutchell {vid} vidua Ricardus Williams {vid} Isaac Key {iiid} Willelmus Lockett {iiid} Thomas Johnson {iiid} Randulphus Tompson {vid} Jun & Samuel Perle<sup>261</sup> {vid} pro fractione soli valli Domini infra Manerium predictum Ideo quilibet eorum amersiati & c prout patet super eorum capita & c*

*Inquisitio predicta presentat Antonius Gorst {iiis iiiid} Elizabeth Duckworth {iiiiid} vidua Ranens Waram {iiiiid} Thomas Johnson {vid} Ricardus {ivd} Owin Johannes Booth {iiiiid} Maria Clewlow {iiiiid} Willelmus Swinnerton {iiid} pro encroachment [unclear ?vasti] Domini infra Manerium predictum Ideo quilibet eorum amersiati & c prout patet super eorum capita & c*

*Inquisitio predicta presentat Jacobus Low {vid} pro venditione duas equas Samuel Hodgkinson {iiiiid} pro venditione unum spadonem Edwardus Meire {iiiiid} pro simile & Thomas {iiiiid} Gough pro simile Ideo debitent Domini Manerii secundum consuetudinem Manerii pro ut patet super eorum capita*

*Inquisitio predicta presentat Isaac {iiiiid} Key Thomas Gough {iiiiid} Johannes Johnson {iiiiid} Johannes {vs} Walton & Josephus Mutchell {vid} pro non Molitura Grani consumpti in separalibus Domis infra Manerium predictum ad Molendinum Domini Manerii infra Manerium predictum secundum consuetudinem Manerium predictum Ideo quilibet eorum Amersiati & c pro ut patet super eorum Capita & c*

257 This man was a free tenant.

258 Presumably the omitted insertion of the fine was 3s 4d.

259 The missing word 'tenent' (hold) seems to be required here.

260 However, it seems plain that they did not render suit i.e. did not attend.

261 Poole intended?

## 60.3

*[The aforesaid Inquest present on their oath that Roger Wilbraham esquire {?3s 4d}, Thomas Stevens esquire {3s 4d}, Randle Lawton gentleman {3s 4d}, John Cartwright hold free tenements<sup>o</sup> within the aforesaid manor and owe suit to this court and did not [unclear ?attend]. So each of them is amerced according as it appears on each of them &c.*

*The aforesaid Inquest present John Ridgway {6d} Edward Shufflebotham {6d} Samuel Hodgkinson {6d} Joseph Muchell {6d} Isaac Key {6d} Thomas Gough {6d} & John Johnson junior<sup>p</sup> for breaking the Assize of Ale each of them amerced according as it appears on each of them &c.*

*The aforesaid Inquest present Edward Meire {3d}, Thomas Gough {3d}, Richard Cartwright de Moss {6d}, Randle Thropp {6d}, Thomas Mountford {6d}, William Lawton de Snape {6d}, Samuel Hodgkinson {6d}, John Walton {6d}, Roger Martin {6d}, William Swinnerton {6d}, John Brownfeild {3d}, John Lawton {6d}, John Hollins {6d}, Thomas Beech {6d}, Mary Mutchell widow {6d}, Richard Williams {6d}, Isaac Key {3d}, William Lockett {3d}, Thomas Johnson {3d}, Randle Tompson junior {6d} & Samuel Perle {6d} for digging out the soil of the embankment of the demesne within the aforesaid manor; so each of them is amerced and according as it appears on each of them.*

*The aforesaid Inquest present Anthony Gorst {3s 4d}, Elizabeth Duckworth widow {4d}, Randle Waram {4d}, Thomas Johnson {6d}, Richard Owin {6d}, John Booth {4d}, Mary Clewlow {4d}, William Swinnerton {3d} for encroachment on the lord's waste within the aforesaid manor, so each of them is amerced &c according as it appears on each of them etc.*

*The aforesaid Inquest present James Low {6d} for selling two mares, Samuel Hodgkinson {4d} for selling one gelding, Edward Meire {4d} for the like & Thomas Gough {4d} for the like. So they owe the lord of the manor according to the custom of the manor as it appears on each of them etc.*

*The aforesaid Inquest present Isaac Key {4d}, Thomas Gough {4d}, John Johnson {4d}, John Walton {5s} & Joseph Mutchell {6d} for not grinding the grain consumed in several houses within the aforesaid manor at the mill of the lord of the manor within the aforesaid manor according to the custom of the aforesaid manor. So each of them is amerced &c according as it appears on each of them etc.]*

<sup>o</sup> This appears to be the intended meaning.

<sup>p</sup> Presumably the omitted insertion of the fine was 6d.

**60.4**

Inquisitio {*predicta*} presentat Willelmus Plant & Thomas Hulme pro Constabulariis pro Anno Sequente Thomas Hulme Juratus in plena Curia & Willelmus Waram Juratus Constabularius pro predicto Willelmo Plant per licensum Curie & Domini Manerii

Inquisitio *predicta* presentat Jacobus Low & Jacobus Beech in officio Burleymen pro Anno Sequente *predictus* Jacobus Beech Juratus in plena Curia *predicta*

**60.5**

Affiratores Ricardus Cartwright de Moss } Jurati  
Johannes Lawton }

Extracta per Willelmo Middleton generoso  
Senescallo ibidem

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## 61 Court of 17th October 1693

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[A sheet of parchment approximately 14" × 12" in size written in landscape mode on one side only.

The parchment is folded in half then in half again crosswise, the back being endorsed in a non-contemporary hand with the document title and date for filing.

The document is in poor condition with severe staining on the left half of the parchment and with the right hand edge extensively rotted away or torn off. These defects result in a substantial loss of data.]

[1693 Doc A (1693 Doc B is Section 62: see footnote 262) front]

### 61.1

Manerium de Lawton

Visus francii plegii cum Curia Baroniam Johannis Lawton armigeri pro manerio [suo] predicto ibidem [lost]<sup>262</sup> septimo die Octobris anno regni domini & domine Willelmi & Marie dei gratia Anglie, Scotie, Francie [lost ?et Hibernie Regis et] Regine fidei defensorum &c quinto annoque domini 1693 coram Willelmo Middleton generoso senescallo [lost ?ibidem]

### 61.2

Homagium

Ricardus Cartwright de Mosse	} Jurati	Georgius Deane	} Jurati	
Willelmus Beech		Samuel Alexander		
Thomas Mountfort		Robertus Weever		
Johannes Walton		Phillippus Pearsall		
Samuel Poole				
Robertus Hodgkinson				
Ricardus W[lost] <sup>263</sup>				
Thomas [lost] <sup>264</sup>				

262 The Estreat of fines (1693 Document B) bound in with the similar documents for the period 1693–1700 transcribed below gives the date as 17th October.

263 Probably Richard Williams. See 1689.

264 Could be Thomas Rowley or Thomas Mountford. See 1689.

[1693 Doc A front]

**61.1**

[The Manor of Lawton

*View of Frankpledge with the Court Baron of John Lawton esquire for his manor there held [lost 17] October in the 5th regnal year of our lord and lady William and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defenders of the faith, and the year of the Lord 1693 before William Middleton gent steward there.]*

**61.2**

[Homage

<p><i>Richard Cartwright of Mosse</i>  <i>William Beech</i>  <i>Thomas Mountfort</i>  <i>John Walton</i>  <i>Samuel Poole</i>  <i>Robert Hodgkinson</i>  <i>Richard W[lost ?illiams]</i>  <i>Thomas [lost]</i></p>	}	Sworn	}	<p><i>George Deane</i>  <i>Samuel Alexander</i>  <i>Robert Weever</i>  <i>Philip Pearsall</i></p>	}	Sworn]
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**61.3**

Juratores *predicti* super sacramentum [*lost* ?presentant quod Rogerus] {iis vid} Wilbraham *armiger* Thomas {iis vid} Stevens & Johannes {is vid} Cartwright *generosus* lib[*lost* ?eri tenentes] infra manerium *predictum* [*lost* ?non comparuerunt ad faciendum sectas suas Curie]<sup>265</sup> *ideo* quilibet eorum *ameriatur* pro ut patet *superius* eorum capita<sup>266</sup>

Et *ulterius* presentant [*lost* ?Willelmus {iiiiid} Beech pro venditione unam equam Ricardus] {iiiiid} Cartwright *pro* venditione *spadonem* infra manerium [*lost*] *debitum* domino manerii [*lost*]

Et *ulterius* presentant [*lost* ?Antonius {is} Gorst Elizabetha {is} Duc]kett *Randolphus* {vid} Wearam Ricardus {vid} Owin<sup>267</sup> Willelmus {is} Lockett [*lost*] *pro* continuando [*lost* ?incrochiamentum super vastum domini] manerii infra manerium *predictum* [*lost*] *ideo* quilibet eorum *ameriatur* [*lost*]

**61.4**

Juratores *predicti* presentant Ro[*lost* ?bertus] [*lost* ?a surname then T]homas Cartwright Constabularii *pro* anno [*lost* ?proximo sequente] ?low<sup>268</sup> Thome Cartwright [*lost*]

Et *ulterius* presentant R[*lost*]<sup>269</sup> Hodgkinson<sup>270</sup> *pro* Burley men *secundum* consuetudinem [*lost* ?manerii pro anno proximo] sequente [*lost*]

**61.5**

Et *ulterius* presentant Johannes [*lost* ? {iiiiid} Walton] Willelmus {iiiiid} Lawton

265 Large parts of this document are either missing through tearing or are too stained to read. Some of the gaps are here reconstructed from detail given in the English list of ameracements in 1693 Document B (see Section 62).

266 The list of ameracements in 1693 Document B at this point lists five persons amerced for breaking the Assize of Ale and Bread. Although the proceedings here transcribed have suffered some loss of details on a number of consecutive lines, the areas affected do not seem extensive enough to have included these offences. The handwriting in the two documents differs so the two records were made by different persons. The discrepancy between these records implies that neither was a copy of the other.

267 Richard Owin does not appear in the list of ameracements in 1693 Document B, but Thomas Johnson 1s 0d does.

268 This is the first word of the line and there is no indication that it is the continuation of a lost word at the end of the preceding line.

269 There was probably another person's name lost through staining here, as well as the Hodgkinson forename.

270 Probably Samuel. See 1685.

**61.3**

*[The aforesaid jurors on their oath present that Roger {2s 6d} Wilbraham esquire, Thomas {2s 6d} Stevens & John {1s 6d} Cartwright gentleman being free tenants within the aforesaid manor did not attend to make their suit of court, so each of them is amerced as it appears above by their names.*

*And moreover they present William {4d} Beech for the sale of a mare, Richard {4d} Cartwright for the sale of a gelding within the manor without paying the toll<sup>a</sup> due to the lord of the manor [lost]*

*And moreover they present Anthony {1s} Gorst, Elizabeth {1s} Duckett, Randle {6d} Wearam, Richard {6d} Owin, William {1s} Lockett for maintaining an encroachment on the waste of the lord of the manor within the aforesaid manor so each of them is amerced as appears above by their names]*

**61.4**

*[The aforesaid jurors present Robert [lost] Thomas Cartwright to be Constables for the next year following [lost] ?low Thomas Cartwright [lost]*

*And moreover they present R[lost complete name as well as following forename ?Samuel] Hodgkinson for Burlymen according to the custom of the manor for the next year following:]*

**61.5**

*[And moreover they present John {4d} Walton, William {4d} Lawton, Thomas {4d}*

q This may be assumed else there would be no reason for the presentment.

Thomas {iiiiid} Mountfort Radulphus {iiiiid} Wearam Ricardus {iiiiid} Eardley [lost ?Johannes] {iiiiid} Brownefeild Johannes {iiiiid} Hollins [lost ?Thomas {iiiiid} B]eech Willelmus {iiiiid} Rowley Willelmus {iiiiid} Amery Magister {is} Heyford Magister {is} Cotton [lost ?Thomas] {iiiiid} Johnson Samuel {iiiiid} Poole [lost ?Jacobus iiiid Brownefeild] Randulphus {iiiiid} Tompson Thomas {iiiiid} Buckley & Rogerus Lownes<sup>271</sup> pro fr[lost ?actione solum] domini infra manerium predictum ideo [lost ?quilibet eorum] americiatur pro ut patet superius capita

## 61.6

*Examinatum per predictum Willelmum Middleton senescallum ibidem*

[1693 Doc A back]

7th October 1693  
Court Roll of the Manor  
of Lawton

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271 Amercement was 4d in 1693 Document B.

*Mountfort, Ralph {4d} Wearam, Richard {4d} Eardley, John {4d} Brownefeild, John {4d} Hollins, Thomas {4d} Beech, William {4d} Rowley, William {4d} Amery, Master {1s} Heyford, Master {1s} Cotton, Thomas {4d} Johnson, Samuel {4d} Poole, James {4d} Brownefeild, Randle {4d} Tompson, Thomas {4d} Buckley & Roger Lownes for breaking the lord's soil within the aforesaid manor so each of them is amerced as appears above by their names.]*

**61.6**

*[Examined by the aforesaid William Middleton steward there.]*

*[1693 Doc A back]*

*[In English – see details opposite]*

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## 62–69 Courts of October 1693 to 1700

<b>Nature of document:</b>	<b>Estreats of fines</b>
<b>Location of document:</b>	<b>Cheshire Record Office</b>
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[The individual court dates are as follows:

17 October 1693	20 October 1697
24 October 1694	11 October 1698
17 October 1695	29 April and 17 October 1699
1? October 1696	22 October 1700

The court documents for these eight years are sewn together down the left hand side to form a single booklet of very roughly 15½" × 6½" overall in size, but a few sheets are smaller than this and some others larger, the latter being folded over as necessary to fit within the overall size.

The documents are mainly paper but a few are parchment, all written in portrait mode.

The individual documents are variable in condition, mainly at least satisfactory, but because of staining, dirt and some tearing there is some loss of data.]

[1693 Doc B (1693 Doc A is Section 61) p. 1]

### 62.1

Mannor of Church Lawton

Item An Abstract of the Fynes & Amerciaments of this Court Leet & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire held at Lawton the 17th day of October Anno quinto Willelmi & Marie nunc Anglie &c Coram Willelmo Middleton generoso Steward there<sup>272</sup>

[... in the 5th year of William & Mary now of England &c before William Middleton gentleman Steward there]

272 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

## 62.2

## Imprimis

	s	d		s	d
Roger Wilbraham Esquire for non appearance & doing his suite & service	}	2 6	Mr Heyford & Mr Cotton for the like <sup>273</sup>	}	2 0
Thomas Stephens Esquire for the like			x Thomas Johnson for the like		
John Cartwright gentleman for the like		2 6	x Samuell Poole for the like		0 4
x John Ridway <sup>274</sup> for breaking the Assize of bread & Ale	}	0 4	x James Brownfeild for the like	}	0 4
x Sarah Key for the like			Randle Tompson for the like		
x Thomas Gough for the like		0 4	x Thomas Buckley for the like		0 4
x Samuel Hodgkinson for the like		0 4	Roger Lownds for the like		0 4
x Randle Wearam for the like		0 4	x William Beech for the Toll of one Mare	}	0 4
x John Walton for breaking the Lords Soyle	}	0 4	x Richd Cartwright for the Toll of one Nagg <sup>275</sup>		
x William Lawton for the like				0 4	Anthony Gorst for continew =ing of An Incroachment on the Lords Waste
x Thomas Mountford for the like		0 4	Elizabeth Duckett for the like		
x Ralph Wearam for the like		0 4	x Randle Wearam for the like		0 6
x Richard Eardley for the like		0 4	• William Lockett for the like		1 0
x John Brownfeild for the like		0 4	Thomas Johnson <sup>276</sup> for the like		1 0
• John Hollins for the like		0 4			
x Thomas Beech for the like		0 4			li
• William Rowley for the like		0 4			<u>1 0 8</u>
x William Amerey for the like		0 4			

## 62.3

*Examinatum per eundem Senescallum*  
*[Examined by the same Steward]*

[1693 Doc B pp. 2 & 3 blank]

[1693 Doc B p. 4]

273 Separately named and each amerced 1s 0d in the actual presentment, 1693 Document A.

274 This name and the following four names comprising all those persons amerced for breaking the Assize of Bread and Ale, do not appear in the actual presentment, 1693 Document A. See footnote 265.

275 Described as a gelding in the actual presentment, 1693 Document A.

276 Thomas Johnson does not appear in the encroachment presentments, 1693 Document A, but Richard Owin 6d does.

[The following entry was written sideways down the right-hand margin]

The Mersements  
of Lawton Coarte  
1694

[1694 p. 1]

**63.1**

Mannor of Lawton

Ab<sup>277</sup> Abstract of the Fynes and Amerciaments of the Court Leete & Court Baron of the Worshipfull John Lawton Esquire held at Lawton 24 day of October Annoque Domini 1694<sup>278</sup>

**63.2**

	s	d		s	d
Roger Wilbraham Esquire for non appearsance	2	6	x James Brownfeild	0	4
			x John Lawton	0	4
Thomas Stephens Esquire for the like	2	6	x William Duckett	0	4
John Cartwright gentleman for the like	1	6	• John Shaw	0	4
For breaking the Assize of Ale & beare			Tole for horses		
			x John Ridgway	0	4
x John Ridgway	0	4	• Richd Owen	0	4
x Sarah Key	0	4	x John Cartwright	0	4
x Thomas Gough	0	4	For continewing incroachments		
x Samuel Hodgkinson	0	4	on the Lords wast		
x Randle Wearam	0	4	Anthony Gorst	1	0
For breaking the Lords Soyle			Elizabeth Duckett	1	0
x William Lawton	0	4	x William Lawton	0	6
x Ralph Wearam	0	4	• Richd Owen	0	6
x Thomas Mountford	0	4	• William Lockett	1	0
x Richd Eardley	0	4	Thomas Johnson	1	0
• John Hollins	0	4			
x Thomas Beech	0	4			
x Wm Amerye	0	4			
Mr Heyford & } Mr Cotton }	2	0			
x Thomas Johnson	0	4			

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<sup>277</sup> 'An' intended.

<sup>278</sup> The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

63.3

*Examinatum per Willelmum Middleton  
generosum  
Senescallum ibidem*

*[Examined by William Middleton gentleman  
Steward there]*

[1694 pp. 2 & 3 blank]

[1694 p. 4]

*[The following entry was written sideways  
down the right-hand margin]*

This  
for James Beech bayliffe  
of Lawton Court

[1695 p. 1]

64.1

Mannor of Lawton

Item An Abstract of the Fynes & Amerciaments of the Court Leete & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for his Mannor aforesaid held at Lawton the 17th day of October Annoque Domini 1695 before William Middleton Gentleman Steward there<sup>279</sup>

64.2

	s	d		s	d
Roger Wilbraham Esquire for his non appearsance therefore in mercy	}	3 4	Anthony Gorst for continewing incroachments on the Lords waste	}	1 0
Thomas Stevens Esquire for the like			therefore in mercy		
Francis Hollingshed Gentleman for the like		3 4	Elizabeth Duckett for the like		0 4
John Cartwright Gentleman for the like		2 6	Randle Waram for the like		0 4
x John Rideway for breaking the Assize of Ale & beare therefore in mercy	}	0 4	Richd Owin for the like		0 4
x Sarah Key for the like				0 4	William Lockett for the like
x Thomas Gough for the like		0 4	Thomas Johnson for the like		0 4
			Abell Brownfeild for the like		0 2

279 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

x	Samuell Hodgkins for the like	0 4	Rachell Waram for An Affray & } 6 8
x	Randle Wearam for the like	0 4	blood whipe upon John Eccles } 6 8
x	William Lawton for the like	0 4	li
	John Warrin for the like	0 4	<u>1 7 10</u>
	James Beech for breaking the	0 4	
	Lords Soyle therefore in mercy } 0 4		
x	Richd Eardley for the like	0 4	Affird by [unclear ?the Ju] Robert
	Mr Hall for the like	2 6	Hodgkinson & John Lawton
x	John Ridgway for the like	0 4	

**64.3**

*Examinatum per Willelmum Middleton  
Senescallum ibidem*

*[Examined by William Middleton  
Steward there]*

[1695 p.2]

**64.4**

Manerium de Lawton

*Willelmus Middleton Generosus Senescallus ibidem Jacobo Beech Ballivo Manerii predicti Salutem. Precipio quod Levari facias de bonis & Catelis separalium personarum in hoc libro extracto nominatarum separalium denariorum Summas per ipsos forisfactos in eodem libro ?mentionatos Ita quod denariis habeas &c a ?qualibet habet &c datum septimo die Septembris Anno Regni Domini Willelmi tertii nunc Regis Anglie &c octavo<sup>280</sup> [1695]*

*[Manor of Lawton*

*William Middleton gentleman Steward there to James Beech bailiff of the aforesaid manor, Greeting. I order you to levy from the goods and chattels of the several persons named in the estreated book the several sums of money on account of the said forfeits mentioned in the same book on condition that you may have from the money etc whatever you have etc given 7th September in the 8th regnal year of William III now King of England etc]*

[Seal here] per eundem Senescallum

[by the same Steward]

280 The reading of this passage given here is a little uncertain, as is the translation.



[1696 p. 3]

**65.2**

Manerium de Lawton

[*lost* ?Extractio] finium & amerciametorum impositorum & a[*lost* ?ssessorum pro diversis] delictis & defaltis perpetratis & factis a[*lost* ?d]<sup>282</sup> Curiam Baroniam Johannis<sup>283</sup> Lawton armigeri tenta apud Lawton predictum pro manerio predicto vicesimo secundo die Octobris Anno Regni Willelmi tertii nunc Regis Anglie &c octavo annoque domini 1696 coram<sup>284</sup>

Radulpho Mountfort  
Senescallo ibidem

[*Manor of Lawton*

*Estreat of fines and amercements imposed and assessed for divers offences and defaults perpetrated and made and [brought before] the Court Leet and the Court Baron of John Lawton esquire held at Lawton aforesaid for the aforesaid manor on 22 October in the 8th year of the reign of William III now king of England &c and A.D. 1696 before*

*Ralph Mountford  
Steward there]*

**65.3**

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	s	d		s	d
Roger Wilbraham Esquire for default of appearence therefore	3	0	x Saml Hodgkinson for the like	?	?
Thomas Stevens Esquire for the like			John Unwin for the like	?	?
William Cartwright gentleman for the like	3	0	Widow ?Wearam? for the like	?	?
Alsoe	1	0	Alsoe		
x Willm Emery for breakeing the Lords Soyle	0	6	Anthony Gorst for continewing	}	?
Roger Lownds for the like	1	6	Inclosures on the Lords waste		
x William Shawe for the like	0	6	Abel Brownfeild for the like	?	?4
x Willm Lawton for the like	0	?	[ <i>lost</i> ?Thomas Gough] for the like	?	?
x Samll Poole for the like	0	?	Willm [ <i>lost</i> ?Lockett] for the like	?	?
Jno Shawe of the Greene for the Like	0	?	Ric Owen for the like	?	?
			Widdow Clewlow for the like	?	?

282 Several words lost here.

283 This and the 1698 reference to John Lawton is written 'Johi' which would suggest that the clerk thought the name to be second declension rather than third declension. For the purposes of this transcription it is rendered as it should have been written.

284 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

Tho Hall for the like	0 4	Willm [lost ?Duckworth] for the like ? ?
Alsoe		[unclear] ? ?
x Willm Shawe for not paying Toll for a [lost ?horse that] he sold	} 0 2	[lost ?Ran Weram] for the like ? ?
[lost] for the like		[lost ?Widow Michell] for the like ? ?
Alsoe		
x John Ridgway for breaking the Assize of Bread and Ale	} 0 ?	[lost ?Steward Mountfort's endorsement]
x [lost ?Tho Gough] for the like		0?6
x Sarah Key for the like	?10?	
x Willm Lawton for the like	? ?	

[1696 p. 4]

[The following entry was written sideways down the left-hand margin]

[lost ?Estrajits for Lawton Court  
Anno 1696

[1697 p. 1]

## 66.1

[This parchment page is nearly twice as wide as the preceding documents and has been folded in on the right-hand side to fit the bound bundle of documents. The heading is written across the full page, the names etc in the two columns given below.]

### Maner of Lawton

An extract of the fines & ameraciements at the Court Lete and Court Baron of John Lawton esquire houlden att Lawton the Eleventh daie of October for the Manor aforesaid in the nineth yeare of the Reigne of King William the Third over England &c Anno domini 1697<sup>285</sup>

Ralph Mountfort  
Steward There

285 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

66.2

	li	s	d		li	s	d
Roger Wilbraham {Esquire}	}	3	4	Samuel Hodgkinson for the like	0	6	
for default of appearance therefore				Randle Wearam for the like	0	6	
Thomas Stevens Esquire for the like		3	4	[unclear ?Sarah] Thropp for toll of a horse	0	4	
John Cartwright for the like		2	6	Thomas Gough for the like	0	4	
x William Ambrey for breaking the Lords Soyle	}	0	6	Abell Brownfeild for continuing an Inclosure on the Lords Wast	}	6	0
x Samuel Hodgkinson for the like				2			
x Willm Shaw for the like		1	0	Willm Lockett for the like	2	6	
Joseph Muchell for the like		0	2	Richard Owin for the like	2	6	
x John Ridgway for the like		0	4	Widdow Clewlow for the like	6	?	
x John [unclear ?Clowes] for the like		0	4	Joane [unclear ?Booth widow] for the like	2	6	
John Lawton Tanner for the like		0	6	William Shaw for the like	6	?	
x Thomas Gough for the like		0	4	John Cartwright for the like	?	?	
x Nathaniel Kent for the like		0	4	Randle Wearam for the like	?	?	
William Lockett for the like		0	2	Anthony Gorst for the like	?1	?	
Thomas Hall gentleman for the like		2	6	Willm Duckworth for the like	0	?	
Willm Duckworth for the like		1	0	Isaac Joanes for the like	?	?	
x Abell Brownfeild for the like		0	?	Willm Heath for the like	?	?	
Willm Tompson for the like		1	0	Richard Robinson for the like	?	?	
x Randle Tompson for the like		0	4	John Johnson for the like	?	0	
x John Ridgway for breaking the Assize of Bread and Ale	}	0	6	John Wakefeild for the like	?	4	
x Sarah Key for the like				0	6	Sum. Total	3
x Thomas Gough for the like		0	6				
William Lawton for the like		0	6				

66.3

Examinatum per me Radulphum Mountford }  
 Senescallum ibidem }  
 [Examined by William Middleton  
 Steward there]

[1697 p. 2]

66.4

To James Beech gentleman Bayliff of the Mannor  
 of Lawton and to his under Bayliffes & Deputyes  
 Greetings

These are to Charge and comand you that you or some or one of you doe Ask gaiter levy and receive of the severale persons herwithin mentioned all & every the several & respective Sume & sumes {of money} Extracted in the within written Extract Sett over against the names of such person and persons as the same are to be collected from And that you have the same in readiness with an Account of whome you received the same from, to bee paid & Delivered to John Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Mannor or to such person as hee shall order to receive the same att & against the next Court to be houlden for the said Mannor or sooner if by him you shall be thereunto required. Given under my hand & Seale the Tenth day of December in the ninth year of the Raigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Lord King William the third over England etc Anno domini 1697:

per me Radulphus Mountfort  
Senescallo ibidem [Seal here]  
[by Ralph Middleton  
Steward there]

[1698 p. 1]

## 67.1

[lost ?Manerium de Lawton]

[lost ?Extractio finium &] amerciametorum impositorum & [lost ?assessorum pro diversis defe]ctis & defaultis perpetratis & factis ac ad Curiam Leet [lost ?& Curiam] Baroniam de Johanne Lawton armigero tenta apud Lawton predictam pro manerio predicto vicesimo primo die Octobris Anno regni domini Willelmi tertii nunc Regis Anglie &c decimo annoque domini 1698 coram me<sup>286</sup>

Radulpho Mountfort  
Senescallo ibidem

[Manor of Lawton

*Estreat of fines and amercements imposed and assessed for divers offences and defaults perpetrated and done and [brought before] the Court Leet and the Court Baron of John Lawton esquire held at Lawton aforesaid for the aforesaid manor on 21st October in the 10th yeare of the reign of [our] lord William III now king of England &c and A.D. 1698 before me*

Ralph Mountford  
Steward there]

286 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

67.2

	s	d		s	d
Roger Wilbraham Esquire for Default of appearance therefore	}	3 4	Richard Owen for the like	1	6
Thomas Stevens Esquire for the like			Widow Clowes <sup>287</sup> for the like	1	6
John Cartwright Gentleman for the like		3 4	Widow Booth for the like	1	6
x William Heath for breaking the Lords Soyle therefore	}	2 6	William Shaw for the like	3	0
Edward Johnson for the like			John Cartwright for the like	6	8
John Johnson for the like		0 6	Randle Weariam for the like	5	0
x Thomas Mountford for the like		0 6	Anthony Gorst for the like	1	0
x Thomas Beech for the like		0 6	Willm Duckworth for the like	0	1
x William Shaw for the like		0 4	Isaac Joanes for the like	0	4
		0 4	Willm Heath for the like	0	6
		0 4	Richard Robinson for the like	0	6
			John Johnson for the like	10	0
x John Ridgway for Breaking the Assize of Bread and ale	}	0 6	John Wakefeild for the like	0	4
x Sarah Key for the like			John Johnson for grindinge away from the Lords Mille therefore	5	0
x Thomas Goffe for the like		0 6	Thomas Johnson For turneing	}	3 0
x Samuel Hodgkinson for the like		0 6	Geese to the Lords Waste contrary to paine Laid the last Court therefore		
x Randle Wearam for the like		0 6	Thomas Johnson For puttinge a swayed <sup>288</sup> Horse to the Lords Waste therefore	}	? 10 0
John Rowley for Tole for a nagg		0 4	Isaac Jones for contineweng an inclosure in Butt Lane contrary to a peane at the last Court therefore		
x George Deane for the like for a Mare		0 4	John Heath for the like	1	0 6
		0 4	Richard Robinson for the like	1	? ?
x Willm Robinson for the like for a nagg		0 4	Anthony Gorst for the like	1	? ?
x Richard Williams for the like		0 4			
x Nathaniel Kent for the like for a mare		0 4			
x George Deane for the like		0 4			
x George Deane for the like <sup>289</sup>		0 4			
x Widow Muchell for Foure horses		1 4			
Abell Brownfeild for continueinge inclosures upon the Lords Wast therefore		3 4			
Thomas Johnson for the like		3 4			
Willm Lockett for the like		2 0			

67.3

Examinatum per Radulphum Mountfort  
Senescallum ibidem

[Examined by Ralph Mountford  
Steward there]

287 Clewley intended. See *inter alia* 1697, 1699.

288 Sway-backed i.e. having a curved spine.

289 ?dittograph.

## 67.4

Mannor de Lawton

To Mr James Beech Bayliffe for the Mannor  
aforesaid and to his under Bayliffe & Deputies  
Greetinge

I Comand you that you or some or one of you doe aske gaither collect Levye and receive of the several persons above mentioned all such several sumes of money as are sett Downe & Figured against their & every of there several names and that you make a true Account thereof to the said Lord of the said Mannor or his Assignes when you shall be thereon required And hereof Fayle not. Given under my hand & seale the thirteenth Day of December in the Tenth year of the Raigne of King Wm the third over England etc Anno Domini 1698.

Ralph Mountfort  
Steward there

[Seal here]

[1698 p. 2 blank]

[1699 p. 1]

## 68.1

Extractio finium & amerciamentorum impositorum & [lost ?assessorum pro diversis delictis] & defaultis perpetratis & factis ac ad Curiam Letam & Curiam Baroniam cum visu &<sup>290</sup> franci plegii tenta apud Lawton vicesimo nono die Aprilis Anno Regni domini Regis nunc Anglie &c undecimo annoque domini 1699 coram me Radulpho Mountford senescallo ibidem<sup>291</sup>

Radulphus Mountfort  
Senescallo ibidem

[Estreat of fines and amercements imposed and assessed for divers offences and defaults perpetrated and done and [brought before] the Court Leet and Court Baron and View of Frankpledge held at Lawton 29 April in the 11th year of the reign of [our] lord king now of England &c and A.D. 1699 before me

Ralph Mountford  
Steward there]

290 The insertion of a redundant and meaningless 'and' suggests that the clerk had no knowledge of Latin and was merely scribbling a half-remembered formula.

291 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

**68.2**

Imprimis	s d
Roger Wilbraham Esquire for default of appearance therefore	3 4
Thomas Seevens <sup>292</sup> Esquire for the like	3 4
John Cartwright Gentleman for the like	2 6
Breaking ye Lords Soyle	
x Willm Shaw	0 6
x Randle Wareham Senior	0 6
For Breakinge the Assize of Bread ale & Bere	
x of John Ridgway for the like	0 6
x of Thomas Gough	0 6
x of Sarah Key	0 6
x of Samuel Hodgkinson	0 6
x of Randle Wearam Junior	0 6

**68.3**

To Mr James Beech Bayliffe of the  
Mannor of Lawton and to his under Bayliffs & Deputyes  
Greeting.

I Charge & Comand you that {you} some or one of you doe Aske gaither levy and Receive of the several persons above mentioned all such fines issues and amercia-ments as {are} in this Schedule here above are mentenioned & expressed Extracted and charged against their & everie of there several & respective names And that you give & make A true Account thereof when you shall be thereunto required. Given under my hand & Seale the tenth day of July in the Eleaventh yeare of the Raigne of King Willm the third over England etc Annoque Domini 1699.

By me Ralph Mountfort  
Steward there

[Seal here]

[1699 pp. 2 & 3 blank]

292 Stevens intended?

[1699 p. 4]

[The following sum is written upside down at the top of the page (as used for page 3). It bears no relation to the figures shown elsewhere in this document.]

7 10 0
5 10
3 9½
1 0
<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
8 0 7½

[1699 p.5]

**68.4**

[lost ?Manor]<sup>293</sup> of Item To James Beech gentleman Bayliffe of the said  
 [lost ?Lawton] Mannor and to his under Bayliffes & deputyes Greeting

I Charge & Comand you that you Some or one of you doe Aske gaither levy and receive of the several persons in the Schedule hereunto Annexed All such fines issues & Amerciaments As in the said Schedule hereunto Annexed Are mentioned & Extracted And that you give & make a true Account thereof when you shall be thereunto required. Given under my hand & Seale the tenth day of December in the Eleaventh yeare of the Rainge of King William the third over England etc Annoque Domini 1699.

By me Ralph Mountfort  
 Steward there [Seal here]

[1699 p. 6 blank]

[1699 p. 7]

**68.5**

*Extractio finium & amerciamentorum impositorum & assessatorum pro diversis delictis & defaultis perpetratis & factis ac ad Curiam Letam & Curiam Baroniam cum visu &<sup>294</sup> franci plegii tenta apud Lawton pro manerio predicto decimo septimo die Octobris Anno Regni domini Willelmi tertii nunc Regis Anglie &c undecimo annoque domini 1699 coram me Radulpho Mountfort senescallo ibidem<sup>295</sup>*

Radulphus Mountfort  
 Senescallo ibidem

293 Start of this line and the next lost in the stitching.  
 294 See footnote 290 regarding the similarly redundant ampersand in the heading to this list.  
 295 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

[*Estreat of fines and amercements imposed and assessed for divers offences and defaults perpetrated and done and [brought before] the Court leet and Court Baron with View of Frankpledge held at Lawton for the aforesaid manor on 17 October in the 11th year of the reign of [our] lord William III now king of England and A.D. 1699 before me*

*Ralph Mountford  
Steward there]*

**68.6**

	s d		s d
For default of Appearance of Roger Wilbraham Esquire	3 4	For Breaking the Assize of Bread beere & Ale	
Of Thomas Steevens Esquire	3 4	x of John Ridgway	1 0
Of John Cartwright Esqr {gentleman}	2 6	x of Thomas Gough	1 0
		x of Sarah Key	1 0
		x of Samuell Hodgkinson	1 0
For Breaking the Lords Soyle of John Robinson	0 6	x of Randle Wearam Junior	1 0
of John Craddocke	0 6	For Continueing inclosures upon the Lords Wast	
of John Johnson	0 6	of Abell Brownfeild	0 4
of Richard Robinson	0 6	of Thomas Johnson	0 6
of Thomas Beech	0 6	of Willm Lockett	0 4
x of Willm Lawton	0 6	of Richard Owen	0 4
x of Willm Shaw	0 6	of Widow Clewlow	0 4
of Joseph Muchall	0 6	of John Booth	0 4
x of Roger Machin	0 6	of Willm Shaw	0 6
of Thomas Hall	0 6	of Randle Wearam Senior	0 6
of Willm Muchell	0 6	of Anthony Gaurst	3 0
x of Richard William's	0 6	of Willm Duckworth	0 4
		of Isaac Joanes	0 6
		of Willm Heath	0 6
		of Richard Robinson	0 6
		of John Johnson	0 6
		of Richard Wakefeild	0 6

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[1699 p.9]

For keeping Geese upon the Lords Waist contrary to a former paine

	s d
of Willm Lockitt	0 2
of Randle Cooke	0 2

of Egerton Browne for not giveinge in his Accounts as Constable and overseere of the poore	} 2 6
of Robert Hodgskinson for the like as being overseere of ye poore	} 1 0

**68.7**

*Per me Radulphum Mountfort  
Senescallum ibidem  
[By Ralph Mountfort  
Steward there]  
[Seal here]*

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[1700 p. 1]

**69.1**

The Extracts of the Fines & Amerciaments of the Court Leet & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire held for his Mannor of Lawton the Twenty second day of October In the Twelfth year of the rayne of our Sovereigne Lord King William the third over England etc before Thomas Fenton gentleman Steward there<sup>296</sup>

**69.2**

*Imprimis*

	s d
Roger Wilbraham Esquire for default of Appearance	3 4
Thomas Stevens Esquire for the like	3 4
John Cartwright gentleman for the like	2 6

*Item*

Thomas Hall gentleman for breaking the Lords soile	3 4
John Shaw de hall greene for the like	0 2
John Shaw of Talk for the like	1 0
x George Deane for the like	0 4
x Mr John Latham for the like	0 4
x Mr Charles Cartwright for the like	0 4

296 The reason for the 'x' annotations in this list is unknown.

Item

John Clewley for an Encroachment upon the Lords Wast	} 0 6
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Item

x Sarah Key for breaking the Assize of bread	0 4
x Gartrua [?Gertrude <i>intended</i> ?] Warham for the like	0 4
x John Ridgway for the like	0 4
x Charles Minors for the like	0 4
x John Shufflebotham for the like	0 4

Item

Isaack Jones for continueinge an Inclosure upon the Lords Wast	} 3 4
William Heath for the like	3 4
Richard Robbinson for the like	3 4
[ <i>lost</i> ?Col]eclough for the like	3 4
[ <i>lost</i> ]son for the like	3 4
[ <i>lost</i> ?L]ockitt for the like	3 4
[ <i>lost</i> ] for the like	0 ? <sup>297</sup>
[ <i>lost</i> ] the like	3 ? [ <i>lost</i> ?4]

[1700 p. 2]

s d

Item

Samuel Clowes for takeing in an Inmate vizt. Robert Dawes for 4 months	} 2 0
Thomas Johnson for the like vizt. for Richard Reade for 6 months	} 3 0

Item

Abell Bromfeild for encroachinge upon the Lords Wast <sup>298</sup>	} 0 4
Thomas Johnson for the like	0 4
William Lockitt for the like	0 4
Richard Owin for the like	0 4
Widdow Clowes for the like	0 4
John Booth for the like	0 4
William Shaw for the like	0 4
John Cartwright for the like	0 4
Randle Warham for the like	0 4

297 The shillings figure is a three heavily overwritten with a zero. Pence figure lost.

298 It is not clear why this list is separated from the single entry earlier for the same offence.

**69.3**

To ye Bayliffe of ye Mannor aforesaid

These are to will and require you for [*unclear* ?each] to ask and demand ye severall sums of money aforesaid of ye severall *persons* aforesaid affixed to their respective names and in default of payment thereof to Levy ye same by distresse and sale of ye Goods & Chattells of each respective *person* soe refusinge or neglecting ~~or refusinge~~ to pay ye Same Given under my hand and Seale ye said 22nd day of October Annoque Domini 1700

Tho Fenton  
Senescallo i[*lost bide*m]  
[*Steward there*]

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[1700 p. 4]

[*The following entry was written sideways down the right-hand margin*]

Lawton Estreats October 22 1700

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## 70 Court of 27th October 1735

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[p. 1]

### 70.1

Mannor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for the said Mannor held at the House of Susannah Ridgeway ~~on the 27th of October~~ within the said Mannor on the 27th day of October 1735 before Thos Furnivall Gentleman Steward

The said Court then adjourned to Monday 3rd Nov 1735 And then Adjourned to Thursday 11th day of December 1735 at the place aforesaid before the said Steward

### 70.2

Hugh Rowley	Sworn	Jos Robinson	} Sworn
Wm Mountford	} Sworn	Danl [ <i>deletion</i> ] {Morris}	
Richd Lindop		} Sworn	Hump Gould
Wm Balcock	} Sworn		Aaron Walley
{Wm} <del>John</del> Hilditch		} Sworn	Tho Cawnton
Edwd Lawton	} Sworn		John Shufflebottom
Benj Vernon			

## 70.3

We present & amerse

Richard Jones for an Incroachment in Butt Lane & amerse him in 4d & Wid Shofflebotham for ye like 4d Abell Hobkin for ye like 4d Antoney Robison for ye like 4d George Jones for ye like 4d

We present ye Occupiers of Butlane living to keep open ye {cross} Jutter entering ye Ould House feild from ye upper Hurst if not done in 28 days we Amerse them in 2s 6d

[*The following presentment is struck through*]

Wee continue {pane upon} a Small Enclosure att ye end of Matthew Lane by ye Eight day work near Wood Seats House ~~& amerse~~ {in ye Summ}

We present Wm Copland for {not} loping his Trees & Couting his Headge shading Wm Mountfords Hobriding Meddow

turn over

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And also for not Scouring his *Wm Copland* ditch sufficient to Carrey ye Water of Wm Mountfords Little Meddow & not Scouring ~~his ditch~~ ye *said* ditch {& order the same to be done} in 30 days upon pane of ten Shillings

We present ye Occupiers of But Lane living for not falling ye Hedge & making a Sufficient ditch betwixt Butlane Living & Taulk Hurst Meddow {& order the same to be done} betwixt & Candlmas day next<sup>299</sup> on pane of 30s

We present ye Surveyors of ye Highways for not mending a Sclack<sup>300</sup> betwixt Moses Heaths & ye platt<sup>301</sup> {& order the same to be done} within 12 days on pane of 2s

We present ~~Aron~~ & Continue Aron Walley ~~in~~ [*deletion*] in 5s if he neglects grinding att ye Lords Mills ~~upon pane of~~

We present Wm Cotton for not grinding att ye Lords Mills {in the sum of} ~~on pane~~ of 10s

We present Daniell Morris for not Scouring {his ditch} & cutting his hedge betwixt Mr Ralph Lawtons Bran<sup>302</sup> & ye Hall green {& order it to be done} betwixt & ye 25th of March on pane of 20s

We present ye Surveyors of ye Highways for not mending ye Wade Lane & foot

299 2 February 1735/36.

300 Probably 'slack': a pit or hole.

301 A small bridge: J. O. Halliwell-Phillips, *A Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words*, 7th edn, 2 vols (London: John Russell Smith, 1872).

302 Brans and Brans Plantation are Church Lawton field names and part of the manor estate in the 1836 tithe.

Cawsey ~~in~~ & Hedges cut {& order it to be done} betwixt & Midsummer upon pane of 30s

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We present all persons that suffer there Swine to goe abrode upon such default for Each Swine to pay ?4? ~~s if trespassing unyeaked or unrrongen~~

We present Humfrey Gould John Ouldam Moses Heath ~~John Tumptson~~ for not Scouring ye water Course leading betwixt Humfrey Goulds Meddow & ye Great Moss {& order the same to be done} betwixt & Candlemas next on pane of five Shillings Each

We present Edward Pedley John Yorwood Samuell Buckley John Wakefield in 1s Each for not ~~att~~ appearing att ye Court

#### 70.4

We return Wm Cotton Constable for this year Ensewing

We return John Beech Burleman  
George Lucas Swine Catcher<sup>303</sup>

#### 70.5

We do present {that} a small parcell of Land at the End of Mathew Lane near Woodseat House between the Eight day Work & the Watercourse belonging to the Lord of this Mannor has lately been laid open by some person unknown

We amerce Aaron Walley for not grinding the Lords Mill in this Mannor in one Shilling

We amerce Wm Mountford late Surveyor of the Highways for not repair Wade Lane according to the Order of the last Court in the sum of 1s

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We amerce Wm Copland for not loping his Trees according to the Order of the last Court in the sum of 1s

We amerce Wm Duckworth for Stopping the Way & inclosing part of the Waste between Hall Green & Little Moss in one Shilling

We amerce Aaron Walley for bringing Horses Cattle & Carriages thro' a private Way

303 This is the only occurrence of the appointment of this official in these documents, and this year and 1737 are the only years with references to his activities.

by Moses Heaths House on publick occasions for to & from other Lands not intituled to the benefit of the *said* Way in the Sum of 1.19.0

We amerce Wm Copland for {not} ditching & cleansing his Ditches according to the Order of the last Court in 2s

**70.6**

Wm Cotton Constable [Written sideways along this edge]  
27th October 1735

John Beech Burlyman

Geo Lucas Swine Catcher

Hugh Rowley	} Affeerers	Sworn
Hump Gould		

**70.7**

Hugh Rowley <sup>304</sup>	Joseph Robins
Wm Mountford	Daniell Morris
Richard Lindop	his X mark
William Bawcock	Humfrey Gould
William Hilditch	his X mark
Edwd Lawton	Aron X Walley
B[enja]m[in] Vernon	his mark
	Thos Caulton
	John X Shufflebotham
	his mark

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304 The names and marks in the following list appear to be autographs.

## 71 Court of 1st November 1737

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### 71.1

Mannor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for the said Mannor held at the House of Susannah Ridgeway in the said Mannor on the first day of November 1737 before Tho Furnivall Gentleman Steward there

### 71.2

Nathl Kent	} Sworn	Moses Heath	} Sworn
John Yarwood		Tho Caulton	
Tho Howel	} Sworn	Robt Broadhurst	} Sworn
Wm Copland		Saml Buckley	
Joseph Robinson	} Sworn	John Buckley	} Sworn
Danl Morris		Benj Vernon	
Humphry Gould			

### 71.3

We present the Supervisors of the Highways to Repair the foot Rode betwixt the

305 This incomplete and unexplained sum appears in the top left corner of the page.

Bottom of the Cow fould to Matthew Cottons to be don In thirte days In Pane of five Shillings

Likewise we present the Supervisors of the Highways to Repair the foot Rode betwixt the Red balle<sup>306</sup> and Humphrey Goulds In Pane of five Shillings If not don In forty Days

Likewise we present the Supervisors of the Highways to Repair the foot Rode betwixt Samuel Buckleys {gate} and T?all?hurst meddow Stile In pane of one Shilling if not don In one Month

Likewise we present Jno Lawton {of Lee Hall} to Repair the foot Rode {or Cawsey} over the Moss Leading {from Hall Green} towards the Lee Hall In Pane of five Shillings If not don in thirty Days

We present Jno Cope Stocktaker {att Lawton furnice} ~~for time past~~ for Suffering ~~Any~~ Vagrent Persons ~~of Any Sort~~ to Loddg or Continnew all Night {in the Building at the furnase & amerse him in six pence} and for the time to Come In pane of [2s *scratched out*] too Shillings a Night for Evrey ~~Single~~ Person

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[Written with page upside down] ~~We amerse~~ Nath Kent

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[Written with page upside down]

Likewise we present Mr Middleton ~~for time past~~ for Suffering ~~Any~~ Vagrent Persons ~~of Any Sort~~ to Loddg or Continnew all Night {att ye Saltworks<sup>307</sup> and amerse him in six pence} And for the time to Come In Pane of 2s a Night for Everey ~~Single~~ Person

We present the Supervisors of the Highways to Repair the foott Cawsey Lieing in Linle Lane betwixt the Lidyad field Stile And the Bridgg in pane of five Shillings if not don in fifty days

We order that no one Shall Suffer Any Swine to go loose on ~~without Cattle yoke and Ring if so found by the Swine Catcher or Any one that Is a Sufferar by them for Everey Single~~ [*unclear*] in pain of five Shillings for each offence

We present Jno Lawton for takeing In Inmates to witt Zachariah Twemlow and Rich Ball and their familleys & amerce him in the Sum of one Shilling and order that he shall forthwith discharge them from his House on pain of forty Shillings

306 Definitely 'balle' but presumably the Red Bull Inn is intended.

307 This the earliest reference to salt extraction in these court rolls. See Introduction pp. xxxix–xlx for a discussion on the exploitation of this resource in Church Lawton.

We present Wm Copland for suffering his swine to go loose in the Comon & Highways within this Mannor contrary to an order of the last Court	Deducted by the	}	4.0
& amerse him in five Shillings	Affeerers from		
Wm Balcock for the like five Shillings	these Fines <sup>308</sup>		
Mary Minors for the like five Shillings			
George Lucas for the like five Shillings			
Edward Lawton for the like five Shillings			4.6

**71.4**

We return Saml Pointon for Constable & he is sworn

Wm Copland	}	Affeerers Sworn	William Copland [ <i>signature</i> ]
Humphrey Gould			The Mark of Humphrey X Gould

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~~We amerse~~

Nathl Kent [*in a different hand*]

[p. 4]

[*entered sideways here*] Lawton Court Roll  
1 Nov 1737

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308 The meaning of this is not clear. Initially it appears to mean that the affeerors reduced the fines of Copland and Balcock but all five fines were initially recorded as 5s so all have been reduced. It seems likely that the amounts in the right-hand column are the amended fines, *not* the amounts of the affeerors' reductions.

## 72 Court of 14th November 1738

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### 72.1

Mannor of Church Lawton to Wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for the said Mannor held at the House of Susanna Ridgeway within the said Mannor by Adjournment the Fourteenth day of November 1738

before Tho Furnivall Gentleman Steward there

### 72.2

The Names of the Jurors

Jos Rowley Gentleman	Sworn		
Nath Kent	}		} Sworn
Richard Lindop			
Thomas Cawton			
Humphery Gold	}		} Sworn
Daniel Morris		Sworn	
Mathew Cotton			
		Richard Buckley	} Sworn
		Moses Heath	
		John Buckley	
		William Ball	} Sworn
		Samuel Smith	
		Edward Lawton	

### 72.3

First We present ye foot Road leading from Wm Taylors gate to Humphrey Goulds House {decayed and that the inhabitants of Lawton are to repair it} and if not repaired within the Space of twenty Eight days we ~~pre~~ Fine ye Supervisors in the sum of Ten Shillings

We present Humphrey Gould and Jno Oldham for not scouring their Ditches, from ye bottom of the Moss meadow to the plat beyound ~~Henry~~ Moses Heath Humphrey Gould we allow six days, and Jno Oldham twelve days longer, and if not ditched within the time appointed we amerce them in the sum of five shillings a piece, and that the Supervisor shall open the plat answerable to the ditches below in the space of ten days after, in the pain of twenty shillings

We present Wm Taylor for not keeping the foot Road {in good repair} between Wm Taylors house, and the great Moss, and if not made passable within thirty days, we pain him in the Sum of two Shillings and Six pence

We present the foot Road leading from Richard Buckleys down the wade lane over against Aaron Marshes Style, and if not repaired within the Space of twenty Eight days, we pain the Supervisors in the sum of two Shillings and Six pence

We present Jno Wakefield, and Thos Walley For not scouring the ditch from the field Called the three day work in the holding of Humphrey Gould to the pit lying to the Grindstone, and if not ditched within the space of twenty Eight days, we amerce them in the sum of ten Shillings

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Likewise we present the Parissioners in generall that if they suffer any Vagrant to Continue above one night, if removeable we amerce them in the sum of six pence for Every single person

We present Daniell Morris, George Lucas, Mary Miner Humphrey Gould, for suffering their swine to run in the Highways, in the sum of twelve pence a piece.

We Likewise present the Parissioners in generall that if they offend in the like kind, and amerce them in the sum of twelve pence a piece

We present Widdow Lawton of the Snape for an Incroachment of the Waste, and amerce her in the sum of six pence

We present Jno Lawton of the Leehall, for not grinding at the Mill and amerce him in the sum of six pence

	L : S : D
Jno Buckley of Butt Lane in the sum of <sup>f309</sup>	0 : 7 : 6
Thos Caulton of Floodgates	0 : 0 : 9
Geo Lucas for not grinding Malt	0 : 5 : 0
Mary Minor <i>Ditto</i>	0 : 2 : 0
James Coultelowe <i>Ditto</i>	0 : 1 : 6
Wm Bawcock <i>Ditto</i>	0 : 5 : 0

309 Presumably this man and the following eight persons all fined for not using the lord's mill.

Widdow Cotton <i>Ditto</i>	0 : 2 : 0
Matthew Cotton	0 : 0 : 1
Richard Buckley	0 : 1 : 6

**72.4**

We return Samuell Pointon to serve Constable for Mr Mountfords House Sworn

**72.5**

Joshua Rowley <sup>310</sup>	Richard Buckley
Nath Kent	The Mark of
Richard Lindop	Moses X Heath
Thos Caulton	Jon Buckley
The Mark of	William Ball
Humphrey X Gould	Samel Smith
The Mark of	Edw Lawton
Daniell X Morris	
Matthew Cotton	

**72.6**

Joshua Rowley	} Affeerers Sworn
Nathl Kent	

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Saml Poynton Burleyman

~~We return Mr Wm Mountford Constable~~

[p.4]

[entered sideways here] Lawton Court Roll  
14 Nov 1738

310 The names and marks in the following list appear to be autographs.

## 73 Court of 23rd October 1739

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[p. 1]

### 73.1

Mannor of Church Lawton to Wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for the said Mannor held at the House of Susanna Ridgeway within the said Mannor the twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord 1739 before Thomas Furnivall Gentleman Steward there

### 73.2

Joshua S Rowley	Sworn	Samuel Buckley	}	Sworn
Thomas Beech	}	Moses Heath		
Humph Gould		} Sworn	<del>Walter Middleton</del>	
Samuel Smith			Walter Middleton	
Edward Pedley	} Sworn	William Baulcock	}	Sworn
Daniel Morris		William Cook		
James Coughlow <sup>311</sup>		William Clerk		

### 73.3

First We present the foot Road going to Lawton Gate lying through a piece of Land called the Flatt in the holding of Widdow Cotton and if not repaired within the Space of Fourteen days, we Amerce it in the sum of ten Shillings

311 Appears as Coulclough at end of roll.

We present the Inclosure ditch within the holding of Humphrey Gould, leading down to the Great Moss and if [not *appears to be omitted here*] ditched within the space of fourteen days we amerce him in the sum of two shillings and six pence

We present Richard Buckley for not scouring the opposite ditch, and if not ditched within the space of fourteen days we likewise Amerce him in the sum of two shillings and six pence

We present the Supervisors of the highways for not repairing the road between the Hall green, and the great Moss, and if not repaired within the space of twenty eight days, or fourteen days after ditching we Amerce them in the sum of seven shillings and Six pence

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We present {Mary} Minor if she doth not Keep her swine within her own Bounds for the Future, and amerce her in the sum of ten shillings

We present ye Parissioners in general, that if they suffer any Vagrant {to Continue} above one night, if removeable, We amerce them in the sum of six pence for every such Single person

#### 73.4

We return Samuel Buckley Constable

[Sworn *added in a different hand*]

#### 73.5

Joshua Rowley<sup>312</sup>

Thomas Beech

the Mark of

Hum X Gould

Samuell Smith

Edward Pedley

the mark of

Daniel X Morris

the mark of

James X Coulclough

the mark of

Saml X Buckley

Moses X Heath

his mark

W[*alte*]r Middleton

William Bancock<sup>313</sup>

the Mark of

William X Cook

Wm Clarke

312 The names and marks in the following list appear to be autographs.

313 Baulcock intended? See appointment of jurors.

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**73.6**

We return ~~Samuel Pointon~~ {Mr William Mountford} Burleman  
~~We return Samuel Buckley Constable~~

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## 74 Court of 25th October 1771

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## 74.1

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Robert Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton held at the Dwelling House of George Venables in the said Manor the Twenty fifth Day of October 1771 before Samuel Garnett Steward of the said Courts

## 74.2

Suitors Names<sup>314</sup>

e •• Richd Wilbraham Bootle Esquire	••• James Rathbone	a Abraham Lunt
a •• Charles Shaw Rector	••• James Handford	e William Lawton
e • Nathaniel Kent	James Taylor [dead <sup>315</sup> added]	e John Wareham
a •• Daniel Morrey <sup>316</sup>	e John Colclough	a John Owen
a Thomas Johnson	<del>John Hockney</del>	••• James Sherratt
a Joseph Lucas	e Stephen Large	<del>Randle Whiteall</del>
a William Norbury	e Henry Mountford	a John Bosson Senr
a William Bourn	<del>Peter Duckworth</del>	a •• John Wainwright
a William Cook	{ <del>John Cartwright</del> }	e • Saml Hodgkinson
••• Samuel Worthington	••• Samuel Pointon	a Joshua Baddiley
••• John Stonier	••• Anne Plant Widow	••• John Smith
	e Benjamin Kellsall	••• Stephen Smallwood

314 The reason for the 'x' annotation following some names in this list is unknown.

315 Buried at Church Lawton, 20 January 1770.

316 Morris intended.

a •• Richard Dale	e Jonathan <del>Kells</del> Jackson	e Edwd Lawton
a John Keeling	e William Owen	••• William Lowndes
e John Jenks	e •• <del>Thomas Buckley</del> {Eliz	e Hugh Shaw
a William Hall	Taylor widow}	e Phillip Clarke
<del>Richard Lindop</del>	e • William Gater	e Thos Colclough
a John Lindop	e • <del>John Taylor</del> {Hannah	e Richd Shaw
a William Lindop	Taylor widow}	e William Oakes
a George Venables	a John Lucas	e John Bossen Junr
a Benjamin Bentley	e Thomas Owen x	e Richard Bosson
a •• Joshua Pointon	a Willm Cartwright	<del>George Stonier</del>
a Moses Walker	e John Mainwaring	[reinstated with stet]
a Josiah Keeling	e John Cotton x	<del>John Oldham</del>
<del>Willm Challenor</del>	<del>Matthew Cotton</del>	••• Richd Brittain
<del>Willm Twemlow</del>	e James Stonier x	e Wm Kneeld
a Ralph Walley	e Samuel Buckley x	e John Pointon x
	a •• Ralph Dale	a Wm Hill
	a •• John Cartwright	
	<del>James Toft</del>	

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••• Joseph Booth  
 ••• Jno Brownsword  
 ••• Thos Bentley  
 e Richd Pointon  
 e Josh Clarke

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**75 Court of 17th October 1772**

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**75.1**

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Robert Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton aforesaid held at the Dwelling House of George Venables within the said Manor the Seventeenth Day of October 1772 before Samuel Garnett Steward of the said Courts

**75.2**

Jurors

Richard Lindop	Sworn		
Nathaniel Kent	} Sworn	Charles Bate	} Sworn
John Keeling		John Jenks	
Daniel Morris	} Sworn	Benjamin Bentley	} Sworn
Richard Dale		Josiah Keeling	
Joshua Pointon		William Lindop	
William Bourne		George Shaw	

**75.3**

Who upon their Oaths {say} & present as follows.

We present Thos Johnson and William Norbury for not attending this Court in time to serve upon the Jury according to Notice given and Fine them in Two Shillings and six pence each

We likewise present all persons who Owe suit and service the said Courts and have not appeared here this Day nor been assigned for by any other person Giving a Suffi-  
ciant Reason why they have not attended in person; and Fine them in six pence Each

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We present Thomas Johnson and Fine him in the sum of Two shillings and six pence if he Neglects and Refuses to Take Care and keep his pigs from Trespassing upon Daniel Morris at after Notice Given of this for every offence

We present every person that is an inhabitant of Lawton that lets his pigs or swine go about [*illegible word deleted here*] to the prejudice and Hurt of their Neighbour and Fine them in the sum of six pence for every such offence

We present George Venables for leting the Muck Lye before the Smithy Door and Fine him in the sum of Ten Shillings if he Neglects to gett the said Muck away in a three weeks time

We present George Venables and Fine him in the sum of One shilling for swearing One profane Oath in the presence of the Jury men before Dinner.

#### 75.4

Richard Lindop<sup>317</sup>  
Daniel Morris  
Joshua Pointon  
Josiah Keeling  
Natl Kent  
William Bourn  
John Jinks  
Charles Bate  
Geo Shaw  
Wm Lindop  
John Keeling  
The Mark of  
Richd X Dale  
Benjamin Bentley

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#### 75.5

We Return for Constable and Burlyman Wm Bourn

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for 1772

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## 76 Court of 25th October 1773

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### 76.1

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Robert Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton aforesaid held at the Dwelling of George Shaw within the said Manor the Twenty Fifth Day of October 1773 before Samuel Garnett Steward of the said Courts

### 76.2

Jurors

Richard Lindop	Sworn		
William Hall	} Sworn	John Oakes	} Sworn
Daniel Morris		Willm Bourne	
Thos Johnson	} Sworn	Benj Bentley	} Sworn
Joshua Pointon		John Keeling	
Charles Bate		George Shaw	
William Cooke		Josiah Keeling	

### 76.3

Who upon their Oaths say & present as follows.

We present Joseph Lucas and ~~William Norbury~~ for not attending this Court in time

to serve upon the Jury according to Notice given and Fine them in Two Shillings and six pence each

We likewise present all persons that owe suit and service to the said Court and have not appeared here this Day nor any person paid a signing penny for them, nor given a sufficient reason why they have not attended in person and Fine them in the sum of six pence Each

We Likewise present all persons Inhabitants of Lawton that let their pigs or swine go about to the Hurt of their Neighbours and fine them in the sum of six pence for every such Offence

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#### 76.4

Richard Lindop<sup>318</sup>  
William Hall  
Thomas Johnson  
Joshua Pointon  
Charles Bate  
Will Cook  
the Mark of X  
    John Oakes  
William Bourn  
Daniel Morris  
The mark X of Benj Bentley  
John Keeling  
Josiah Keeling  
Geo Shaw

#### 76.5

We return for Constable & Burley Man [*name not entered*]

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Lawton Presentments  
at Court held 25 October 1773

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**76.6**

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of Robt Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton held at the Dwelling House of Geo Shaw within the said Manor the 25th Day of October 1773 before Samuel Garnett Steward of the said Courts

**76.7**

Suitors Names<sup>319</sup>

a	Richd Wilbraham Bootle Esquire	a	Josiah Keeling	p	<del>Saml Buckley</del> [reinstated with stet]
a	Charles Shaw Rector	e ••	James Rathbone		<del>Ralph Dale</del>
•••	Nathaniel Kent	e	{Isaac Jones}		<del>Jno Cartwright</del>
a	Daniel Morris	•••	James Handford	e ••	{Stephen Large}
a •••	Thomas Johnson		<del>James Taylor</del>		<del>Abraham Lunt</del>
•••	Joseph Lucas	e ••	John Colclough	•••	{Henry Moore}
•••	William Norbury		<del>Stephen Large</del>		<del>Wm Lawton</del>
a	William Bourn	e	Henry Mountford	e	{Saml Smith}
a	William Cooke	••	Samuel Pointon		<del>Jno Warcham</del>
a ••	Saml Worthington	•••	Anne Plant Widow	e	Thos Shaw
•••	John Stonier	•••	John Knight Gentleman	e	John Owen
e •	Richard Dale	e	Benjamin Kellsall	e	James Sherratt
a	John Keeling	e	Jonathan Jackson	p •	Jno Bosson Senior
e	John Jenks	•••	{John Allcock}	e	Jno Wainwright
a	William Hall		<del>William Owen</del>	•••	Saml Hodgkinson
a	Richard Lindop	e ••	Eliz Taylor widw	p •	Joshua Baddiley
a	George Shaw		<del>William Gater</del>	•••	John Smith
a	Benjamin Bentley	a	{John Oakes}	e •	Stephen Smallwood
a	Joshua Pointon	e	Hannah Taylor Widow	e	Edwd Lawton
e	Moses Walker	•••	{Geo Cartwright}	e	Wm Lowndes
			<del>John Lucas</del>	e	Hugh Shaw
		•••	{Thos Bentley}	•••	Philip Clarke
		•••	Thomas Owen		<del>Thos Colclough</del>
		a ••	Wm Cartwright	e	Richd Shaw
		e ••	{James Cartwright}	e	William Oakes
			<del>Jno Mainwaring</del>	e	Jno Bosson Junr
		e	Jno Cotton		
		e	James Stanier		

319 The reason for the ‘p’ annotations in this list is unknown.

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e Richard Bosson  
••• Richd Brittain  
~~William Neild~~  
a John Pointon  
••• ~~William Hill~~  
~~Joseph Booth~~  
~~John Brownsword~~  
~~Thomas Bentley~~  
••• Richard Pointon  
~~Joseph Clarke~~  
a Isaac Hurst  
e Ralph Hancock  
e Thomas Turner

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## 77 Court of 26th October 1774

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### 77.1

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Robert Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton aforesaid held at the Dwelling House of George Shaw within the said Manor the 26th Day of October 1774 before Saml Garnett Steward of the said Courts

### 77.2

Jurors

Samuel Kent	Sworn		
John Keeling	} Sworn	Henry Mountford	} Sworn
Charles Bate		James Blackhurst	
Richard Dale		William Cooke	
William Bourne	} Sworn	Josiah Keeling	} Sworn
William Hall		{ Wm Norbury }	
Benj Bentley		<del>George Shaw</del>	
		Saml Worthington	

### 77.3

Who upon their Oaths say & present as follows.

We likewise present all persons Inhabitants of Lawton that let their pigs or swine go

a bout [*sic*] to the hurt of their Neighbours and fine them in the sum of six pence for every such Ofince

If Joseph Luckas does not scour or Clean his ditches a Long the grindelstone lane with in forty days from the date a bove hee will be find in the sum of therty Shillings Likewise John Oacks in the same lane and the same sum Likewise John Cotton in the moss lane Twenty shillings if he Does not Clean his ditches

Likewise Daniel Morriss if hee does not Brush hiss hedges a Long the mill lane hee will be find in the sim of five Shillings

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**77.4**

Samuel Kent<sup>320</sup>  
John Keeling  
Charles Bates  
The Mark X of Richd Dale  
William Bourn  
William Hall  
Benjamin Bentley  
The Mark X of Henery Momford  
James Blackhust  
Will Cook  
Josiah Keeling  
Wm Norbury  
Samuel Worthington

**77.5**

We return for Constable Samuel Kent

~~We return for~~ Burly Man [*no name entered*]

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at Court held 26 October 1774

320 The names and marks in the following list appear to be autographs.

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**77.6**

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of Robt Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton held at the Dwelling House of Geo Shaw within the said Manor the 26th Day of October 1774 before Saml Garnett Steward of the said Courts

**77.7**

Suitors Names

• Richd Wilbraham Bootle Esquire	e	Moses Walker	a •• Samuel Buckley
•• Charles Shaw Rector { <del>Samuel</del> }	a	Josiah Keeling	a Stephen Large
<del>Nathaniel Kent</del>	e	James Rathbone	<del>Henry Moore</del>
a Samuel Kent	•••	Isaac Jones	e •• Saml Smith
a Daniel Morris	•••	James Handford	••• Thomas Shaw
••• {Saml Johnson}	e	John Colclough	e •• John Owen
<del>Thos Johnson</del>	a •	Henry Mountford	••• James Sherratt
••• Joseph Lucas	•••	Samuel Pointon	<del>Jno Bosson Senr</del>
••• Willm Norbury	•••	Ann Plant widow	[dead added] <sup>321</sup>
a • Willm Bourn	•	John Knight Gentleman	e Jno Wainwright
a •• Willm Cooke	•	<del>Benjamin Kellsall</del>	e •• Saml Hodgkinson
a •• Saml Worthington	•••	Jona Jackson	a • Joshua Baddiley
a •• {James Blackhurst}	•••	John Allcock	e •• John Smith
<del>John Stonier</del>	•••	{Joseph Thawley}	e Stephen Smallwood
a Richard Dale	e •	<del>Eliz Taylor Widow</del>	e Edwd Lawton
a John Keeling	e •	John Oakes	• <del>Wm</del> {Mary}
<del>John Cartwright Gent</del>	e •	Hannah Taylor widow	Lowndes <del>dead</del>
e John Jenks		{Jno Lucas}	{widow}
a • Wm Hall	•••	<del>Geo Cartwright</del>	••• Hugh Shaw
a • Richard Lindop	e ••	Thomas Bentley	•• {Martha Clarke widow}
a George Shaw	a ••	Thomas Owen	Phillip Clarke
a Benjamin Bentley	e ••	Wm Cartwright	••• Richard Shaw
e Joshua Pointon	•••	James Cantliffe	e William Oakes
	•••	John Cotton	e Jno Bosson Junior
	•••	James Stanier	e Richd Bossen
			••• Richd Brittain
			a John Pointon

321 Buried at Church Lawton, 30 November 1773.

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- Richard Pointon
- e Isaac Hurst
- Ralph Hancock
- Thomas Turner
- e • Samuel Rowley

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Court held 26th October 1774.

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## 78 Court of 16th October 1775

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### 78.1

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Robert Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton aforesaid held at the Dwelling House of George Shaw within the said Manor the Sixteenth Day of October 1775 before Saml Garnett Steward of the said Courts

### 78.2

Jurors

Richard Lindop	Sworn	John Jenks	} Sworn
William Hall	} Sworn	Daniel Mooris	
Benjamin Bentley		} Sworn	William Cooke
Richard Dale	} Sworn		William Bourne
Josiah Keeling		} Sworn	John Oakes
Saml Worthington	} Sworn		Samuel Johnson
Charles Bate			

### 78.3

Who upon their Oaths say & present as follows –

We fine Robert Lawton Esquire in the some {of} one pound fifteen Shillings for letting the muck and dird lye ith Lane to the annusance of travilers Likwise the marl in the Church walke if not removed in thirty days time

Likwise we fine Joseph Lucas Will Norbery George Partington in two Shillings and Six pence each for not appearing all the rest of the Inhabitants as did not appear in four pence Each

[Doc A p. 2]

**78.4**

We return for Constable & Burley Man Geo Partington

**78.5**

Richard Lindop<sup>322</sup>  
William Hall  
The Mark X of Richd Dale  
Josiah Keeling  
Saml Worthington  
Charles Bate  
John Jinks  
Will Cook  
William Bourn  
The Mark of X Jno Oakes  
Daniel Morris  
Benjamin Bentley  
Saml Johnson

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16 October 1775

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**78.6**

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of Robert Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton held at the Dwelling House of George Shaw within the said Manor the 16th Day of October 1775 before Saml Garnett Steward of the said Courts

322 The names and marks in the following list appear to be autographs.

78.7

Suitors Names

• Richd Wilbraham Bootle Esquire	••• Isaac Jones	e Thos Shaw
•• Charles Shaw Rector	••• James Handford	••• John Owen
e Saml Kent	e Jno Colclough	e •• James Sherratt
a Danl Morris	e Hen Mountford	e Jno Wainwright
a Geo Partington	Samuel Pointon dead <sup>323</sup>	e •• Saml Hodgkinson
••• Josh Lucas	<del>Ann Plant widw</del>	Joshua Baddiley dead <sup>324</sup>
e Wm Norbury	e •• {Wm Welsh}	e Jno Smith
a Wm Bourn	• John Knight Gentleman	••• Stephen Smallwood
a Wm Cooke	••• Jona Jackson	e Edwd Lawton
a Saml Worthington	••• Jno Allcock	e Mary Lowndes widow
e James Blackhurst	e Josh Thawley	e Hugh Shaw
a Richd Dale	a Jno Oakes	{Thos Eachus}
e Jno Keeling	•• <del>Hannah Taylor widw</del>	e <del>Martha Clarke widw</del>
a Jno Jenks	Jno Lucas removed	e Richd Shaw
a Wm Hall	e Thos Bentley	e William Oakes
a Richd Lindop	e Thos Owen	e Jno Bosson Junior
a Geo Shaw	e Wm Cartwright	e Richd Bosson
a Benjn Bentley	•• James Cantlife	e Richd Brittain
e Joshua Pointon	e John Cotton	a Jno Pointon
e Moses Walker	e James Stanier	••• Richd Pointon
a Josiah Keeling	••• Saml Buckley	••• Isaac Hurst
<del>James {Mary}</del>	••• Stephen Large	••• Ralph Hancock
Rathbone [dead ringed round]	e Saml Smith	a Thos Farmer
••• Mary Rathbone		{Josh Hodgkinson}
		e •• Saml Rowley

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e • Peter Hodgkinson  
a Saml Johnson

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16 October 1775

323 Buried at Church Lawton, 27 July 1775.

324 Buried at Church Lawton, 22 November 1774.

**79 Court of 25th October 1776**

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**79.1**

Manor of Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Robt Lawton Esquire for the Manor aforesaid held at the Dwelling House of Geo Shaw within the said Manor on Fryday the 25th Day of October 1776 before Saml Garnett Steward of the said Courts

**79.2**

**Suitors Names**

The Names of the Jurors<sup>325</sup>

William Hall		John Oakes	
Wm Norbury	}	Thos Goodwin	}
Chas Bate		Peter Hodgkinson	
Wm Bourne		Saml Worthington	
<del>Wm Norbury</del>		Josiah Keeling	
Saml Kent		Richd Lindop	
Joshua Pointon		<del>Thos Goodwin</del>	
		Danl Moris	

325 Nothing added after the brackets in the following list.

### 79.3

We fine John Keeling in the some of one pound one shilling if he Neglects to Ditch [*sic*] and make a proper fence betwixt him and Jossua Pointon in forty days time at after Notice

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We fine Robt Lawton *Esquire* in the sum of Three Pounds ten shillings for Letting the muck and dirt lie in lane to the annusance of travelers Likwise the marl in the Church walk if not Removed in therty Days time

Likewise we fine Jos Luckas ~~Willm Norbury~~ in Five shillings Willm Norbury in two shillings and sixpence all the rest of the Inhabitants as did not appear in four pence Each

### 79.4

Willm Hall<sup>326</sup>  
Richard Lindop  
Saml Worthington  
John Oakes  
William Bourn  
Wm Norbury  
Joshua Pointon  
Daniel Morris  
Saml Kent  
Charles Bate  
Thomas Goodwin  
Peter Hodgkinson

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Lawton Presentments  
at Court held 25th October 1776

326 The names in the following list appear to be autographs.

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**79.5**

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet & Court Baron of Robt Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton held at the Dwelling House of George Shaw within the said Manor the 25th Day of October 1776 before Samuel Garnett Steward of the said Courts

## Suitors Names

	Richd Wilbraham Bootle Esquire	e	Moses Walker	••	Stephen Large
a ••	Chas Shaw Rector <sup>327</sup>	a	Josiah Keeling	e •	Saml Smith
a	Saml Kent	••	Mary Rathbone	••	Thomas Shaw
a	Danl Morris	••	Isaac Jones	••	John Owen
a	Geo Partington	••	James Handford	••	James Sherratt
••	Joseph Lucas	••	Jno Colclough	e	Jno Wainwright
a	Wm Norbury	••	Hen Mountford	••	Saml Hodgkinson
a	Wm Bourn	••	Wm Welsh	••	John Smith
e ••	Wm Cooke	••	James Poole	e	Stephen Smallwood
a	Saml Worthington	••	Jona Jackson	e •	Edwd Lawton
e •	James Blackhurst	••	John Allcock		<del>Mary Lowndes widow</del>
••	John Knight	••	Josh Thawley	••	Hugh Shaw
e	Richard Dale	a	John Oakes	••	Thos Eachus
e	John Keeling	••	Thos Bentley	••	Richard Shaw
a ••	John Jenks	a ••	Thomas Owen	••	Wm Oakes
a	Wm Hall	e •	Wm Cartwright	••	Jno Bosson Senior
a	Richd Lindop	a •	James Cantliffe	••	Richd Bosson
a	George Shaw	••	John Cotton	••	Richd Brittain
e •	Benjamin Bentley	••	James Stanier	••	Jno Pointon
a	Joshua Pointon	a •	Samuel Buckley	••	Richard Pointon

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ea<sup>328</sup>• Isaac Hurst  
 ••• Ralph Hancock  
 ••• Tho Turner  
 a • Jas Hodgkinson  
 a Peter Hodgkinson  
 a • Samuel Johnson

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327 Buried at Church Lawton, 6 January 1777. Succeeded by Chas Crewe. See footnote 333.

328 The 'e' is possibly a later addition.

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Lawton Suit Roll  
1776

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**Court of 10th October 1777**

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**80.1**

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for his Mannor of Lawton in the County of Chester held and kept at the Dwellinghouse of Geo Shaw within the said Mannor on Friday the 10th Day of October 1777 before Charles Bate Steward of the said Courts

**80.2**

The ~~Style?~~ of the Court {Names of the Jurors of the said Courts}

Richard Lindop Foreman	Sworn		
Joseph Lucas	}	Sworn	<del>John Harding</del>
Wm Norbury			Daniel Morris
Joshua Pointon			William Hall
Thomas Sayer	}	Sworn	Wm <del>Vernon</del> {Burn} <sup>329</sup>
Benjamin Bentley			Charles Bate
John Oakes			John Jenkins <sup>330</sup>

329 Bourne intended?

330 Jenks intended?

**80.3**

Constable Sworn

We present all people who Owe Suit and Service to this Court in the sum of 1s Each	}	0. 1. 0
We present Tho Cartwright of Nantwich for not appearing hear today after Notice Given in the sum of [ <i>Affeered to 2/6 entered in left margin</i> ]	}	1.19.11 <sup>331</sup>
We present Charles Edwards of Alsager for shoveling sile and mud together on the waste Lands within the said Manor with an intent to Carry the same to Lands out of the Manor	}	0. 10. 0
We present Ch Bate if he does not cause the Muck before his Building to be removed in 3 Months in	}	0. 6. 8
We present Wm Norbury if he does not open a ditch in <del>two</del> {three} Months up the Moss Meadow in	}	1. 10. 0
We present John Cotton if he does not open his ditch leading to Lucases Moss Meadow in <del>two</del> {three} Months in the sum of	}	0. 5. 0
We present Wm Norbury for getting drunk and breaking Moses Walkers Jack Chain by Holtering it about his Neck with an intent to make himself away in	}	7. 6

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**80.4**

- Richard Lindop<sup>332</sup>
- Daniel Morris
- Wm Norbury
- Thos Sayer
- Joseph Lucas
- Joshua Pointon
- Benjamin Bentley
- The Mark of X John Oakes
- William Hall
- William Bourn
- Charles Bate
- John Jinks

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331 Another example of an implied upper limit of £2 to fines (see footnote 208).

332 The names and marks in the following list appear to be autographs.

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10th October 1777  
Presentments of the  
Jury at Lawton Court

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**80.5**

Lawton to wit

The Court {Leet} & Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton in the County of Chester held and kept at the Dwellinghouse of George Shaw within the said Manor on Friday the 10th Day of October 1777 before Charles Bate Steward of the said Courts

**80.6**

## Suitors Names

Richd Wilbraham Bootle Esquire	a	Josiah Keeling	John Owen
Edwd Salmon Esquire	e	Mary Rathbone	a James Sherrard
The Revd Chas Crewe Rector <sup>333</sup>		Isaac Jones	e John Wainwright
Wm Penlington Gentleman		James Handford	e Saml Hodgkinson
a Samuel Kent	e	John Colclough	e John Smith
a Daniel Morris	e	Henry Mountford	a Stephen Smallwood
a {Thomas Sayer}	e	William Welsh	e Edward Lawton
<del>Geo Partington</del>	e	James Poole	e Hugh Shaw
a Joseph Lucas	a	Jona Jackson	Thomas Eachus
a William Norbury		John Allcock	e Richard Shaw
a William Bourne	e	Joseph Thorley	William Oakes
e William Cooke	a	John Oakes	e John Bosson senior
e Margaret Worthington widow <sup>334</sup>	e	{John Cartwright}	e Richard Bosson
James Blackhurst		<del>Thomas Bentley</del>	Richard Britain
John Knight Gentleman	a	Thomas Owen	a John Pointon
e <del>Richd</del> {Alice}	e	Willm Cartwright	e Richard Pointon
Dale {widow}		James Condliff	Isaac Hurst
a John <del>Keeling</del> {Harding}	a	John Cotton	e Ralph Hancock
a John Jencks		James Stanyer	<del>Thomas Turner</del>
a William Hall		<del>Samuel</del> <sup>335</sup> {Ellen}	e {William Wareham}
a Richard Lindop		Buckley widow	<del>Joseph Hodgkinson</del>
a William Lindop	e	Stephen Large	a Peter Hodgkinson

333 Succeeded Charles Shaw. See footnote 327.

334 Succeeded Samuel Worthington, buried at Church Lawton, 26 June 1777.

335 Buried at Church Lawton, 3 August 1777.

a	George Shaw	e	Saml Smith	<del>Samuel Johnson</del>
a	Benjn Bentley	e	Thomas Shaw	
a	Joshua Pointon			
a	Moses Walker			

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~~Ellen Buckley widow~~  
e Thos Sunderland  
[*forename missing*] Lucas widow  
Saml Colclough  
e John Bosson Junr  
e Jonathn Vernon  
void ~~Thos Brownsword senr~~  
~~Thos Brownsword Junr~~  
Joshua Moulton  
~~Daniel Wakefield~~  
John Colclough  
~~Jonathan Cotton~~  
~~William Hobkin~~  
George Stanyer  
a Charles Bate  
a Wm Cawless  
e Thos Goodwin  
e Joseph Wootton  
e John Cartwright  
a Robert Cox

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10th October 1777  
Court Roll for the  
Mannor of Lawton

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## 81

Court of 5th May 1778<sup>336</sup>

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## 81.1

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton in the County of Chester held and kept at the Dwelling House of George Shaw within the said Manor on Tuesday the 5th Day of May 1778. Before Charles Bate Gentleman Steward of the said Courts

## 81.2

## Names of the Jurors

Richard Lindop Foreman	<i>Sworn</i>	William Bourne	<i>Sworn</i>
Daniel Morris	<i>Sworn</i>	William Norbury	<i>Sworn</i>
Wm Hall	<i>Sworn</i>	Thos Sayer	<i>Sworn</i>
Samuel Kent	<i>Sworn</i>	Charles Bate	<i>Sworn</i>
Joshua Pointon	<i>Sworn</i>	Moses Walker	<i>Sworn</i>
John Oakes	<i>Sworn</i>	Benjamin Bentley	<i>Sworn</i>
		William Welch	<i>Sworn</i>

<sup>336</sup> Apart from the earliest surviving manor court roll for Church Lawton (the court held on 28 May 1541), this is the only one held other than at Michaelmas. See discussion of this point in the Introduction (p. xv).

**81.3**

We fine Joseph Lucas for not attending the Court in the sume of two Shillings & Six pence

We present the Constable of Lawton for not repairing the Common pinfold and Stox and do Order the same {pinfold} to be sufficiently repaired under the penalty of One Guinea: and do order a new pair of Stox to be Erected In One Month near ~~to~~ {where} the old Cross Stood under the penalty of One pound fifteen Shillings

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**81.4**

Richard Lindop<sup>337</sup>  
Daniel Morris  
William Hall  
Saml Kent  
Joshua Pointon  
Jno Oaks his Mark X  
William Bourn  
Wm Norbury  
Thos Sayer  
Charles Bates  
Moses Walker  
Benjamin Bentley  
Wm Welch

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5th May 1778  
Court Roll of the Manor of  
Lawton & Presentments of  
the Jury there

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**82 Court of 16th October 1778**

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**82.1**

Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire for his Manor of Lawton in the County of Chester held and kept at the Dwellinghouse of George Shaw within the said Manor on Friday the 16th day of October 1778. Before Charles Bate Gentleman Steward of the said Courts

**82.2**

## Names of the Jurors

<i>Sworn</i>	Daniel Morris	<i>Sworn</i>	James Blackhurst
<i>Sworn</i>	Wm Hall	<i>Sworn</i>	James Poole
<i>Sworn</i>	Wm Norbury	<i>Sworn</i>	Wm Bourne
<i>Sworn</i>	John Harding	<i>Sworn</i>	Joshua Pointon
<i>Sworn</i>	Samuel Kent		Thos Sayer
<i>Sworn</i>	John Oakes		Josiah Keeling

**82.3**

We present all persons that owe Suit and Service to this Court that have not appeared here this Day and fine them in the sum of One Shilling each.

We likewise present Jno Lawton Esquire for not keeping a Ditch {properly open} in the Brick kiln lane if not done in two Months from this day ~~under the~~ {we fine him in the} penalty of twenty Shillings

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**82.4**

Daniel Morris<sup>338</sup>

William Hall

Wm Norbury

*John* B Harding

Saml Kent

John Oakes his Mark X

James Blackhurst

Jas Poole

William Bourn

Joshua Pointon

Thos Sayer

Josiah Keeling

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**Court of 14th October 1841**

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*Enclosed with the court roll are two letters and the notice of intention to perambulate the manor boundary.*

*The documents are in good condition.]*

[Doc A p. 1]

**83.1**

(Copy)

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord for the said Manor held at the House of Mr Cornelius Cooper the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Thursday the fourteenth day of October 1841 before Christopher Moorhouse Gentleman Steward

**83.2**

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

sworn	{	Mr George Pointon Foreman	Mr John Beresford	}	sworn
		" Cornelius Cooper	" James Hopkins		
		" George Edwards	" Thomas Smith		
		" John Grantham junr	" George Faram		
		" James Faram Senr	" James Martin		
		" Samuel Faram	" Richard Cartwright		

### 83.3

We amerce all those Persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their Names in the Sum of one shilling each

We appoint Mr Samuel {(sworn)}<sup>339</sup> Pointon and Mr James Faram {(sworn)} junior to be Constables for this Township and Mr Cornelius {(sworn)} Cooper and Mr James {(sworn)} Martin to be the Burleymen thereof for the Year next ensuing

We find that the Pound and Stock are placed in convenient Situations and are in good repair with the exception of the Floor which we recommend to be paved with suitable stones

This Court was then adjourned to tomorrow at 9 oClock in the Morning to the Lawton Arms

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### 83.4

(signed by)

George Pointon Foreman	John Beresford
Cornelius Cooper	James Hopkins
George Edwards	Thomas Smith
John Grantham junior	George Faram
James Faram Senior	James Martin
Samuel Faram	Richard Cartwright his X mark

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### 83.5

At the Adjourned Court held at the Lawton Arms on Friday the 15th day of October 1841

Mr Samuel Pointon was Sworn as a Juryman in the Place of Mr James Hopkins  
We fine the said James Hopkins for not appearing as a Juryman on this day five shillings

We have perambulated the Boundaries of this Manor commencing at or near Snape Bridge and proceeding in a Southerly direction by Odd Rode Wolstanton Audley and a part of Alsager as far as Linley Lane Bridge (upon which occasion we were met by the Representatives of the adjoining Townships) The map of the Manor (as prepared for the purposes of the Tithe Commutation) was produced to us on perambulating the Boundaries and (with a few exceptions) the same was found to be correct. Having

339 The insertions in these appointments are made in a different hand.

been delayed in making Enquiries as to some of the Boundaries we were unable to extend our Perambulation along the whole Boundaries but we recommend that the remaining Perambulation shall be made at the next Court

We recommend that in future the Courts for this Manor be held on the Wednesday in the Lawton Wakes Week –

**83.6**

(signed by)

George Pointon Foreman	John Beresford
Cornelius Cooper	Samuel Pointon
George Edwards	Thomas Smith
John Grantham junior	George Faram
James Faram	James Martin
Samuel Faram	Richard Cartwright his X mark

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Copy

Jury Presentments  
at Church Lawton  
Court Leet

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For the use of  
The Lord of the Manor

[Doc B p. 1]

**83.7**

Copy Notices

To The Overseers of the Poor and other Inhabitants of the Township of Odd Rode  
[and Wolstanton etc

Gentlemen [added in a different hand]

The Court Jury of the Manor of Church Lawton (accompanied by the Lord of the Manor) have appointed to perambulate the Boundaries of the Manor on Friday the 15th day of October instant. The Perambulation will commence at the Snape

Aqueduct in Church Lawton at 9 oClock in the Morning and will proceed by Odd Rode Wolstanton Audley Alsager and Betchton and finally end at the above Aqueduct

I am desired to request that some of the Inhabitants of your Township will meet the Procession at the Commencement of your township to enable them the more easily to ascertain and distinguish the Boundaries And in Order to perpetuate the same it is recommended that each Township should send three or four Boys of the Age of 10 or 12 Years who are likely to continue resident therein

I am Gentlemen  
Your very obedient Servant  
Chris Moorhouse  
Steward of the said  
Court and Manor

Congleton  
1st October 1841

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[*an undated note in pencil*]

P.S. The Case of the Brook Embankment and the Culvert at Moreton Will be laid before the Turnpike Trustees at their next Meeting in November  
C M

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### 83.8

[*entered sideways here*] 19 Oct 1841

Dear Sir

It may be a satisfaction to you to be informed that your Church Lawton Court was revived on Thursday last.<sup>340</sup> It was held at the Lawton Arms and the Jury attended to a Man and the Court was opened and the Jury sworn about twelve at noon. The time for that day was too short to perambulate the Boundaries on that day and therefore after appointing Constables and Burleymen and ascertaining that the Pound (for refractory Cattle) and the Stocks (for refractory Men) were duly provided and swearing in the several officers, the Court was adjourned to the following day at nine o'clock. The newly elected Mayor was duly installed into office and 'chaired' (shoulder height) by his 'good men and true' from the Court-house to his own Residence where the 'Beasts of Burden' were plentifully regaled at his Worship's Expense.

At nine in the Morning we were all

340 14 October 1841.

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in Attendance (except James Hopkins one of the Jury men in whose place I appointed Samuel Pointon) and we then went along the Boundary Line until the Evening approached, the Jury having proceeded as far as Linley Lane Bridge – and as we do not anticipate any differences of opinion on the remaining part of the Boundary Line we thought we might safely postpone the further Perambulation until the next Court.

I send you a Copy of the Presentments of the Court, in which you will perceive that we thought it right to fine James Hopkins 5s for not attending on the second day.

The second day was most unfavourable for the ‘Boundary Walking’. We were all nearly wet through – and I ventured to take the Liberty of diverting from our Line to obtain the opinion of the Jury ‘upon oath’ as to the qualities of the Lord of the Manor’s Ale. We marshalled in front of the Hall and after giving Three Cheers for The Lord and Lady of the Manor – and the like

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for Mrs Milne<sup>341</sup> (with which I hope she was not offended) we proceeded upon the Perambulation not a little warmed and benefited from the Produce of the Lord’s Cellar.

With the Exception of the weather, every thing was pleasant and without dispute – and the usages of the Court and the Line of the Boundary may be considered as established.

Congleton }  
19 October 1841 }

I have the honor to be  
Dear Sir

Yours very respectfully  
Chris Moorhouse

Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire  
Lord of the Manor.

P.S. I return you the ancient Court Rolls and Presentments which you had the goodness to lend me and for which I am greatly obliged.

C. M.

341 Henrietta (Harriet) Milne, the elder sister of Marianna née Balcome, wife of Charles Bourne Lawton. She appears at Lawton Hall in the 1841 census return (taken 7 June) of ‘Independant means’.

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side of this page]

Lawton Court Roll  
1841

Octr 20th Mr Moorhouse  
revived ye Court Leet & Baron after a  
suspension of 50 years at least. His  
letter on this subject

Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire

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**83.9**

Congleton 30th Sept 1841

Dear Sir

Church Lawton Court

I saw Mr Lawton on Tuesday last and got the deputation executed by him with a salary of £5 a Year. I also saw Gee<sup>342</sup> respecting summoning the Jury – the List of the Suitors etc and this call with the Proclamations for opening the Court etc. I shall have to send Gee the printed Summonses to be sworn on the Jury – but before I do so, Mr Lawton wishes to ascertain whether or no you have spoken<sup>343</sup> to Mr Fairbanks and he has promised to attend as a Jury man. If not, as Mr Fairbanks is not a Tenant and may give some Trouble Mr Lawton wishes some other Name to be [lost ?substi]tuted for his and you will please send it me immediately that the list may be complete.

I have seen a Mr Cooper and Mr Faram senr, and they agree with me that (as the Perambulation of the Boundaries of the Manor will occupy 6 or 7 hours) the whole of the first day (Thursday) should be devoted to the general Business of the Court – that it should be adjourned to the next day (Friday) for the Perambulation itself and that we should commence at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Snape Aqueduct and proceed by Odd Rode, Wolstanton etc for which purpose I have though it right to send Notices to the adjoining Townships to meet us (of which I send you a Copy)

342 The 1841 census shows a head of household, Mary Gee of independent means, aged 70–75 (see Appendix D). Living with her (inter alia) are two males (probably her sons): Edmund Gee aged 35–39, schoolmaster, and George Gee, aged 40–44, land bailiff. It seems likely that one of these two, probably the latter, is the man to whom Moorhouse is referring.

343 The underlinings here and later in this letter appear to be contemporary. They may have been added by the addressee, Thomas Heaton.

and you will of course be prepared with an accurate Map of the Township and be ready to accompany the Procession.

Let me know if these arrangements meet the Approbation of Mr Lawton & yourself & believe me to be

Yours very sincerely  
Chris Moorhouse

Thomas Heaton<sup>344</sup> Esquire

[Doc D p. 2]

[this letter had been folded and tucked up to be mailed]

[Victoria one penny red postage stamp here]

Thomas Heaton Esquire  
Endon  
Near Leek  
Staffordshire

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344 Land surveyor by profession and responsible for the tithe survey of Church Lawton of four years earlier.

## 84 Court of 24th October 1843

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### 84.1

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord for the said Manor held at the house of Mr Cornelius Cooper the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Tuesday the twenty fourth day of October in the seventh year of the reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria and in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty three

Before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

### 84.2

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr James Massey	Foreman	Mr Richard Cooke
- John Beresford		- John Ford
- James Booth		- James Martin
- George Edwards		- Samuel Pointon
- James Faram Senior		- John Hockenhull
- James Faram Junior		- Benjamin Cooper

### 84.3

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the sum of one shilling each

We appoint Mr John Hockenhull and Mr Richard Cooke to be Constables for this Township for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr George Edwards and Mr Samuel Pointon to be Burleymen for this Township for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr James Martin and Mr Samuel Pointon being two of the Jury to be Affeerers of this Court for the year ensuing

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#### 84.4

We have perambulated the boundaries of this Township commencing at the boundary post on the Newcastle road between this Township and Alsager up to which point the perambulation was completed at the last Court held on the fourteenth day of October 1841. We were met at the said boundary by the representatives of the Township of Alsager who accompanied us in our perambulation in the Westerly direction to the borders of Betchton. We were there met by the representatives of Betchton township who accompanied us to the confines of Odd Rode where again the Odd Rode Inhabitants met us and accompanied us to the Snape Bridge at which point the perambulation began at the last Court before mentioned. We therefore brought it to a close at that place on the present occasion. We were attended by Mr Thomas Heaton Land Agent to the Lord of the Manor who held the map of the township as laid down by the Tithe Commissioners and we found that the same was correct. We had no difference or dispute of any kind with any of the aforementioned townships but the ancient boundaries were distinctly and unanimously recognised.

In the course of our perambulation we have made and do make the following presentments and recommendations

We recommend that two merestones be laid down to define the boundary between Lawton and Betchton on the field numbered 13<sup>345</sup> on the said map in the occupation of Mr [blank space left here]<sup>346</sup> as tenant thereof

We present a wooden bridge over the Betchton Brook in the township of Betchton on an occupation road belonging to a farm in the occupation of Mr Jonathan Thorley and the property of George Wilbraham Esquire of Delamore House, the said bridge being too low to admit all the water during flood times and consequently pounding up the same to the damage of this Manor We find that the said George Wilbraham Esquire ought to amend the said bridge, and we amerce him in the fine of ten shillings unless it be amended accordingly within three Calendar months from this date.

We present a wooden bridge over the same Brook on the footroad leading from

345 Far Lawton Heath on 1836 tithe map.

346 James Martin on 1836 tithe map.



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Court Roll of the  
Manor of Church  
Lawton, and the  
presentments by the  
Jury

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## 85 **Court of 10th October 1844**

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*The inevitable slight differences between the two versions as to where a line of handwriting ends have not been noted in the transcription. One of the versions appears to have been used as a working copy as it has a few pencil annotations such as 'Done'. From internal evidence it is clear that this working copy is the original record. The other, fair, copy is transcribed here with the comments noted on the working editorialised.]*

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### **85.1**

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Cornelius Cooper the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Thursday the Tenth day of October 1844 before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

**85.2**

Jurors for our Lady the Queen  
 Sworn Mr Samuel Faram, Foreman

Sworn	{	Mr John Beresford	Sworn	{	Mr Thomas Hankey
		Mr James Booth			Mr John Hockenhull
		Mr Samuel Booth			Mr James Martin
		Mr Richard Cooke			Mr James Massey
Sworn	{	Mr Cornelius Cooper	Sworn	{	Mr Samuel Massey
		Mr George Edwards			Mr Thomas Smith
		Mr John Ford			Mr Samuel Pointon

**85.3**

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their Names in the Sum of One shilling each

**85.4**

*[The pencil amendments on the working copy in the following appointments appear to be aides memoires for the following year's corresponding appointments – see 1845 transcript]*

We appoint Mr John Beresford {Sworn} *[on working copy name altered in pencil to James Martin]* and Mr Samuel {Sworn} Massey *[on working copy surname altered in pencil to Pointon]* to be Constables of this ~~Township~~ {Parish} for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr James {Sworn} Booth *[on working copy name altered in pencil to George Edwards]* and Mr John Ford {Sworn} *[on working copy name altered in pencil to James Massey]* to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr James {Sworn} Massey *[on working copy name altered in pencil to John Ford]* and Mr James Martin {Sworn} *[on working copy name altered in pencil to Samuel Massey]* *[being two of the Jury added in pencil on working copy]* to be Afferers of this Court for the year ensuing

**85.5**

We have inspected the various roads, bridges and other places which were made the subjects

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of presentments by this Court last year and we find that they have all been put into a satisfactory state of repair and that the several persons liable have thereby saved their americiaments, with the exception of the bridge on the farm occupied by Mr Jonathan Thorley and belonging to George Wilbraham Esquire which has not been raised pursuant to the finding of the last Court and we amerce Mr Wilbraham in the sum of Two Pounds unless the said bridge be raised and repaired within Two Months from this date.

We find that the road leading from the Lawton Arms to the Horse Shoe Inn is much out of repair and we find that the Trustees of the Sandbach Road are liable to repair the same and we amerce the said Trustees in the sum of Two Pounds unless the said piece of road be well repaired within three months from this date

*[marginal note here on working copy Being done]* We find that two stiles on the foot road leading from Lawton to Alsager crossing the said Sandbach Road on fields severally occupied by Mr James Massey are out of repair and we find that Mr Massey ought to repair the same and we amerce him in the sum of Three Shillings for each of the said stiles unless the same be repaired within one Calendar Month from this date.

*[marginal note here on working copy Done]* We find that of the two merestones ordered by the last Court to be laid down between this Township and Betchton one is placed in its proper position but the other is not well placed, and we pray the Lord of the Manor that the same may be removed and be placed in its due position within one Calendar Month from this date.

*[marginal note here on working copy Done]* We find that the Township roads generally within this Manor are in an unsatisfactory state of repair and we

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recommend that the Steward do in the meantime give notice to the Surveyors to repair the same and that at the next Court the Jury do especially perambulate and inspect the said roads and do then severely amerce the said Surveyors in case such a measure be found needful.

*[marginal note here on working copy Done]* We find that up to a late period fairs for the sale of cattle were annually held within this Manor in the months of June and December ~~November~~ {June and December} *amendment on working copy* And we recommend that the Steward of this Court do take the proper steps to reestablish the said fair at such time or times of the year as shall be found most convenient to the Inhabitants of the Manor.



## 86 **Court of 6th November 1845**

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### 86.1

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Cornelius Cooper the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Thursday the Sixth day of November 1845 before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

### 86.2

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr Samuel Pointon Foreman

Mr Edward Andrew	Mr John Hockenhull
Mr John Beresford	Mr James Martin
Mr James Booth	Mr James Massey
Mr Richard Cooke	Mr Samuel Massey
Mr Cornelius Cooper	Mr Thomas Smith
Mr George Edwards	Mr Samuel Faram
Mr John Ford	

### 86.3

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the Sum of One Shilling each

#### 86.4

We appoint Mr James Martin and Mr Samuel Pointon to be Constables of this Township for the Year ensuing

We appoint Mr George Edwards and Mr James Massey to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

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We appoint Mr John Ford and Mr Samuel Massey being two of the Jury to be Affeerers of this Court for the year ensuing

#### 86.5

We have partly perambulated the Highways within this Manor and we find that the presentments made at this Court last year have been generally followed by the needful reparations and improvements

We find that the {Turnpike} Road leading from the Lawton Arms Inn to the Horseshoe Inn presented at the last Court has been under repair and is in course of being further repaired in an efficient manner

We find that the Stiles presented at the last Court have been efficiently repaired and renewed

We find that the merestones between this Manor and the Township of Betchton have been duly placed in their proper position since the holding of the last Court agreedbly to the recommendation then made

We recommend that the merestones lying ready to be placed to mark the boundary between this Manor and County and the parish of Wolstanton in the County of Stafford be placed in their proper positions and we appoint Mr James Massey and Mr James Martin being two of this Jury to superintend the same

We regret to find that our presentments of several of the Township roads within this Manor made at the last Court have not been followed by a satisfactory improvement of the said roads so as to relieve the Surveyors of the Highways from the ameracements then laid upon them – In particular we have to present

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the following pieces of road as especially requiring repair

The highway (not the Turnpike Road above mentioned) leading from near the Lawton Arms to the Horseshoe Inn



**87 Court of 4th November 1846**

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**87.1**

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Cornelius Cooper the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Wednesday the Fourth day of November 1846 before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

**87.2**

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr George Edwards Foreman

Mr James Massey	Mr Cornelius Cooper
Mr Samuel Massey	Mr John Hockenhull
Mr Samuel Pointon	Mr Richard Cooke
Mr John Ford	Mr James Martin
Mr James Booth	Mr Samuel Faram
Mr John Beresford	Mr Thomas Hesketh

**87.3**

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the sum of One shilling each

### **87.4**

We appoint Mr John Beresford and Mr Thomas Hesketh to be Constables of this Township for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr Samuel Faram and Mr James Martin to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

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We appoint Mr James Massey and Mr Samuel Pointon being two of the Jury to be Afferers of this Court for the year ensuing.

### **87.5**

Mr James Massey and Mr James Martin having been appointed at the last Court to superintend the removal of the merestones between this Manor and the County and the ~~Township of~~ {Parishes of Wolstanton and} Audley in the County of Stafford to their proper positions having reported that there was a doubt about the proper boundary and that and that therefore they had not been able to take upon their own responsibility the removal spoken of we do hereby appoint Messrs James Martin, John Ford, James Booth and John Beresford being four of this Jury along with Mr Thomas Heaton the Agent to the Lord of this Manor to meet and confer with the Overseers of the said ~~Township of~~ {parishes of Wolstanton and} Audley at some time to be fixed by the Steward for that purpose definitely to fix the said boundary and to place the Merestones accordingly.

We find that the Officers for the past year have done their duty efficiently

We find that the stocks and common pound are in good repair

### **87.6**

We have partly perambulated the highways and places within this Manor and we present thereupon as follows

We find that the finger post at the extremity of the Manor is out of repair and we amerce the Surveyors of the Highways in Five Shillings unless it be repaired within One Calendar Month

We find that the road leading from the Sandbach Turnpike Road towards Alsager is out of repair and we amerce the Surveyors in the sum of One Pound unless the same be well repaired within Two Calendar Months

We find that the Cherry Lane road requires some additional material for its repair and we amerce the Surveyors in the sum of Ten Shillings unless the same be applied and the repair made within One Calendar Month.

We find that the Highways from the Salt

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works to the Horse Shoe Inn presented at the last Court is now in course of repair

We find that a sough or under watercourse one foot square is required under the road opposite Machin's garden and we amerce the Surveyors in the sum of Ten Shillings unless the same be completed within one Calendar Month

We find that soughs of Two feet square are required under the road leading to Moss House to carry off water from the Trubshaw Colliery. We find that Messrs Sutton & Co ought to make the said soughs and we amerce them in One Pound each unless the same be made within Two Calendar Months

**87.7**

George Edwards Foreman

James Massey	Cornelius Cooper
Samuel Massey	John Hockenhull
Samuel Pointon	Richard Cooke
John Ford	James Martin
James Booth	Samuel Faram
John Beresford	Thomas Hesketh

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 { Samuel Pointon }

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## 88 **Court of 26th October 1847**

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### **88.1**

*[It is clear that the whole of this page was written before the meeting, with spaces left for the names which are entered in a different hand]*

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Samuel Massey the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of October 1847 before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

**88.2**

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr Samuel Pointon Foreman

Mr James Booth	Mr John Harden <sup>351</sup>
Mr Samuel Booth	Mr Thomas Hesketh
Mr William Brocklehurst	Mr John Hockenull
Mr George Edwards	Mr Samuel Massey
Mr Samuel Faram	Mr Thomas Smith
Mr Thomas Hankey	

*[All the names in the above list (including the Foreman) other than William Brocklehurst have a pencil tick alongside them on the working copy, with a pencil note in the left margin Cooke & Massey Go]*

**88.3**

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the sum of One Shilling each

**88.4**

We appoint Mr Thomas Hesketh and Mr Thomas Smith to be Constables of this Township for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr Samuel Massey and Mr John Harden to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr James Booth and Mr George Edwards being two of the Jury to be Afferers of this Court for the year ensuing.

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**88.5**

We find that the merestones ordered at the last Court to be placed as boundaries between this Township and the Township of Wolstanton in the County of Stafford have not yet been placed in consequence of the decease of the late Mr James Martin who was appointed on the Committee for that purpose and of the infirmity and illness of the late Mr James Massey and we do hereby appoint Mr John Ford and Mr James Booth with Mr Thomas Heaton the Agent to the Lord of the Manor to meet and confer

351 He signs at the end of this court and in later courts as Hardern, but the court recorder enters him variously in both forms.

with the Overseers of the Township of Audley and the parish of Wolstanton at some convenient time within the next three Calendar Months to be fixed for that purpose definitively to fix the said boundary and to place the said Merestones accordingly [*Written in pencil on the working copy alongside this paragraph is (Friday the 8th December)*]

We find that the Officers appointed at the last Court have done their duty efficiently

We find that the presentments made at the last Court have been attended to and obeyed

We present that the Stocks are in good order but that the pound requires complete reparation and we find that the Surveyors of the Highways for this township ought to repair the same and we amerce the said Surveyors in the Sum of Ten Shillings in case the same be not fully repaired within Two Calendar Months from this date [*Written in pencil on the working copy alongside this paragraph is (next week)*]

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## **88.6**

We have partly perambulated the roads and places within this Manor and we find that the North Staffordshire Railway Company's works are in satisfactory progress without any encroachment upon the rights of the Lord of this Manor – but we unanimously present that the level crossing proposed to be made by the said company across the road leading to Alsager would be a great impediment and disadvantage to this Manor and we recommend that every effort be made by the two townships chiefly interested to induce the Company to substitute a bridge and to carry the road on the plan proposed by Mr Heaton on behalf of the Lord of the Manor.

We order that a boundary stone be placed on the east side of the said Railway at the Junction between this Manor and Betchton

We order that the Surveyors of the Highways be amerced in Five Pounds unless the Cherry Lane Road be repaired within One Calendar Month, including the filling up of a sandpit on the road

We amerce Charles Brownsword in the sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence unless the manure heap on the said road be removed within One week



## 89 Court of 30th November 1848

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### 89.1

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Samuel Massey the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Thursday the Thirtieth day of November 1848 before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

### 89.2

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr George Edwards Foreman

Mr James Booth	Mr John Hockenhull
Mr Samuel Booth	Mr Samuel Massey
Mr Richard Cooke	Mr Edward Massey
Mr John Harden	Mr Samuel Pointon
Mr Thomas Hankey	Mr Thomas Smith
Mr Thomas Hesketh	Mr William Burgess
Mr Samuel Faram	(all sworn)

### 89.3

We amerce all those persons who have not [*deletion* ?been] appeared here this day and answered to their Name in the sum of One Shilling each

#### 89.4

We appoint Mr William Burgess (*Sworn*) and Mr Edward Massey *{(Sworn)}* to be Constables of this Township for the year ensuing and we order two pairs of handcuffs to be supplied for Constables' use

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We {re-} appoint Mr Samuel Massey and Mr John Harden to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr Thomas Hankey and Mr Thomas Hesketh being two of the Jury to be Affeerers of this Court for the year ensuing.

#### 89.5

We find that the officers appointed at the last Court have done their duty in an efficient manner

We find that the presentments made at the last Court have been generally attended to and obeyed

#### 89.6

We have partly perambulated this Manor and we find that the highway called the Black Lane is out of repair and we amerce the Surveyors of the Highways in the sum of Five Pounds unless the same be repaired effectually within one Calendar month.

We have inspected the Cherry Lane road presented at the last Court and we find that the same has been effectually repaired.

We find that the boundary stones on the line of Railway between Betchton and Lawton are properly placed agreeably to the order of the last Court.

We find that the line of Road leading to Alsager at its intersection with the Sandbach branch of the North Staffordshire Railway is in a dangerous and highly improper condition and we amerce the Directors of the said Railway Company in the sum of Five Pounds unless the obstructions and impediments be removed

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and the roadway made practicable and efficient within one Calendar month

**89.7**

George Edwards <sup>353</sup> Foreman	
James Booth	Samuel Faram
Samuel Booth	John Hockenhull
Richd Cooke	Samuel Massey
John Hardern	Edward Massey
Thomas Hankey	Samuel Pointon
Thomas Hesketh	Thomas Smith
	William Burgess

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Thomas Hankey	} Affeerers
Thomas Hesketh	

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the said Court & Manor

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**Court of 16th October 1849**

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**90.1**

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Samuel Massey the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Tuesday the sixteenth day of October 1849 before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

**90.2**

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr John Beresford Foreman

Mr James Booth	Mr Thomas Hesketh
Mr George Edwards	Mr John Hockenhull
Mr Samuel Faram	Mr Samuel Massey
Mr James Hankey	Mr Thomas Massey
Mr Thomas Hankey	Mr Thomas Smith
Mr John Hardern	Mr John Wakefield

**90.3**

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared this day and answered to their names in the sum of One Shilling each

#### 90.4

We appoint Mr William Burgess (*Sworn*) and Mr Thomas Hesketh (*Sworn*) to be Constables<sup>354</sup> of this Township for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr Thomas Hankey (*Sworn*) and Mr Samuel Pointon (*Sworn*) to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

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We appoint Mr Samuel Faram (*Sworn*) and Mr George Edwards (*Sworn*) being two of the Jury to be Affeerers of this Court for the year ensuing.

#### 90.5

We have partly perambulated this Manor and we find that the presentments made at the last Court have been obeyed as to the Black Lane and the Alsager Road and the same have been duly repaired

We find that the Officers of the past year have duly discharged the duties and services required from them

We find that there is an open mouth of a drain depositing wash from the premises of Mr Richard Cooke in this Manor upon the turnpike road and we declare the same to be a nuisance and we require the said Richard Cooke to remove the same within one Calendar Month on pain of a fine of ten shillings [*Written in pencil alongside this paragraph is done*]

We find that there is a hollow at the turn of the Burslem turnpike road in this Manor near the ~~old~~ Red Bull which is covered with water and is a nuisance and we amerce the Trustees of the ~~Newcastle~~ {Lawton and Holmes Chapel} Turnpike Trust ~~in the sum of~~ and of the Burslem Turnpike Trust in the sum of Ten shillings each unless the same be ~~be~~ removed and raised within one Calendar Month [*Written in faint pencil alongside this paragraph is not done*?T? Twigg John Johnston of Sandbach]

We find that the bridge over the Railway at the Red Bull Wharf is ineffectually protected by the present wide palisading and we amerce the Directors of the North Staffordshire Railway Company in the sum of Five Pounds unless the same be well secured and protected within three Calendar Months

We find that the foot road communication's across the North Staffordshire Railway on the

354 To judge from the ink this underlining was entered as the record was being made.

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Bridge Farm are left unprotected by proper stiles and we amerce the said Directors in the sum of Ten Shillings for each unless the same be properly secured within one Calendar Month [*Written in pencil alongside this paragraph is done*]

We find that the raising of the highroad near to Mr Beresfords ~~farm~~ (dwelling house) in order to pass over the Railway Bridge is a public nuisance by reason of the want of proper fencing towards Mr Beresford's house and we amerce the said Directors in the sum of one pound unless the same be rectified within three Calendar Months [*Written in pencil alongside this paragraph is done*]

**90.6**

John Beresford<sup>355</sup>

James Booth	Thomas Hesketh
George Edwards	John Hocenhull
Samuel Faram	Samuel Massey
James Hankey	Thomas Massey
Thomas Hankey	Thomas Smith
John Hardern	John Wakefield

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Affeerers

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## 91 **Court of 17th October 1850**

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### 91.1

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Samuel Massey the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Thursday the Seventeenth day of October 1850 A.D. before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

### 91.2

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr Samuel Pointon Sworn Foreman

Sworn	{	Mr James Booth	Sworn	{	Mr Thomas Hankey
		Mr John Booth			Mr James Hankey
		Mr George Edwards			Mr William Skerratt
Sworn	{	Mr John Beresford	Sworn	{	Mr John Hockenhull
		Mr Samuel Massey			Mr Samuel Faram
		Mr John Hardern			Mr Arthur Cooke
		Mr Thomas Hesketh			

### 91.3

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the sum of One Shilling each

### 91.4

We appoint Mr Samuel Pointon *{(Sworn)}* and Mr William Burgess *{(Sworn)}* to be Constables of this Township for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr John Hardern *{(Sworn)}* and Mr George Edwards *{(Sworn)}* to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

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We appoint Mr John Beresford *{(Sworn)}* and Mr Thomas Hesketh *{(Sworn)}* being two of the Jury to be Affeerers of this Court for the year ensuing.

### 91.5

We have partly perambulated the Manor and we find that the presentments made at the last Court have been all attended to with the following exceptions –

1 – We find that the Trustees of the Lawton and Holmes Chapel Turnpike Road have not removed the Nuisance at the junction of that Road with the Burslem Turnpike Road presented at the last Court and we direct that the amerceament of Ten shillings to be forthwith levied

2 – We find that the Directors of the North Staffordshire Railway Company have not obeyed the presentment made at the last Court requiring them to make a closer palisading and more effectual fencing on the bridge at the Railway Wharf and we direct the immediate levy of the amerceament of Five pounds unless the same presentment be obeyed

We find that the public pound is out of repair and that the cratches<sup>356</sup> ought to be placed on the side nearest to the Road for the convenience of feeding the Cattle impounded there and we amerce the Surveyors of the Highways in the sum of one pound unless the same repair and alteration

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be made within one Calendar month

We find that the footpath at the side of the road leading from Lawton Bridge to the

356 A cratch is a rack for feeding animals out of doors (Shorter O.E.D., 5th edition).

Lawton Turnpike Gate requires repair and to be properly protected by edging stones and we amerce the Surveyors of the Highways in the Sum of Five pounds unless the same be done within three Calendar Months

We find the officers of the past Year have duly discharged their duties

**91.6**

Samuel Pointon<sup>357</sup> Foreman

{	Samuel Faram	{	Thomas Hankey
{	Samuel Massey	{	James Hankey
{	John Beresford	{	John Hockenhull
{	James Booth	{	William Skerratt
{	John Booth	{	Arthur Cooke
{	Geo Edwards	{	Thomas Hesketh
{	John Hardern		

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Thomas Hesketh  
John Beresford  
Affeerers

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Steward

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at the Lawton  
Court Leet

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**Court of 1st October 1851**

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**92.1**

Manor of Church Lawton to wit

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Samuel Massey the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Wednesday the first day of October in the year of our Lord 1851

Before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

**92.2**

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Mr John Beresford Sworn – Foreman

Mr George Edwards	} Sworn	Mr James Hankey	} Sworn
Mr Samuel Pointon		Mr Thomas Hesketh	
Mr John Hockenhull		Mr John Wakefield	
Mr Samuel Massey	} Sworn	Mr Samuel Booth	} Sworn
Mr Edward Massey		Mr John Hardern	
Mr Thomas Hankey			

**92.3**

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the sum of one shilling each

**92.4**

We appoint Mr Thomas Hesketh (*Sworn*) and Mr William Burgess (*Sworn*) to be Constables of this Township for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr Samuel Pointon (*Sworn*) and Mr John Beresford (*Sworn*) to be Burleymen for this Manor for the year ensuing

We appoint Mr Thomas Hankey (*Sworn*) and Mr Samuel Massey (*Sworn*) being two of the Jury to be Afferers of this Court for the year ensuing

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**92.5**

We present Samuel Dewes Thomas Osbourne Joseph Bowens Samuel Smith and Charles Rigby as wilful defaulters in suit and service to this Court in order that they may be duly amerced.

We find that the pound has been repaired and the presentments made at the last Court have been obeyed.

We find the officers of the past Year have duly discharged their duties.

We present that the boundary Stone opposite to the Steam Mill in Butt Lane between this Manor and the parish of Audley has been destroyed and we amerce the Surveyors of the Highways in the sum of Ten Shillings unless a proper boundary stone be placed on the same spot within one Calendar Month

We do not find that there are at this time any further presentments to be made to the Court

92.6

John Beresford<sup>358</sup> Foreman

George Edwards	James Hankey
Samuel Pointon	Thomas Hesketh
John Hockenhull	John Wakefield
Samuel Massey	Samuel Booth
Edwd Massey Junr	John Hardern
Thomas Hankey	

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 Thomas Hankey } Affeerers  
 Samuel Massey }

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 John Wilson –  
 Steward

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 the Jury at the Lawton  
 Court Leet

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## 93 **Court of 15th October 1857**

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### 93.1

Manor of Church Lawton in the County of Chester

The Court Leet and Court Baron of Charles Bourne Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the house of Mr Samuel Massey the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Thursday the Fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1857

Before John Wilson Gentleman Steward

### 93.2

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Samuel Pointon Foreman

Samuel Booth	}	<i>Sworn</i>	Samuel Massey	}	<i>Sworn</i>
John Booth			Edward Massey		
Samuel Faram	}	<i>Sworn</i>	Peter Machin	}	<i>Sworn</i>
John Hockenhull			James Rowson		
Thomas Hankey	}	<i>Sworn</i>	Thomas Whittaker	}	<i>Sworn</i>
Michael Johnson					

### 93.3

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the sum of One Shilling each

### 93.4

We appoint Mr John Hockenhull and Mr William Burgess to be Constables for this Manor for the ensuing year

We appoint Mr ~~Michael Johnson~~ {James Hankey}<sup>359</sup> and Mr ~~Thomas Whittaker~~ {Samuel Pointon} to be Burleymen for this Manor the ensuing year

We appoint Mr Samuel Booth and Mr Samuel Faram being two of the Jury to be Afferers of this Court for the ensuing year

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### 93.5

We present that the footpath by the side of that part of the Turnpike road which leads from the Red Bull to Lawton Gate is in a dangerous state from want of repair, and that other parts of the same footpath near the Grove are out of repair, and we amerce the Surveyors of the Highways in the sum of Five Pounds sterling unless the same be put into a proper state within One Calendar Month.

We find that the Pound belonging to this Manor has been damaged by Mrs Fanny Wakefields' cow being forcibly taken out of pound. We recommend that the attention of the Lord of the Manor be called to the misconduct of this person in continually allowing her cow to trespass on the tenants of the Manor. We amerce the Surveyors of the Highways in the sum of One Pound sterling unless the said Pound be repaired within one Calendar Month.

We find that a stable belonging to Mrs Hannah Jones of Butt Lane encroaches to the extent of three feet upon the boundary of this Manor and we amerce the said Hannah Jones the sum of Five Pounds unless she removes the said encroachment within Six Calendar Months.

We find that a much frequented Footway crossing the North Staffordshire Railway near to the Lime Kiln Locks crosses the line on the level to the great danger of the persons using the said Footpath and we request the Lord of the Manor to put in force the powers of the Act of Parliament made in that behalf to compel the North Staffordshire Railway Company to make a Foot Bridge over

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their Railway for the use of the said Footway.

We find that John Hankey of Linley Lane is in the habit of allowing his stirk to

359 The amendments to these two appointments are made in pencil and may be aides memoires for the following year's appointments (see editorial note in Section 85.4)

trespass on the tenants of this Manor and we request that his misconduct in so doing may be made known to the Lord of the Manor.

We find that an ancient public footway bridge across the brook between Lawton & Wolstanton has fallen to ruin so that the road is almost impassable and we recommend the Surveyors of the Highways to confer with the Surveyors of Brieryhurst as to their jointly repairing the said Bridge before the next Court Day.

We find that the township officers of Odd Rode claim for that township a larger portion of the land occupied by James Armstrong than ~~we~~ {he} believes belongs to Odd Rode {part of} such land being in ~~our~~ {his} opinion situate in this Manor. We call the attention of the Overseers of this Manor to the proper ascertainment and settling of this boundary.

93.6

Samuel Pointon<sup>360</sup> Foreman

Samuel Booth	Samuel Massey
John Booth	Edward Massey
Samuel Faram	James Rowson
John Hockhelll [ <i>sic</i> ]	Peter Machin
Thomas Hankey	Thomas Whittaker
Michael Johnson	

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Samuel Booth	} Affeerers
Samuel Faram	

Extracted by	
John Wilson	Steward

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360 The names in the following list appear to be autographs.

## 94 Court of 26th October 1860

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*The document is in good condition.]*

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### 94.1

Manor of Church Lawton in the County of Chester

The Court Leet and Court Baron of John Lawton Esquire Lord of the said Manor held at the House of Mr Samuel Massey the Lawton Arms Inn within the said Manor on Friday the Twenty sixth day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred and Sixty

Before John Lawton Esquire the Lord of the said Manor present in person

### 94.2

Jurors for our Lady the Queen

Samuel Pointon, Foreman

Edward Andrew	Peter Machin	} <sup>361</sup>
Samuel Booth	James Rosson	
John Booth	Samuel Massey	
John Hockenhull	Thomas Whittaker	
John Holt Jackson	James Armstrong	
Michael Johnson		

361 This bracket and 'Aff' alongside added in pencil (see appointment of affeerors in the following presentments).

### 94.3

We amerce all those persons who have not appeared here this day and answered to their names in the sum of One shilling each.

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### 94.4

We appoint Mr John Hockenull and Mr William Burgess to be Constables for this Manor for the ensuing year

We appoint Mr Samuel Pointon and Mr James Hankey to be Burleymen of this Manor for the ensuing year.

We appoint Mr Peter Machin and Mr James Rosson to be affeerors of this Court (being two of the Jurymen) for the ensuing year.

### 94.5

We have partly perambulated the boundary of this Manor between it and Odd Rode township – We commenced at the Bridge over the Brook where it is crossed by the Lawton and Holmes Chapel turnpike road along the Brook course adjoining the Rectory Farm to the eastwardly corner of a garden claimed by the Trent and Mersey Canal Company and now by the North Staffordshire Railway Company at the New Locks – Thence across the said Garden to the Culvert under the said Canal, thence through the said Culvert and along the Brook course in a westwardly direction to another culvert under the Feeder proceeding along the said course to a Meadow field part of the Ashbank Farm in Odd Rode and along a naturally formed gutter there to a

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fence at the westwardly end thereof and again joining the said Brook course – continuing along the same to a small rindle<sup>362</sup> at the base of the embankment of Lawton Pool – thence turning to the left along the said rindle in a westwardly direction towards Hall Green to an Iron Gate leading from the carriage drive into a pasture field in the occupation of Arthur Cooke -

We recommend that the Boundary of the whole Manor be walked [*several deleted and illegible words here*] during the ensuing summer and that the representatives of the neighbouring townships be summoned to meet the Jury on the occasion –

362 A small water course or gutter.

94.6

Samuel Pointon<sup>363</sup>

Foreman

Edward Andrew

Samuel Booth

John Booth

John Hockenhall

Peter Machin

John Holt Jackson

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Michael Johnson

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363 The names and mark in the following list appear to be autographs.

## APPENDIX A

### Manor boundary stones in 1997<sup>364</sup>

The stones which the Lawton History Society members found are as follows, using the arbitrary numbers shown on the map accompanying the article and including their O.S. eight figure grid reference. Additional information about the boundary taken from the referenced article is given in the appropriate position in the following list of identified mere stones.

Quoting from Burton 'Where the boundary follows the streams forming the northern and southern edges of the Parish, there are no stones indicated. Generally where parish boundaries follow natural features, there is no need to mark the boundary, but where it crosses open country with no obvious natural markers, some other means of delineating the boundary is required ... The stones marked on the maps and the results of our searches are listed below.<sup>365</sup> The stones have been given a number which is purely arbitrary, starting from the Horseshoe at Lawton Heath End, and going in an anti-clockwise direction.'

'Between stones 3 and 4, the boundary follows the stream in a south-easterly direction via Hooze Hollow, under Linley Lane and the Crewe railway line, to a point below Linley Hall.'

5. 81555433. This stone is marked a few metres nearer to Linley Hall ... Made from millstone grit, it is rectangular and shaped to a ridge at the top, marked 'L' (Lawton) on the ridge face, and 'C' (Cheshire) on the side below, and on the reverse 'A' (Audley) on the ridge, and 'S' (Staffordshire) on the side below. On the other two faces a tooling pattern has been chiseled.
6. 81665436. This stone is shown as on the east side of the drive to Linley Hall, and was found in that position. More or less the same as No. 5 with 'L' and 'C' on one side, 'A' and 'S' on the opposite, and tooled on the other two sides.
8. 81825439. This is marked by the Hall where the drive turns to the front of the house. It was found ... in what appears to be the correct position. Very similar to Nos. 5 and 6, with again markings of 'L' and 'C' on one side, and 'A' and 'S' on the other, with tooling on the other two sides, in a slightly different pattern.

'Between stones 10 and 11, the boundary follows the north side of Old Butt Lane ... Between stones 11 and 12, when the boundary reaches Congleton Road, it turns through 90 degrees and then follows a drain or stream in a south-easterly direction

364 Taken from Arthur Burton, 'Lawton Parish Boundaries', *The Lawton Chronicles*, 3 (1997/8), p. 41, with the permission of the author.

365 The detailed results for all 28 stones marked on the map are given in the article. They are abbreviated in the extracts given here.

on the south side of Slacken Lane. This stream is the boundary to a point about 75 metres short of Woodshutts Farm.’

12. 83195441. This stone should be at the point where the boundary turns to the north-east ... [it] was discovered lying flat ... some 10 metres from the corner of the field. Cut into the uppermost face was a large ‘A’.
15. 83335469. This stone is at the junction where the stream, culverted under the railway and both canals ... emerges and joins Lawton Brook ... it has three faces, and on each face is cut one of the following letters; ‘A’, ‘K’ and ‘L’, probably Audley, Kidsgrove and Lawton.

‘The boundary now follows Lawton Brook upstream. It is culverted under Albion Works (now the colour works), Liverpool Road, and the Congleton railway line. It emerges and the boundary follows what is probably the old course of the stream, which has been diverted along part of its length past the site of Moss Coal Pit, and on to Cob Moor Road.’

16. 84145601. This stone is marked on the north-east side of Cob Moor Road, about 60 metres from the junction with Mow Lane/Knowsley Lane. The stone was found in the field nearby. It appears to have been broken off, and the base must presumably be on the original site. It has ‘W’ (Wolstanton?) on one side and ‘L’ (Lawton) on the other. The stone was placed upright by the hedge, adjacent to a gateway.

‘After stone 18, the boundary follows this stream to the northernmost point in this part of the parish. It then follows a field boundary and curves away in a generally south-westerly direction.’

19. 83635665. This stone should be at a point close to a footpath to Portland Drive, where a drain issues and then goes under the railway. There was no stone there, but a boundary stone, which could be this one, was found as the base of a stile, where the footpath emerges from under the railway.
21. 83535648. This one is shown as on the boundary between numbers 44 and 38 Little Moss Lane ... it was found at the side of the footpath to number 44.
22. 83535644. This is marked as in a corner of a garden by number 38. It is actually in a hedge behind a garage ... There is an ‘A’ cut into one face, but we were unable to examine the opposite face.
23. 83505634. On the eastern side of the canal, about 25 metres north of the canal milepost (which is on the towpath on the western side) ... the stone was found recumbent by the field boundary, close to the canal. It was placed in an upright position.

‘The boundary follows the canal for a short distance to the stop-lock, and then veers to the south-west. The boundary then follows the drain, running parallel to Mill Lane, to the base of the pool dam.’

28. 82555591. This stone is marked on the north side of the dam, where the boundary turns to join the Brook, below the cascade from the channel and culvert in front of Lawton Hall. A stone was found in the correct position. It has no markings, is somewhat irregular, and is possibly natural. It is not set in the ground. There is a doubt about this one.

‘The boundary then follows the Brook via Snape’s Aqueduct, and the Valley by the site of the Saltworks, to a point near Low Street at Thurlwood. It then turns to the south-west and follows a hedge (and possibly a stream or drain), and makes in a more or less straight line back to the Horseshoe. There are no indicated boundary stones along this stretch.’

## APPENDIX B

### Details of the Lawton Hall building

The earliest enumeration of the Lawton Hall premises is given in the very detailed inventory taken on 19, 21 and 22 September 1693, which is filed with the will of William Lawton (late lord of the manor) made on 21 May 1691 and proved at Chester on 10 May 1694.<sup>366</sup> William Lawton died on 8 September 1693<sup>367</sup> and was buried at Church Lawton on 9 September 1693. The inventory appeared in the following order (the contents are in fuller detail than given here):

The listing commences with the livestock:

- 4 coach mares, coach and harness – valued at £20
- A young black mare and a grey mare – valued at £13
- 10 kine<sup>368</sup> and a bull – valued at £38
- 53 sheep – valued at £13
- A Bay nagg<sup>369</sup> and a grey colt – valued at £13
- 3 swine<sup>370</sup> – valued at £4

Then follows a room-by-room enumeration of the accommodation, starting with what is probably the ground floor and cellarage (see the descriptions of the building later in this Appendix):

The Great Parlour – Included a fire grate, 2 gilded sconces, carpet, an oval table, 12 chairs, 12 stools and 12 framed pictures. Contents valued at £21 14s 1d.

The Little Parlour – Included 2 tables, 8 chairs covered in Turkish leather, 2 other chairs and 6 cushions, a pair of tables and 15 books, a weather glass, 4 pictures, a canary in a cage, 3 guns, 3 case of pistols and 1 odd one, a shot flask, 2 crossbows and fire irons. Contents valued at £18 11s 4d.

The Little Parlour closet – Contents valued at 2s 6d.

The Hall – Included a picture, 2 fowling pieces, a musket and carbine, a crossbow, a caged bird, a brass lantern and chimney hand irons. Contents valued at £2 3s 0d.

366 CRO supra will 1694.

367 TNA, C6/441/63 (Chancery Proceeding, *Hester Lawton and others v Ralph Lawton and others*, 26 May 1694).

368 Cattle (specifically cows, not bulls).

369 Probably used in the now obsolete sense of a small saddle horse or pony.

370 Pigs.

The Buttery – Included a wooden cistern, 3 leather Jacks to drink in and a brass bell. Contents valued at £1 17s 10d.

The Further Cellar – Included 1 half hogshead and a quarter hogshead. Contents valued at 15s 0d.

The Nearer Cellar – Included 7 hogsheads and 2 half hogsheads. Contents valued at £2 0s 0d.

The Ale Cellar – Included 2 half hogsheads. Contents valued at 7s 6d.

The Best Staircase – A birdcage, a tin lantern and a large map of England. Contents valued at 15s 0d.

It seems likely that the next section of the inventory is mainly describing the upper floor of the main building:

The Kitchen Chamber – Included a bed, a table, 2 stands, 8 cane chairs and fire irons. Contents valued at £7 9s 0d.

The Plaster Floor Chamber – A bed and its furniture, a couch, 2 chairs and 2 stands. Contents valued at £2 5s 0d.

The Little Parlour Chamber – A bed and its furniture, 6 cane chairs and their silk cushions, the best chair and silk cushions, a couch and cushion, a glass, a table and stands, fire grate and irons. Contents valued at £24 3s 4d.

The Little Parlour Chamber closet – Included 13 pewter chamber-pots, 3 china ones and a close stool.<sup>371</sup> Contents valued at £1 0s 0d.

The Red Chamber – Included a fire grate and fire irons, 3 pictures, a bed and its furniture, a cabinet,<sup>372</sup> 2 glasses, a table, 8 chairs, 4 stools, 2 stands, 2 screens and a cupboard of plate.<sup>373</sup> Contents valued at £159 2s 4d.

The Red Chamber closet – Contents valued at 2s 6d.

Mr. William's Chamber – Included a bed and its furniture, a table, 2 chairs, a stand and a looking-glass. Contents valued at £11 11s 4d.

The Hall Chamber – Included a fire grate, fire irons and toaster, a bed and its furniture, 7 chairs, a cupboard, a glass and stand, a table-bed, feather bed and bolster. Contents valued at £10 15s 0d.

The Porch Chamber – Included 2 beds and their furniture, a table and 2 stools. Contents valued at £6 10s 8d.

The Little Nursery – Included 2 beds and their furniture, couch, table, 2 chairs, a glass and fire irons. Contents valued at £4 15s 0d.

371 A chamber-pot mounted in a stool with a cover (O.E.D.).

372 This item and its contents were valued at £50 in the inventory.

373 This item was valued at £85 in the inventory.

The Buttery Chamber – Included a bed and its furniture, 6 chairs, a table, a folding table, 2 stands, a glass and fire irons. Contents valued at £12 12s 0d.

Madam Betty's<sup>374</sup> closet – China, glasses and Ticknall ware.<sup>375</sup> Contents valued at £4 0s 0d.

Mr. Lawton's Dwelling Room – Included a bed and its furniture, a cupboard, 3 chairs, 3 stools, a case of pistols and holsters, 2 crossbows a headpiece and partridge nets, a hackney saddle and bridle, fire irons. Contents valued at £10 11s 0d.

The listing then continues with a mixture of probable ground and first floor accommodation:

The Kitchen – Included 5½ dozen plates, 15 large pewter dishes, 18 trenchers and fire irons. Contents valued at £13 14s 10d.

Mr. Peircivall's<sup>376</sup> Room – Included a bed and its furniture, a table chair and stool, all the linen and nappery.<sup>377</sup> Contents valued at £69 7s 4d.

The Gallery<sup>378</sup> – Included a table, desk and 2 chairs. Contents valued at £5 3s 8d.

The Outer Porch Chamber – Included a bed and its furniture, 5 chairs and a table. Contents valued at £2 6s 8d.

Although not so indicated in the Inventory, the following accommodation is almost certainly separate from the main building:

The Lower Dairy Chamber – 2 pair of bedsteads valued at 8s 0d.

The Dairy – Included a cheese press and 10 cheesers. Contents valued at 18s 0d.

The Cheese Chamber – Included 44 cheeses.<sup>379</sup> Contents valued at £5 11s 0d.

The High Dairy – Contents valued at 13s 4d.

The Brewhouse – Contents valued at £2 1s 0d.

374 William Lawton's daughter Elizabeth, unmarried when named in his will made a little over two years earlier. She was baptized at Church Lawton 30 November 1669. Of his other six daughters, five were either dead or married by the time the will was made, the exception being Felicia who married in November 1694.

375 Earthenware produced in Derbyshire.

376 If this is a forename, there is none known of in the Lawton family in the seventeenth century. No one of this surname is known and the name does not appear in the manor court records, unless 'Phillip Pearsall', a juror in 1693, is the one. This seems most unlikely. See the following footnote that suggests that the room was not in use as a bedroom.

377 A significant quantity to judge from its valuation of £66 11s 4d. It is clear that the room was used as a storeroom only.

378 Used as a storage area to judge from the miscellany of items listed e.g. sheet lead, old iron, two close stools.

379 Valued at £5 0s 0d.

The Dairy Cellar – Contents valued at £5 11s 0d.

The Laundry – Included a heater and fire grate tongs. Contents valued at 13s 0d.

The Further Garner Chamber – Contents valued at £2 0s 0d.

The Nearer Garner Chamber – Contents valued at 16s 4d.

The Wash House – Contents valued at 10s 0d.

The Best Stable Chamber – Included a bed and its furniture. Contents valued at £1 16s 0d.

The Coach Stable – Contents valued at £1 4s 6d.

The Barn – Contents valued at 13s 0d.

The Cart House – Contents valued at £3 15s 0d.

The Further Stable Loft – Included hay lying in the Hay Barn £10 0s 0d. Contents valued at £13 0s 0d.

The Slaughter House – Contents valued at 16s 8d.

The Kiln – Contents valued at 5s 0d.

The School House – Contents valued at 1s 0d.

The Footboy's Chamber – A bed and its furniture valued at 10s 0d.

The Wet Larder – Contents valued at 2s 6d.

The Garden and the Best Garden<sup>380</sup> – A few implements valued at 3s 6d.

The following specific items complete the Inventory:

Turkeys, geese and other poultry valued at 15s 0d.

Testator's apparel and gold rings valued at £20 0s 0d.

Silver and gold in testator's purse and coffer valued at £38 3s 11d.

Secured loans owing to testator valued at £2,050 0s 0d.

The total value recorded in the Inventory is £2,640 17s 0d, a very considerable sum.

The 1693 Inventory to the will of William Lawton detailed above gives some idea of the scale of Lawton Hall, but the earliest reliable description of the structure occurs in Renaud, *Lawton*, pp. 175–180, written about 1873. Renaud was living at this time at Lawton Hall. He writes:

'Lawton Hall is a large brick building composed of body & wings, & standing on a natural terrace. The styles of Architecture are the Jacobean & Georgian

380 These are actually listed between the Kiln and the School House.

respectively. The oldest parts consist of the Oak dining room,<sup>381</sup> & four upper bedrooms; & they have all the characteristic features of the renaissance period. All the rest of the body of the Hall was built by Robert Lawton about 120 years ago.<sup>382</sup> Mr. Howard was the Master builder, of Newcastle in Staffordshire.

The wings were built about 50 years since<sup>383</sup> by Charles Lawton. Prior to this, the domestic offices were to the North side of the Hall.

The Library, which formerly consisted of two rooms on separate levels, was reconstructed by Mr. William Lawton<sup>384</sup> in 1870, when he also added the billiard room ... Within the last 50 years<sup>385</sup> the large dining room formed the entrance hall. It was converted to its present use by Mr. Charles Lawton, who then made the present entrance porch, & Hall. In order to effect this latter purpose, two rooms were thrown together, & the staircase was diverted.

Beneath the passage leading from the small dining room to the library there is a small place of hiding, approached by a trap door, & said to have been used by King Charles [*the first*].

For official descriptions of Lawton Hall see the two-page statutory list description prepared when the Hall was listed as a Grade II building dated 6 June 1952 and the nine-page report by the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England dated November 1991.<sup>386</sup>

It is interesting to compare Renaud's description quoted above with the following one taken from page 248 of *Cheshire Country Houses*, Peter de Figueiredo and Julian Treuherz, Phillimore, 1988. To place the descriptions into context with the environment of the building, Plate 2 shows a plan of Lawton Hall by Thomas Heaton dated 1843.<sup>387</sup>

‘Lawton Hall, Church Lawton.

A large and puzzling eighteenth-century house on high ground overlooking a lake. The puzzling aspects are first the awkwardness of the plan, basically a double pile, but with an extremely narrow service passage between the two principal rooms, and second the centerpieces of the two main fronts. Whilst the sides are of two-and-a-half storeys, the centres are of two, each higher, and their treatment relates oddly to the composition as a whole. These must be the result of alterations soon after the house was built, for the inconvenience of the interior defies logical planning. The entrance front has a pedimented centrepiece with a grand Tuscan door way and a tall arched window above. The projecting porch

381 The description by Figueiredo and Treuherz given later states that there were *two* main rooms in the old part of the structure, which agrees with the 1693 Inventory description of ‘Great’ and ‘Little’ parlours.

382 i.e. about 1750–55.

383 i.e. about 1820–25.

384 William John Percy Lawton, eldest son of John. He succeeded his father as lord of the manor.

385 i.e. since 1820.

386 Both at English Heritage, National Monuments Record, Swindon.

387 CRO, DLN 6436/15.

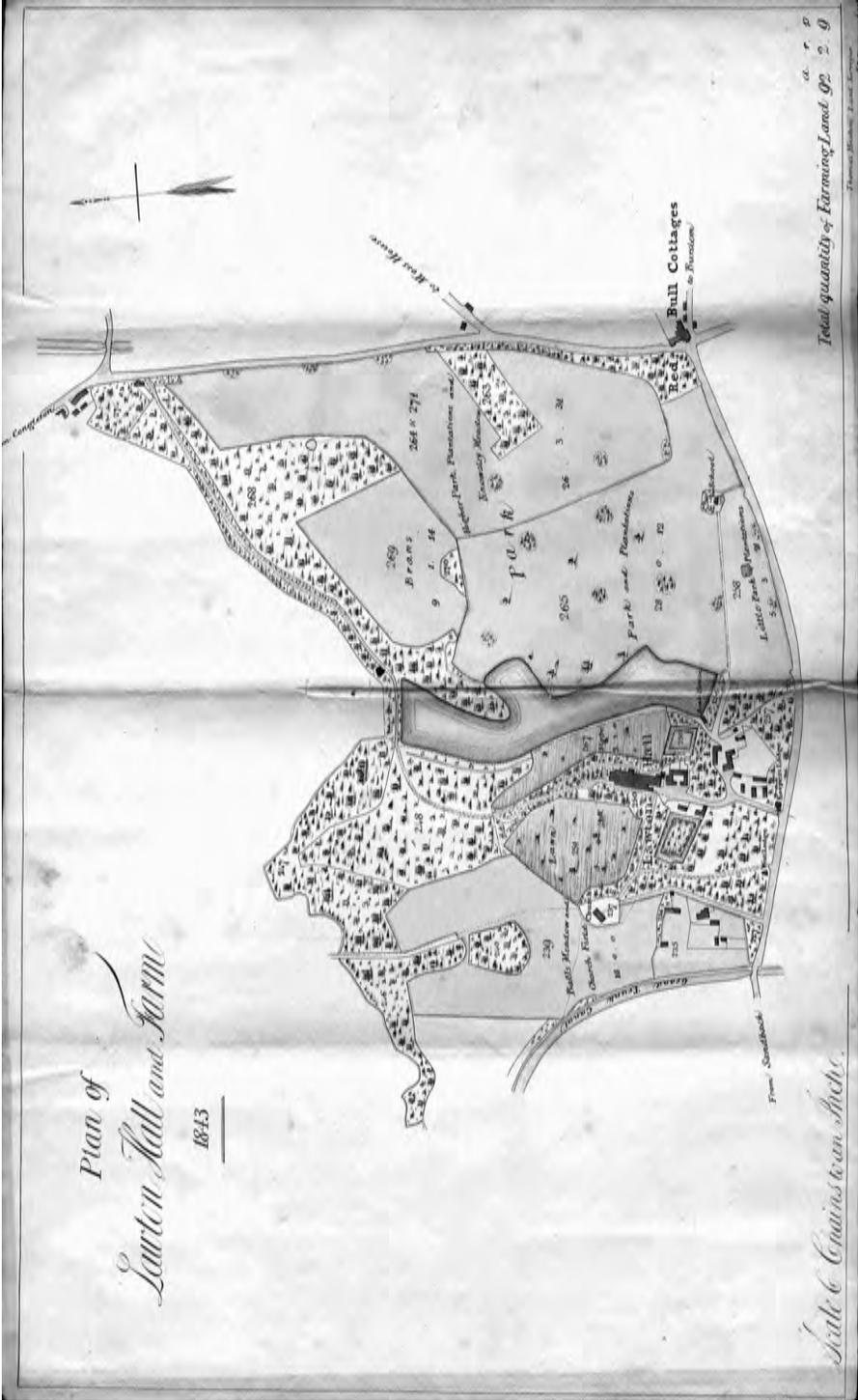


Plate 2 Plan of Lawton Hall demesne, 1843

to one side is a mid-nineteenth-century addition. On the garden side there is at the centre a wide canted bay with a ground floor Venetian window and blank roundels above. Inside are only two main rooms, one in the centre of each front: the entrance hall, later converted into a dining room, and behind it the saloon. Both have splendid Rococo decoration, somewhat the worse for wear. In the former is a ceiling with plasterwork similar to Belmont Hall,<sup>388</sup> and wall with framed panels incorporating hunting devices. In the saloon are doorcases<sup>389</sup> and a fireplace in the manner of William Kent. The study, formerly a small dining room to the left of the entrance hall is lined with seventeenth-century oak paneling with a pronounced frieze of linked areading [*mis-print, presumably arcading intended*] all painted white. A good Jacobean stone fireplace with chunky classical detail is surmounted by a quite separate over mantel, both perhaps re-used from the old Hall on a nearby moated site. The house was probably built for Robert Lawton who held the estate from 1736–70.<sup>390</sup> The wings were added in the 1830s for his grandson Charles, and in the grounds is a memorial of 1853 with a poem written by his wife Marian [sic] ‘On the death of a Bullfinch that sang God Save the Queen when bidden to do so.’ In December 2007 this gravestone was restored and repositioned on the green in front of the new Church Lawton apartments.

Reference to the Lawton Hall that existed before that described above is contained on the web site of the Lawton Hall Estate.<sup>391</sup> Since the web page contains some very specific detail it suggests that the original webmaster of the site had access to a source not known to the current webmaster. A clue to this source is a transcript (apparently made by one of the attendees) of a talk given to some visiting Americans in 1986 by the then lord of the manor, Alistair Lawton.<sup>392</sup> In part, the transcript reads: ‘Somewhere around 1190 or 1200 he built himself a house on the land on which the present house stands ... That house was probably there for something like 200 years. But as was often the case in those days, fire was the greatest enemy; and there is no doubt that at some time around 1400, that house disappeared and another more substantial house was built on the same site. What is certain ... is that the second house, which I am guessing was built around about 1400, was a much more substantial affair. While it may not have been made of stone, it obviously had very substantial foundations. It had cellars, and it had a beautiful flagstone floor. That house probably was knocked down (it didn’t fall down or burn down) round

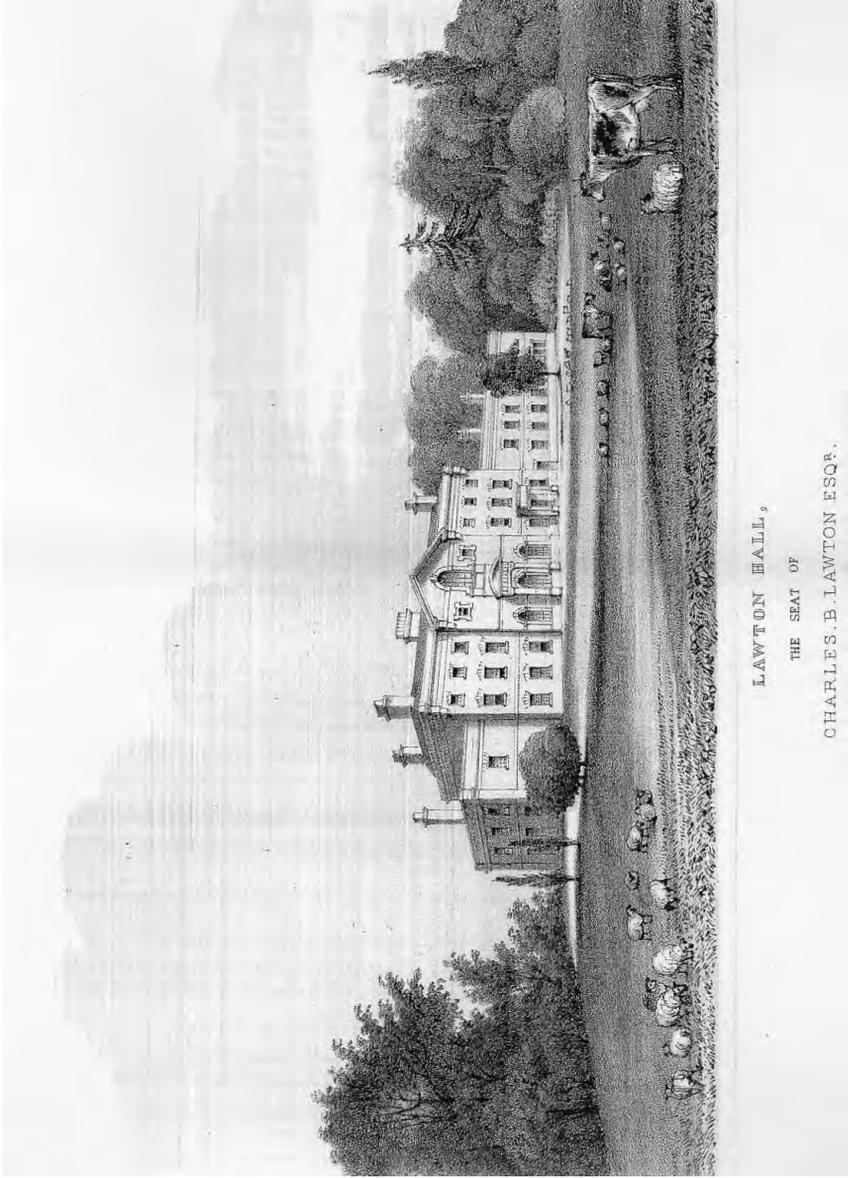
388 There is no detailed description of the Belmont Hall ceilings in the volume however.

389 Case or frame lining a door-opening, from which a door is hung, consisting of architraves, panels, etc., and sometimes with a cill: James Stevens Curl, *A Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape Architecture* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).

390 The correct period is 1740–1777.

391 [www.lawtonhallestate.co.uk](http://www.lawtonhallestate.co.uk)

392 Private communication from Leo Lawton, editor of an American publication, *Lawton Ledger*, July 2010.



LAWTON HALL,

THE SEAT OF

CHARLES. B. LAWTON ESQ<sup>R</sup>.

*Plate 3* View of Lawton Hall, 1850

about the early 1600's – about the beginning of the seventeenth century. And somebody then built another house.'

No authority for the statements is given so the validity of the description must be regarded with extreme skepticism. Carolyn Lawton, Alistair Lawton's daughter, says<sup>393</sup> her recollection is that her father told her at about the time of his talk that there had been at least three buildings on the site and at least one had been burned down. She has a memory of him saying that the second building burned down fairly shortly after it was built. This does not of course accord with what he is alleged to have said in his talk. Carolyn Lawton is not aware of any documentary source for her father's statements, but as *his* father, Richard Geoffrey Lawton, 1903–1986, was a keen student of the manorial family history it seems likely that the information came from him.

The earliest illustration of the appearance of Lawton Hall appears on p. 146 of *The Mansions of England and Wales, Volume 1* by Edward Twycross (London: Stovin and Bartlett, 1850). It is reproduced above as Plate 3, and is a frontal view. A reproduction of the print of Lawton Hall contained in *Series of Picturesque Views of Seats of Noblemen and Gentlemen of Great Britain and Ireland*, by Rev. F. O. Morris (London: William Mackenzie, 1880) appears as Plate 4. Fortunately for the record, this view is of the rear of the building. Comparison of these two illustrations of the property clearly shows the newly constructed billiard room on the latter, and because of the differing viewpoints, between them they provide an excellent record of the whole building.

A photograph of the entrance front of the Hall, circa 1900, appears as Plate 5 and shows considerably more detail of the front of the building than Plate 3. These three illustrations make it easy to visualize the property as it was when Renaud described it in 1873.

Vandalism and fire made Lawton Hall derelict by the late twentieth century (see Plate 6 for an example of the dilapidations of the fabric at this stage), and re-development of the Lawton Hall site was undertaken by Gleeson's. The bulk of the Hall itself was demolished. However, the façade was preserved and incorporated into new apartments, with windows stated to be similar to the originals.

Some idea of the internal decoration of the Hall at this stage (and further evidence of its disrepair) can be gleaned from photographs taken by the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England dated July 1990 (see Plates 7 & 8).<sup>394</sup> Plate 9 is a representation of how the grisall mural in the hallway must have looked, taken from an oblique-angled photograph which showed some spray paint graffiti vandalism on the picture. The original photograph taken by the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England has been manipulated for this volume to rectify its perspective and to remove the graffiti.<sup>395</sup> The resulting image must closely resemble the reality of the decoration in Renaud's day. The walls and ceiling in the saloon

393 Private communication July 2010.

394 Buildings Index File BF087301 at National Monuments Record.

395 Carried out by this editor using Corel PaintShop Photo Pro X3 photo editing software.



*Plate 4* View of Lawton Hall, 1880



*Plate 5* View of Lawton Hall, circa 1900



*Plate 6* **Example of Lawton Hall exterior dereliction, circa 1990**



*Plate 7* **Lawton Hall derelict saloon, circa 1990**



*Plate 8* Lawton Hall derelict hallway,  
circa 1990

*Plate 9* Lawton Hall mural  
(Manipulated image, see text)



(Plate 7) were of a vivid green with the ceiling relief picked out mainly in white. In the hallway (Plate 8) the walls were an equally strong red.

A detailed 58-page catalogue produced for the 1860 sale of the household effects of the Hall<sup>396</sup> is organized by the layout of the Hall, and the following list of accommodation taken from the catalogue provides an interesting comparison to the 1693 Inventory given at the start of the Appendix. (Paintings are separately listed in the catalogue, rooms containing them are marked with an asterisk in the list below):

Entrance Hall*	Upper landing*
Staircase and Lobby	Back staircase
Dining Room*	Bed and Dressing Rooms No. 1
North Room*	Bed and Dressing Room No. 2
Oak Room	Bed Room No. 3
Drawing Room*	Bed Room No. 4
Study*	Dressing Room No. 4
Library*	Bed Rooms Nos. 5–10
Butler's Pantry	Bed Room over Stables
Housekeeper's Room	Bed Rooms Nos. 11–16
Servants' Hall	
Brush Room	
Kitchen	
Scullery	
Larder	
Still Room	
Laundry and Wash-house	
Wine Cellar No. 1	
Cellar No. 2	
Cellar No. 3	

Although the manor court roll transcriptions in this volume end in 1860, it seems appropriate to record briefly here the final history of Lawton Hall up to its effective demolition by 2004.

The Staffordshire Advertiser of 13 December 1884 reported<sup>397</sup> ‘The seat of the ancient family of Lawton of Lawton ... is to be let. This is a good sporting property, there being 2,300 acres of shooting and some good fishing on the large mere in the park. Lawton Hall is a modern red brick house, with no great architectural pretensions, but very commodious and comfortable.’ It is likely that the decision to vacate the Hall was brought about by continuing problems<sup>398</sup> with the Lawton estate finances at the time of the death of John Lawton's successor as lord of the manor, William John

396 CRO, DLN 6436/15.

397 CRO, DLN 6436/9.

398 See Introduction, p. xxxviii.

Percy Lawton, in November 1883.<sup>399</sup> His only child, John William Edward Lawton was aged only ten at the time.

The Lawton collection contains a letter<sup>400</sup> addressed to William's widow Mary at Lawton Hall, dated 19 November 1883 concerning an action currently being brought in Chancery by a George Pedley regarding the estate of her late husband. The same collection also contains an undated schedule of the debts (in excess of £5,000)<sup>401</sup> of W. J. P. Lawton 'deceased' which presumably indicates the reason for the Chancery action. Mary Lawton remarried in September 1885 and it can be assumed that it was from about that time that the letting of Lawton Hall began.<sup>402</sup>

During the First World War the Hall was used as a hospital, during the Second World War it was used by the local Fire Service and between the wars was at various times a hotel and a school for the disabled.<sup>403</sup> 1952 saw the listing of the Hall as a Grade II building.<sup>404</sup> From 1950 to 1986 the Hall was used as a private school, then remained unoccupied thereafter, suffering from vandalism and fire,<sup>405</sup> until its redevelopment by Gleasons starting in 1999.

399 Principal Probate Registry index 1884. The will was proved at Chester, with the estate valued at £6,297.

400 CRO, DLN 6436/9.

401 CRO, DLN 6436/24.

402 The last Lawton family entry in the parish registers, showing their residence at Lawton Hall, is that of William John Percy Lawton's burial on 13 November 1883.

403 See the Lawton Family of Church Lawton entry at [www.manchester2002-uk.com/history/old-families4a.html](http://www.manchester2002-uk.com/history/old-families4a.html) that, as its name implies, records the position before the re-development of the Hall took place.

404 Statutory list description dated 6 June 1952 gives a detailed architectural description of the building.

405 Details of what was happening in this interval are given by John Lawton, the present (2012) lord of the manor, in a letter of 26 February 2001 that can be seen at [www.alsager.com/tour/](http://www.alsager.com/tour/), then clicking on History then Lawton Hall. The letter is preceded on the web site by some photographs of the dilapidated state of the Hall immediately before its redevelopment.

## APPENDIX C

### Analysis of name frequencies

With almost 3,900 names appearing in the manor court records, it is possible to carry out some analyses of forename and surname frequencies for the periods enumerated on p. xlvi of the Introduction for the presentments. Indeed, the much greater numbers available (overall, almost three times as many names as in the presentments alone) permit each of Periods I and II to be split into two, and for Period III to be extended to include the years 1771–78, becoming Period III+. See Table H.

The records of the revived court for the period 1841–60 (hereinafter called Period IV) are rather formulaic, with few individuals named other than those of the jurors (who in any case are listed twice, once on appointment and again as signatories at the end of each document) and the appointed manor officials. So although the number of names in the record of the 12 courts is substantial (537), they are not likely to be representative of the population of the manor and so Period IV is not really suitable even for name analysis, although some reference to data in this period is made below. The resulting five periods for *reliable* name analysis are therefore IA, IB, IIA, IIB and III+ of Table H.

Because of the nature of the records, female forenames are a very small minority, totaling only 126 and never exceeding 6% of all names in any period. The overall average of female forenames is 3%. The numbers for any particular female name are too small to be analysed meaningfully. So for each of these five individual periods only the male forenames have been counted and the results ranked 1–10 in descending order of frequency in each period.

Unsurprisingly, John heads the period lists except for Period IIA, where John is just nudged into second place behind William and shares second place with Thomas. Overall, at 730 occurrences, John remains well clear at the head of the list of male forenames, appearing some 27% more often than the next most frequently occurring forename over the 230 years covered by the manor court records.

Thomas and William collectively occupy the second and third places other than in Periods IIA and IV, and overall, William is in second place. John, Thomas and William *each* have over 500 occurrences overall, significantly more than the fourth placed name, Richard, on 352. Richard is fourth in every period except the statistically dodgy Period IV. Richard is also ranked fourth as well as overall. The four names considered so far account for over 50% of all male names in every period except Period III+ and IV, when their combined total falls to just under 48% and 39% respectively (due principally to the rise in the incidence of Samuel). Their overall total is 2,192 (56.3%).

It is worth noting that that the analysis of the names of the male poor in Smith-Bannister shows that John, Thomas, William and Richard were the four most

frequent names in the hearth tax returns for each of the 12 geographical areas he considered.<sup>406</sup> So Church Lawton manor was typical in its selection of predominant male forenames, since with a limited number of exceptions, the population of the manor was not prosperous.

Table N below summarises the name incidences for all those male forenames appearing in the Church Lawton manor court rolls which have been ranked 15 or better overall. Details are given for each forename only for the individual periods in which the name attained a ranking of 10 or better. Although not included in the Table, it is worth recording that each forename ranked 16 to 23 inclusive overall, also attained 1% overall occurrence. Bear in mind the reservation expressed earlier regarding the validity of the statistics for Period IV.

Some patterns are discernable. The name Charles was bottom of the rankings in the only reliable period in which it did appear (III+), although it was a little higher in the unrepresentative final period. However, the low incidence of the name in Periods IA, IB, IIA and IIB (only six appearances in total) was sufficient to hold the name back to the bottom of the overall rankings.

George and Hugh also appear in the rankings in a single reliable period each, but in those periods reached position seven or six respectively. Nevertheless, the name George appears in all periods, with the *total* appearances in Periods IA, IB, IIA and IIB (35) being surpassed in Period III+ *alone* with 42 appearances (and 38 more in Period IV). No doubt this spurt in the popularity of the name reflects the accession of the Hanoverians to the English throne early in the eighteenth century, and was sufficient to drive the name ranking up to seven overall. The name Hugh does not appear in Period IIB but it does at a low level in all the others.

Two other names appearing in the Table warrant comment. Robert declined over the periods despite continuing to appear in all of them, whereas apart from an isolated appearance in 1632, Samuel did not appear again until 1658, but the number of appearances grew rapidly thereafter. The name appears 16 times in Period IIA, 24 times in Period IIB, 80 times in Period III+ (and 111 times in Period IV). This consistent rise projected the name into the overall rankings at five with a total of 232 appearances. It is interesting to note that Smith-Bannister's analyses<sup>407</sup> found that Samuel appeared in the top 15 rankings in only Northwich Hundred (15=), Chester (13=) and Cuttlestone Hundred (15=), so the rarity in Church Lawton before 1658 is not unusual.

Two names which did not reach the top 15 overall and thus do not appear in Table N illustrate the effect a single family can have on these statistics. Although Daniel occurs 32 times (ranked eight) in Period III+, in which period the name appeared in all of the surviving 13 court records, with the exception of a single *essoin* – Daniel Whilton – in 1689, the name did not appear at all in any other period, including

406 Exeter; Cheshire – Northwich Hundred and Chester; Oxfordshire; Derbyshire – Appletree Hundred; Surrey; Staffordshire – Cuttlestone, Tottmanslow, Offlowe and Pirehill Hundreds and Lichfield. They all fell within the period 1664–71. See his Table 5.5, Smith-Bannister, pp. 108, 109.

407 Smith-Bannister, p. 108.

**Table N Church Lawton Manor Court Records – Male forename frequencies**

Forename <sup>†</sup>	MCR Period														
	IA 1631–1637		IB 1639–1642		IIA 1658–1677		IIB 1685–1700		III+ 1735–1778		IV 1841–1860		Overall 1631–1860		
	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank	
Charles	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	27	10 <sup>=</sup>	15	7 <sup>=</sup>	48	(1%)	15
Edward	–	–	14	8	14	9 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	–	–	11	10	66	(2%)	11
George	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	42	7	–	38	5	115	(3%)	7
Henry	12	10	–	–	17	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	49	(1%)	13 <sup>=</sup>
Hugh	–	–	–	–	20	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	49	(1%)	13 <sup>=</sup>
James	15	8	–	–	–	–	17	9	46	6	93	3	190	(5%)	6
John	148	1	118	1	100	2 <sup>=</sup>	91	1	159	1	114	1	730	(19%)	1
Randle	17	6 <sup>=</sup>	16	7	–	–	26	5	–	–	–	–	72	(2%)	9
Richard	98	4	82	4	44	4	41	4	71	4	16	6	352	(9%)	4
Robert	25	5	21	5	24	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	92	(2%)	8
Roger	14	9	13	9 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	19	7	–	–	–	–	55	(1%)	12
Samuel	–	–	–	–	16	8	24	6	80	3	111	2	232	(6%)	5
Thomas	116	2	116	2	100	2 <sup>=</sup>	71	3	65	5	66	4	534	(14%)	3
William	108	3	103	3	109	1	88	2	156	2	12	9	576	(15%)	2
Total of all forenames	669	–	627	–	586	–	497	–	976	–	537 <sup>#</sup>	–	3892	–	–

<sup>†</sup> Only the first 15 ranked forenames overall listed

\* Details included only if forename ranked in first 10 in the MCR period

# See text for limitations of sample

Period IV. In fact apart from Whilton, *all* the Daniel references relate to the same surname, Daniel Morris (probably father and son)<sup>408</sup> which generally occurs two or three times each year in which it appears.

The other anomalous case is the name Nicholas, which is restricted to Periods IA (unranked), IB (13 occurrences, ranked 6) and IIA (unranked), but in a similar way to Daniel in the later period, appears in all 15 of the surviving years 1631–71, but not at all in the others. The name appears as Nicholas Hobson in all its appearances and the manor court rolls specifically identify them as father and son.

Unlike the forenames, the choice of which can change markedly over the decades for personal or societal reasons, surnames are passed on automatically with parenthood, so that changes in frequency of occurrence of a surname must reflect differences in family fecundity and/or population movement in and out of the manor. The latter factor is well illustrated by the number of essentially different surnames that appear in the different periods. ‘Essentially different’ simply means that obvious spelling variants of the same name are grouped together under their modern spelling for analysis purposes.

Table O summarises the name incidences for all those surnames appearing in the Church Lawton manor court rolls which have been ranked 15 or better overall. Although not included in the Table, it is worth recording that each surname ranked 16 to 22 inclusive overall, also attained 1% overall occurrence. Details are given for each listed surname only for the individual periods in which the name attained a ranking of ten or better. Bear in mind the reservation expressed above (see p. 258) regarding the validity of the statistics for Period IV.

The number of different surnames declined steadily over Periods IA to IIB, from 91 to 68, averaging around 80. In period III+ the count rose significantly to 116 (44 in Period IV), and overall it was 275. It follows that family names moved steadily in and out of the manor, quite possibly re-appearing after an interval. The latter possibility has not been investigated.

What does stand out is the overall ascendancy of the surname Lawton, despite its erratic decline over the periods. At 278 appearances overall it is significantly more common than the surname ranked second overall, Wearam, with 140 appearances. Even when the Lawton count is reduced to 223 to eliminate the built in bias of the surname of the lord of the manor appearing in all the court headings, it is still well clear of the Wearam count.

The decline in the occurrence of the surname Lawton is most accurately portrayed by looking at the *average appearances per court* after eliminating the lord of the manor bias. The average incidence of the name Lawton then declines consistently from period to period, from 13.2 at the beginning to 2.0 by Period III+. Overall the adjusted incidence averages 4.1 while the second ranked surname Wearam averages 2.6.

408 Church Lawton registers record the baptism of Daniel, son of Daniel on 28 June 1735, and the burial of Daniel Morris of Barthomley on 24 June 1760.

**Table O Church Lawton Manor Court Rolls – Surname frequencies**

Surname <sup>†</sup>	MCR Period													
	IA 1631–1637	IB 1639–1642	IIA 1658–1677	IIB 1685–1700	III+ 1735–1778	IV 1841–1860	Overall 1631–1860							
	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank	Number	Rank*	Number	Rank		
Beech	22	6	33	2	–	–	23	5	–	–	–	92 (2%)	6	
Booth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	41	2	51 (1%)	14
Cartwright	–	–	16	8 <sup>=</sup>	7	3	27	3	–	–	–	–	111 (3%)	4
Gibson	17	9	22	5 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52 (1%)	13
Hall	–	–	–	–	20	6 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	66 (2%)	10
Johnson	–	–	–	–	15	10 <sup>=</sup>	24	4	–	–	–	–	73 (2%)	8
Lawton	71	1	42	1	73	1	34	1	39	2 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	278 (7%)	1
Massey	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	63	1	63 (2%)	11
Mitchell	16	10	16	8 <sup>=</sup>	26	4 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	69 (2%)	9
Pointon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	39	2 <sup>=</sup>	39	3	78 (2%)	7
Poolle	–	–	–	–	26	4 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	49 (1%)	15
Rowley	45	2	18	7	20	6 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	99 (3%)	5
Shaw	23	5	31	4	–	–	16	9	44	1	–	–	121 (3%)	3
Walton	19	8	16	8 <sup>=</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53 (1%)	12
Wearam	31	3	32	3	45	2	29	2	–	–	–	–	140 (4%)	2
Total of essentially different surnames	91	–	88	–	76	–	68	–	116	–	44 <sup>#</sup>	–	275	–

<sup>†</sup> Only the first 15 ranked surnames overall listed

<sup>\*</sup> Details included only if surname ranked in first 10 in the MCR period

<sup>#</sup> See text for limitations of sample

## APPENDIX D

### Church Lawton Poll Tax 1660

[TNA ref E 179 244/30 – For a full transcription of this return, see RSLC, 119 (1979), pp. 95–100]

Head of household			Household details			Notes
Name	Other information	Tax paid	Total persons	No. of named children of head incl.	Wife of head incl.?	
William	Alexander	1s 0d	3		Yes	
George	Ashley	1s 0d	2		Yes	
Wm	Ashley	1s 0d	2		Yes	
Wm	Bagnall	1s 0d	2		Yes	
Thos	Beech	taylor	4	1 & 1*		
Thos	Beech	of Claycrofte	2		Yes	
James	Bromfeild	1s 0d	2		Yes	
Jeremie	Bromfeild	1s 0d	1			
Randle	Bromfeild	1s 0d	2		Yes	
Richard	Cartwright	1s 0d	4		Yes	
Thos	Cartwright	of Lee Hall	2			
Margaret	Channtler	single	1			
Wm	Clayton		3		Yes	
Marie	Clowes	widow	3	2		
John	Corke		2		Yes	
Thos	Deane	single	2	1*		
Thos	Gowgh		2		Yes	

Head of household			Household details			Notes	
Name	Other information	Tax paid	Total persons	No. of named children of head incl.	Wife of head incl.?		
Hugh	Hall	1s 0d	5		Yes	see note 1	
Wm	Halls labourer	1s 0d	1				
Thos	Hamnet labourer	1s 0d	1				
Richard	Hayes	7s 0d	1				
Nicholas	Hobson	6s 0d	3	2			
Thos	Holme	4s 0d	1				
Rob	Horton	2s 0d	1				
Thos	Houson	1s 0d	4		Yes		
John	Kent	2s 0d	1				
Andrew	Lawton	8s 0d	2				see note 1
John	Lawton tanner	6s 0d	1				
John	Lawton of Alsager	2s 0d	1				
John	Lawton taylor	1s 0d	2	1*			
Randle	Lawton de Snape	10s 0d	4	1*			
Wm	Lawton esquire	£10 0s 0d	16	1*		see notes 2 & 3	
Wm	Lawton of the greene	2s 6d	1				
Wm	Lowe	5s 0d	3				
Thomas	Machin	1s 0d	2		Yes		
John	Muchell of the lane	7s 0d	4	3		see note 1	
John	Muchell naylor	2s 0d	1				
Richard	Peever	1s 0d	3		Yes		
John	Poole	1s 0d	3	1*	Yes	see note 1	
Randle	Poole	8s 0d	1				
Samuell	Poole	2s 0d	2				
Wm	Postles	1s 0d	2		Yes		
Raph	Prince	1s 0d	5		Yes		

Head of household				Household details			Notes
Name		Other information	Tax paid	Total persons	No. of named children of head incl.	Wife of head incl.?	
Margerie	Rowley	widow	3s 2d	3			
Thos	Rowley		1s 0d	3		Yes	
Richard	Shaw		1s 0d	2		Yes	
Richard	Shuffbotham	single	1s 0d	3	1*		
Randle	Silito	rector of Ch Lawton	12s 0d	4	2		
Steven	Smith		1s 0d	3	1*	Yes	
John	Stonier		2s 0d	2			
Richard	Swynnerton	single	1s 0d	1			
Thos	Taylor	married	6d	1			
Randle	Tomson		1s 0d	4	2*	Yes	
Ann	Walton	widow	1s 0d	2			
Ellin	Walton	widow	1s 0d	4			
William	Wearam		1s 0d	5	1	Yes	
Robert	Weever		1s 0d	2		Yes	
Elizabeth	Woolfe	widow	1s 0d	2			

**Total sum paid in parish: £30 1s 2d**

**Total sum paid by heads: £16 18s 6d**

**Average sum paid by heads: 5s 10d**

**Total persons: 151**

**Total households: 58**

**Average household size: 2.78**

**Notes:**

\* Same surname as head but relationship not stated

1 Freeholder in 1663 per Harl MS 1920, folio 69

2 His wife was alive in 1660 so was presumably present

3 The servant with surname Lawton probably unrelated to head

## APPENDIX E

### Church Lawton Hearth Tax Returns 1664, 1669 and 1673

[1664 TNA, E 179 86/145] [1669 TNA, E 179 86/150] [1673 TNA, E 179 86/155]

(A) Number of hearths (B) See notes at foot of table

Householder assessed	1664	(A) (B)	1669	(A) (B)	1673	(A) (B)
William Alexander		2		2		2
William Arderne						1
Elizabeth Ashley						1
George Ashley		1		1		
Ellin Bagnall		1				
Thomas Bagnall				1 *		
William Bagnall				1		
Elin Beech		1				
Thomas Beech		2	tailor	2		2
Thomas Beech		2	of Clayriding	0 a	clerk	2
John Booth		1 *		1 *		
James Brownfield/ Bromfield		1		1		
Jeremiah/ Jeremy Brownfield/ Bromfield		1		1		1
Anne Cartwright						7
Mary Cartwright					of Hall greene	2
Richard Cartwright		1		3		2
Thomas Cartwright		6	de Leighall	6 b		
Thomas Cartwright		1	of Hall Green	1		
Margaret Chantler		1		1		
John Clayton				1		
William Cleaton		1				
Thomas Clewle/Clelow/ Clewloe		1		1		1
Mary Clowes		1	widow	1		

Householder assessed		1664	(A) (B)	1669	(A) (B)	1673	(A) (B)
Richard	Cooke		1 *		1 *		1 *
John	Corke		1		1		
Ann(e)	Deane		1	widow	2		2
Amey	Drackford		1 *				
Margaret	Eardley		1 *		1 *		1 *
Thomas	Eardley		1 *		1 *		
Alice	Gibson		1 *		1 *		
Elizabeth	Gibson				1 *		1 *
Jane	Gibson		1 *				
John	Gibson		1 *		1 *		1
Richard	Gibson		1 *		1 *		
Thomas	Gough						1
Hugh	Hall		2		2		3
Edward	Hancock				2		
John	Hancock						2
Ralph	Hilditch						1
Margaret	Hindley		1 *		1 *		1 *
Nicholas	Hobson		2		2		
Richard	Hobson						2
Thomas	Hulme		2		2		2
William	Hulme		1 *		1		
Edward	Johnson		1 *		1 *		
John	Johnson		1 *		1 *		1 *
Marger(e)y	Johnson		1 *		1 *		
Mary	Johnson						1 *
Elizabeth	Kelsall		1 *		2 *		
William	Kelsall		1		1		1
Elizabeth	Kent		1				
John	Kent				1 c		

Householder assessed		1664	(A) (B)	1669	(A) (B)	1673	(A) (B)
John	Lawton/Laughton		5	de Snape	5	de Snape	5
John	Lawton/Laughton		1	tanner	2		2
John	Lawton		1 *		1		1
Thomas	Lawton		1 *				
William	Lawton	esquire	15	esquire	15	esquire	15
William	Lawton/Laughton		2		3	de green	3
William	Lowe		2		3		2
William	Lowe						1 f
Margaret	Machin						1
Thomas	Machin		1		1		
Thomas	Minshall		1 *		1 *		1 *
Margaret	Machell						1 *
John	Muchell		2	de Lane	2		2
John	Muchell/Michall		1	nailor	1		1
Elizabeth	Moston						1
Edward	Plant		2		5		
Robert	Plant						4
Ellin	Poole						1
John	Poole		1		1		1
Samuel	Poole		1		1		1
William	Postles		1				1
Ralph	Prince				1		2 g
Marger(e)y	Rowley		1		1		
Thomas	Rowley				2		2
Alice	Shaw		1 *		1 *		
Richard	Shaw		1	de Moss	1		1
Richard	Shaw		1 *				
Edmund/ Edward	Shufflebotham		1 *		2 *		4 h
Richard	Shufflebotham		1		1		h

Householder assessed	1664	(A) (B)	1669	(A) (B)	1673	(A) (B)
Margery Sillito		4				
Randle Sillito				4 d		
Ste(e)phen Smith		1		1		1
John Stonier/Stonyer		1		c		1
Randle Swinerton		1 *		1 *		
Thomas Swinerton		1 *		2 *		
John Thompson				1 *		
Randle Thompson		1		1 *		1
Randle Thompson				0 e		
Mr Upshone						4
Ann Walton		1	widow	1		1
Ann Walton		1 *		1 *		
Ellin/Ellen Walton		2		2		
Ann Watson				1 *		
Henry Wearam						2
William Wearam		1	senior	1		1 i
William Wearam		1 *	junior	1		
Robert Weever		1		1		1
Elizabeth Wolfe			widow	1		
Close void house						1
<b>Number of households:</b>	<b>1664:</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1669:</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1673:</b>	<b>56 j</b>

**Notes:**

- \* exempt
- a house down
- b now John Cartwright
- c joint assessment on Kent & Stonyer
- d now Mr Upshon
- e now poore
- f his void house
- g pro tenants
- h joint assessment on Richard & Edward
- i senior assumed
- j includes the void house

## APPENDIX F

### Church Lawton Land Tax Assessments 1781

[CRO ref QDV2/111/1]

Name		Other information	£	s	d
Mr	Bate	for Short's	–	5	10
Edwd	Bloor		3	7	6
Thos	Cartwright	Seen and allowd by <sup>†</sup>	–	–	–
Widow	Cook		–	3	10
Robt	Cox	Collector*	–	–	–
Thos	Gidman		2	2	1
Thos Bayley	Hall	Seen and allowd by <sup>†</sup>	–	–	–
Willm	Hall		4	6	2
Jno	Harding		2	14	7
Willm	Herdman		–	8	5
Geor	Hocknill		1	5	11
Jno	Jinks		1	17	4
Josiah	Keeling	Assessor*	–	–	–
Josiah	Keeling	Collector*	–	–	–
Saml	Kent		1	10	4
John	Lawton	Esq	4	16	6
John	Lawton	Esq	1	2	6
John	Lawton	Esq	–	9	2
John	Lawton	Esq	–	9	0
John	Lawton	Esq	1	2	9
Richd	Lindop		8	3	10
Richd	Lindop	for Stancliff	–	2	6
Willm	Lindop		–	6	9
Danl	Morris		2	12	4
Danl	Morris	for Lawton Gate	1	12	4

Name		Other information	£	s	d	
Thos	Noden		3	2	6	
Willm	Norbury		4	18	10	
Jno	Oaks		–	9	0	
Josha	Pointon		2	9	0	
Edwd	Salmon	Esq	for Saltworks	5	12	6
Geor	Shaw		–	7	0	
Geor	Shaw		for Bentley's	–	9	0
George	Shaw		Assessor*	–	–	–
Mathw	Stubs		–	5	6	
E	Tomkinson		Seen and allowd by <sup>†</sup>	–	–	–
Widow	Worthington			–	13	10
1 Exciseman				10	0	0
1½ watchmen				6	0	0
2 Salt officers				15	0	0
				79	2	3
				88	6	10]

**Notes:**

† Entered at the foot of the schedule

\* Entered sideways down the left-hand side of the schedule

**Church Lawton Land Tax Assessments 1800**

[CRO ref QDV2/111/19]

Name of Owner		Name of Occupier		Premises	£	s	d
Chas	Cartwright	George	Hockenhull	late Sherratt's land	1	16	1¾
Thos	Faulkner	–	–	Assessor & Collector*	–	–	–
Thos	Bayley Hall	–	–	Allowed by*	–	–	–
Nathaniel	Kent	William	Kent	Farm	2	2	1¾
John	Lawton Esq	Charles	Bate	Mill	1	11	11¼
John	Lawton Esq	John	Bate	Farm	2	18	5½
John	Lawton Esq	George	Bentely	Land	–	13	0¾
John	Lawton Esq	James	Cox	late Burgess's Farm	6	17	5½
John	Lawton Esq	Robt	Cox	late Morris	3	12	10½
John	Lawton Esq	Robt	Cox	Farm	11	11	7¼
John	Lawton Esq	Robt	Cox	late Gater's Land	–	5	4
John	Lawton Esq	William Chas	Cox	Marl Ground	4	18	0½
John	Lawton Esq	James	Gibbons	late Shaw's Land	–	9	6¼
John	Lawton Esq	James	Gibbons	late Paddy's Farm	3	15	10
John	Lawton Esq	John	Hall	Farm	5	19	6
John	Lawton Esq	John	Lawton Esq	Lawton Hall	4	1	4¼
John	Lawton Esq	John	Lawton Esq	late Mrs Bate	–	4	8
John	Lawton Esq	John	Lawton Esq	for Stubbs	–	7	7½
John	Lawton Esq	John	Lawton Esq	Land	–	8	8
John	Lawton Esq	John	Lowe	late Walker's land	–	12	8¼
John	Lawton Esq	John	Lowe	Farm	4	6	10¾
John	Lawton Esq	John	Morris	land	–	9	6¼
John	Lawton Esq	Hannah	Oakes	late Sherratt's land	–	13	4¼
John	Lawton Esq	Saml	Pointon	late Jink's Farm	2	5	1¼
John	Lawton Esq	Saml	Pointon	Farm	3	7	11
John	Lawton Esq	James	Robinson	Salt Works	7	15	10¼
John	Lawton Esq	James	Robinson	late Sherratt's land	–	7	11
John	Lawton Esq	William	Wetton	late Hordman's land	–	11	6

Name of Owner		Name of Occupier		Premises	£ s d
John	Morris	John	Morris	Land	– 2 3
Traffd	Trafford	–	–	Allowed by*	– – –
John	Twemlow	John	Twemlow	Farm	2 2 5½
L	Wetenhall Rev	L	Wetenhall Rev	Farm Land	4 13 5¾
L	Wetenhall	–	–	Allowed by*	– – –
William	Willgoose	–	–	Excise Officer	10 0 0
<i>[Correct total</i>					79 2 3
					88 13 2]

\* Entered at the foot of the schedule

**Manorial Tenants 1804–06**

[CRO ref DLN6436/29]

Name	Notes
John Bate	
Geo. Bentley	
Jonn. Birtles	
John Bosson	
James Caldwell	
Richard Cartwright	
Samuel Coleclough	
Ellen Cox	
Robt. Cox	
Robt. Cox	Junr
Wm. Charles Cox	
Ann Dale	Day 1804, Dale 1805 & 1806
James Dawson	
Sampson Fairbanks	Firebanks 1804, Fairbanks 1805 & 1806
James Gibbons	
John Gilbert	
John Hall	
Ralph Hockenhull	
Isaac Jones	
John Lowe	
John Lowe	John 1804 & 1806, Thomas 1805
John Morris	
Thos. Owen	

<b>Name</b>		<b>Notes</b>
Saml.	Pointon	
James	Robinson	
–	Roe & Co	
James	Sherrat	
John	Smith	
Richard	Speakman	Speakman & Co 1805 & 1806
Joseph	Taylor	
William	Wetton	

## APPENDIX G

### Church Lawton Census 1841

[TNA ref HO 107 121/1]

Name of head of household	No. with same surname as head (incl. head)	Total house-hold size (incl. head)	No. of children <16 incl.	No. of persons >15
Charles Alcock	3	7	2	5
Joseph Alcock	8	8	6	2
Thomas Alsager	5	5	3	2
James Armstrong	5	5	3	2
Thomas Armstrong	6	6	2	4
Samuel Ashmore	3	3	1	2
William Barber	2	2	0	2
Elizabeth Barnett	2	3	1	2
James Beech	3	3	0	3
John Beresford	5	9	4	5
William Bibby	5	7	3	4
James Billington	4	4	2	2
Richard Bloor	2	3	0	3
James Booth	6	9	5	4
James Booth	5	6	3	3
Timothy Booth	6	7	4	3
William Booth	2	2	0	2
Richard Bosson	2	2	0	2
Thomas Bosson	2	3	1	2
William Bosson	6	6	3	3
William Bosson	6	6	4	2
John Boulton	2	2	0	2
James Bourne	1	1	0	1
William Bracklehurst	2	4	1	3
John Briscall	7	7	5	2
Mary Broughton	1	2	1	1
William Buckley	4	4	2	2

Name of head of household		No. with same surname as head (incl. head)	Total house-hold size (incl. head)	No. of children <16 incl.	No. of persons >15
Richd	Cartwright	6	6	4	2
Thomas	Cartwright	7	8	1	7
William	Cartwright	3	3	1	2
George	Cliffe	6	6	5	1
Philip	Colclough	3	5	0	5
Samuel	Colclough	6	6	4	2
John	Collinson	3	3	1	2
Matthew	Collinson	7	7	5	2
Samuel	Condcliff	1	1	0	1
Thomas	Condcliffe	8	8	6	2
Sarah	Cooke	3	5	2	3
Cornelius	Cooper	2	9	4	5
Robert	Corden	1	4	1	3
John	Dale	3	3	1	2
William	Daniels	3	3	1	2
John	Davies	3	3	1	2
Joseph	Davies	4	4	2	2
Samuel	Dewes	3	3	1	2
Samuel	Dewis	2	2	0	2
George	Edwards	9	13	7	6
James	Elsby	3	3	0	3
Sampson	Fairbanks	1	4	0	4
James	Faram	4	4	2	2
James	Faram	4	5	3	2
William	Farrington	1	2	0	2
John	Ford	5	5	3	2
Thomas	Ford	8	8	6	2
Thomas	Frier	7	10	6	4
George	Fryer	8	8	5	3

Name of head of household		No. with same surname as head (incl. head)	Total house-hold size (incl. head)	No. of children <16 incl.	No. of persons >15
Mary	Gee	4	4	0	4
Elizabeth	Gibson	4	4	1	3
Samuel	Gibson	2	2	0	2
Ann	Grantham	3	3	1	2
John	Grantham	4	4	2	2
Joseph	Hackney	5	5	1	4
Caleb	Hancock	3	3	1	2
John	Hancock	2	2	0	2
Thomas	Hankey	5	5	3	2
John	Hobson	6	7	5	2
Jane	Hockenhull	2	2	0	2
James	Hodgkinson	3	3	2	1
Joseph	Hodgkinson	7	8	4	4
Peter	Hodgkinson	7	7	2	5
Robert	Hooley	1	6	0	6
James	Hopkins	4	8	5	3
Joseph	Jarvis	3	3	1	2
George	Jenkinson	2	2	0	2
James	Jenkinson	2	3	1	2
Thomas	Jenkinson	2	2	0	2
William	Jenkinson	9	9	6	3
James	Johnson	7	7	5	2
Joseph	Johnson	3	3	1	2
Samuel	Johnson	3	3	1	2
Samuel	Jones	3	3	1	2
Luke	Keen	7	7	5	2
John	Kirby	5	7	4	3
Jane	Kirkham	4	4	2	2

Name of head of household		No. with same surname as head (incl. head)	Total house-hold size (incl. head)	No. of children <16 incl.	No. of persons >15
Charles	Lawton	2	17	2	15
James	Lowe	3	3	2	1
John	Lowe	3	6	4	2
Samuel	Lowe	5	5	3	2
Samuel	Lownds	2	4	0	4
Sarah	Macclesfield	2	3	0	3
James	Machin	7	8	5	3
William	Machin	2	2	0	2
Aaron	Malbon	2	2	1	1
James	Martin	8	10	6	4
James	Massey	4	6	1	5
William	Midford	7	7	5	2
Thomas	Morris	4	7	4	3
James	Nichols	4	5	2	3
Thomas	Osborne	9	9	6	3
Sarah	Peake	2	2	0	2
George	Platt	3	3	0	3
George	Pointon	2	4	2	2
John	Pointon	5	9	3	6
Samuel	Pointon	7	11	9	2
Charles	Rigby	5	5	2	3
William	Rigby	2	5	1	4

Name of head of household	No. with same surname as head (incl. head)	Total house-hold size (incl. head)	No. of children <16 incl.	No. of persons >15
George Shaw	4	4	1	3
George Shaw	6	6	1	5
John Shaw	5	5	1	4
Richard Shaw	2	2	0	2
William Shaw	5	5	3	2
James Sherratt	1	3	0	3
Frances Smallwood	2	2	0	2
John Smallwood	2	3	1	2
Thomas Smallwood	4	9	6	3
Thomas Smith	3	4	2	2
Thomas Thomas	1	8	5	3
Vernon Tipping	1	3	1	2
Jane Twemlow	2	6	3	3
John Wakefield	4	5	2	3
Joseph Webb	5	8	4	4
James Wicksted	2	2	0	2
Charles Wright	4	4	2	2
John Wright	5	5	1	4
Thomas Wright	2	2	0	2
<b>Column totals:</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>349</b>

**Number of households:** 122

**Average size of head's family:** 4.02

**Average total size of household:** 5.10



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