

## A late sixteenth-century suit roll for the manor of Wem, 1585-6

Suit rolls are the lists of names of those who were expected to attend a session of the manorial court. Exactly how they were prepared, or who they were supposed to contain is obscure and perhaps even depended on the practice of an individual manor or even an individual steward, or his clerk, or whoever was delegated with the task of compiling the roll. The rolls were used as a check on attendance at the court, or whether the person sent apologies (essoins) or merely failed to appear (default). In theory the last two conditions entitled the lord to a fine.

The present suit roll is not, despite its name, a roll. It consists of four sheets folded vertically and stitched together along the left hand edge to form a booklet or pamphlet. It is well-written in a clerk's hand.

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[p. 1] [contemporary endorsement]

vij die Octobris Anno xxvij E. regine 1585. The seute rolle for the manour of Weme, 1585; 1586.

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**The sute rolle of the towne and manor of Weme made the first of October,  
Anno reginae 27, 1585.**

Weme	Richard Hardinge
	Lawrance Robynson
	Roger Higenson
	Barnet Boulton
The heires of Roberte Esquier [sic]	William Breane
Thomas Ponsbury esq.	John Addams
George Chambers de Petton	Rychard Golburne
George Chambers de Loppington	John Clyffe
Thomas Brumhall	Rogar Whittell
Thomas Adney	James Jarden
William Mason	William Stubbes
Thomas Warren	Peter Aspley
John Donnporte	Robert Addams
Richard Gytins	Rychard Fox
Edward Burrons	John Browne
The heirs of Bolas [struck through]	[p. 4]
Roger Watkyn	John Countes
Richard Whottall	Thomas Jeb
John Addams jun.	Richard Jeb
John Allen	Uxor Ric' Waykys [added]
[c. 2 lines blank]	John Cowper
	Uxor Wrighte [added]
William Forgam	William Sandland
Richard Whuke	Henry Holbrucke
Richard Thurlyn	Thomas Sandlande
The wife of William Sturdy [added]	William Barne
William Pyxley	Uxor Thomas Higenson [added]
William Sevell	Thomas Pydgin
Thomas Lea	Edward Williams
Thomas Prove [?]	Rychard Whitfield
John Sherrat	Uxor Rici Newans [added]
[p. 3]	Richard Kylverte
Raufe Poole	John Bate
Humfre Aston	Thomas Cartewrighte
Henry Barnes	Humfre Watkys
Uxor William Welshe	John Evans
Fraunces Asteley	Richard Whorde
John Peate	John Fardall
William Holbrucke	John Allenson
Thomas Russell	John Morrys
Humfre Broughall	[p. 5]
Uxor Morrys [added]	William Fardall
Roberte Clarke	Roberte Gadd

George Channer  
John Gryffith  
Thomas Robynson  
Thomas Preton  
Uxor Ric' Watkys [added]  
Thomas Wrighte  
William Broughall  
Roger Dunne  
Richard Eaton  
Richard Mearycke  
Arthur Fardall  
Richard Welshe  
Thomas Ricrofte  
Thomas Thurlyn  
Richard Breane  
Edward Cowper  
Thomas Pyxley  
Reignold Dunne [overwritten] *egrotus*  
Thomas Addams  
Uxor Thurlyn [added]

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Aston

John Asteley gent.  
Richard Menlove  
Thomas Watkys  
Uxor Johannis Moreton  
George Moreton  
William Watkys  
Thomas Clarke  
John Edwardes  
Thomas Illega  
William Menlove  
[line blank]  
Roberte Weston  
Henry Davson  
Uxor Powell  
Thomas Lawrance  
Roger Lawrance  
John Abbottes  
John Chorlton  
John Inbrucke  
Emalde Hocekys [added]

Trenche and Tylley

The heires of Thomas Poyner  
Charles Richard son  
The heires of William Shabery  
Uxor Richardson  
Phellip Wheler  
William Houghton

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Thomas Percy  
John Heyward  
Uxor [cancelled] Jana Holbrucke  
John Addams  
William Phellipes  
Richard Addams  
Richard Heyward  
Thomas Creke  
George Higenson  
Addam Pete  
William Heyward  
John Heyward jun.  
John Heyward sen.  
William Goughe  
John Stooke  
Robert Draper  
William Luskyn  
Richard Thurlyn  
Thomas Baylie  
Hugh Gylla  
George Heyward  
Hughe Carter  
Uxor Gryffes  
Uxor Key  
Thomas Chettall

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Lo and Dyches

Richard Twyford gent.  
William Baylie  
John Pay [Percy]  
Richard Grace  
Uxor William Higenson  
John Barne sen.  
John Barne jun.  
Uxor Taylor  
John Taylor  
Davyd Evans  
John Dickyn  
William Gene  
Richard Evans  
Thomas Gough  
Roger Olyver  
Lewes Dunne

Northewod

Christofer Allenson  
Uxor Whorde  
Allen Bartley  
John Bartley  
Uxor Dymocke  
John Hanmur gent.

Roberte Hatton  
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John Harper  
Thomas Davies  
Roger Addams  
Richard Gregory  
Pears Harper  
William Barlowe  
Thomas Cowper  
Hughe Furber  
Jefferey Barlowe  
William Penson  
Henry Ekyn  
Uxor Baylie [struck through]  
John Fardall  
Thomas Yomans  
John Cartewighte  
Lawrence Gowdyn  
Richard Higenson

Newtowne

John Brumhall  
Richard Pey [?Percy]  
William Pykeryn  
George Lowe  
Randulphe Glover  
John Mullyner  
Humfre Brocton

[p. 10] [IMG\_9426]  
John Newtowne sen.  
John Newtowne jun.  
Eliz. Dunne  
Thomas Cowper  
Richard Navans  
William Hynton  
George Meden

Werle<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Styrry  
John Mylward alias Chambers  
Richard Mason  
George Iveson  
Robert ap Thomas  
Richard Baylie  
Richard Allen  
John Chydlowe  
Humfre Wycherley  
Hughe Whelocke

William Fardall  
[p. 11]  
Horton

John Marygold  
William Menlove  
John Mody  
Ric' Allen  
Uxor Radu' Hussey  
Uxor Ricardi Hussey  
Uxor Hussey sen.  
[Uxor deleted] Jana Chettall  
William Tyler  
Thomas Tyler  
William Gate  
Edward Postell

Coton

Roger Kynaston gent.  
John Coton gent.  
The heirs of Dymocke  
Hugh Cooke  
Thomas Kylverte  
Thomas Persall gent.  
Richard Maynwaringe  
Randulph Hinton  
Allen Higenson  
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John Felton  
Thomas Calcot jun.  
Richard Warde  
Thomas Calcot sen.  
Allen Hocekys  
Thomas Sherrat  
John Holgate  
Ric' Sherrat  
Richard Prince  
Raufe Bathe [struck through]  
Allen Sherrat sen.  
Allen Sherrat jun.  
John Bradley [struck through]  
William Sherat  
John Higenson jun.  
John Higenson sen.  
Thomas Shipman [struck through]  
John Benyon  
Roberte Sherat  
Raufe Deveres  
John Halmarke

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<sup>1</sup> Margin in a late eighteenth-century hand, 'Wolverley'.

Thomas Duddulson  
John Holden

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Edstaston

Sir Arthure Maynwaringe knight  
John Davies  
Thomas [~~struck through~~] Eliz. Massy  
Ric Grome  
Thomas Barne  
William Ashe  
Thomas Ashe  
Gryffith Huiton  
Henry Smyth  
John Sherrat  
Uxor Ric' Hugenson  
Allen Ellis  
John Evans  
Roberte Woodhouse  
Uxor Hinde  
Ric' Thurlyn  
John Whitacre  
Uxor John Holbrucke  
Thomas Powell  
Edward Higenson  
John Brocton  
Thomas Leche  
James Bannastre  
Ric' Higenson  
Richard Menlove

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George Maynwaringe  
Nycolas Menlove  
John Tunno  
George Heatcheley  
Arthure Smarte  
Uxor Cowper  
Raufe Edge  
Uxor Nicolai Higenson  
Alicia Rychester [?] [added]

Stele

Robert Sandford esq.  
Frauncis Wilson  
John Robynson  
John Butter  
William Beane  
Uxor Beane [~~struck through~~]  
William Boler