

# COURT ROLLS OF THE MANOR OF HAMPSTEAD

**Translated from the Latin by Pauline Sidell, BA DAA**

## E/MW/H/13 (Court Roll 13, May & June 1694)

Personal names highlighted only on first mention in this Roll.  
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[Folio 1]

Manor of  
Hampstead  
In the County of  
Middlesex

At the view of Frankpledge with Court Baron of the most honourable  
Baptist, [Earl of Ganesborough](#), held there for the aforesaid Manor on the  
twenty first day of May, in the Sixth Year of the reign of William and  
Mary, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland,  
King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith etc. and in the Year of our Lord  
1693, Before [Andrew Burton, gentleman](#), Steward there, it was Enrolled  
as follows.

**Essoins** [Blank space where names would have been entered.]

The Jurors for enquiring for the Lord the King and the Lady the Queen  
and the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, and the homage there:

Edmund Bolsworth, gent	)	John Wrench	)
Thomas Stradwick	)	William Clarke	)
Bartholomew Younge	)	Charles Key	)
Richard Haddiloe	)	Richard Staples	)
John Skerrat	)	Joseph Tailer	)
Thomas Tidd	Sworn	William Bedford	)
Thomas Perryor	)	Thomas Warner	)
Daniel Hoare	)	and	)
Nicholas Reading	)	Richard Goldyn	)

[21 May 1694] At this Court it was found by the homage that [Robert Bennet](#), lately a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, died seised of One messuage or Tenement situate and being in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called Westend, and four acres of pasture thereunto belonging, with the appurtenances, now in the possession of [James Fell](#), And that [William Bennet](#) of Hexworth, in the County of Cornewell, Esquire, is the brother and next heir of the aforesaid Robert, lately deceased. And now to this Court came the aforesaid William Bennet, And humbly craved to be admitted to the aforesaid messuage and four acres of pasture, with the appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid steward, granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the aforesaid messuage or Tenement and four acres of pasture, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Bennet, his heirs and Assigns, At the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor,

**£ s d** forever, by the rents and services previously owed and of right  
**Fine 20 0 0** accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for a Fine as appears in the margin,

**Rent 0 0 8** he did Fealty to the Lord, And he was admitted Tenant thereof.

[21 May 1694] At this Court it was found by the homage that Robert Bennet, lately a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, died seised of one Cottage or Tenement, with the appurtenances, situate and being in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called Kilburne, now in the possession of [John Green](#), And that William Bennet of Hexworth, in the County of Cornwall, Esquire, is the brother and next heir of the aforesaid Robert, lately deceased. And now to this Court came the aforesaid William Bennet, And humbly craved to be admitted to the aforesaid Cottage or Tenement, with the appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid steward, granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the aforesaid Cottage or Tenement, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Bennet, his heirs and Assigns, At the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for a Fine as appears in the margin, he did fealty to the Lord, And he was admitted Tenant thereof.

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[21 May 1694] At this Court it was found by the homage that [Ambrose Beeton](#), a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, on the sixth day of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand, six hundred and ninety two, surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the hands of Thomas Tidd and [John Rench](#), two customary tenants of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, All that messuage, Cottage or tenement, part thereof now in the possession of [John Draper](#), and two conclava, in English roomes [*'conclava' in Latin, 'roomes' in English*], another part thereof., in the possession of the aforesaid Ambrose Beeton, with a cellar, a brewhouse, a storehouse, a millhouse, a stable, a barn and an atreo putoe, in English, a wellyard [*'atreo putoe' in Latin, 'wellyard' in English*] situate in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called Windmillhill, To the use and behoof of [Thomas Tanner](#) of St Albans, in the County of Hartford, his heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, Provided always and under the condition nevertheless that if the aforesaid Ambrose Beeton, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or any of them, should well and faithfully pay or cause to be paid to the aforesaid Thomas Tanner, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, the full sum of two hundred and ten pounds of lawful English money on or before the sixth day of June which should be in the Year of our Lord one thousand, six hundred and ninety three, that the then surrender should be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. And it was further found by the homage that the aforesaid Ambrose Beeton did not pay to the aforesaid Thomas Tanner the aforesaid two hundred and ten pounds on the aforesaid sixth day of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand, six hundred and ninety three, which at and on the same day he should have paid, according to the aforesaid surrender. And now to this Court came the aforesaid Thomas Tanner, and craved to be admitted tenant to the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid Steward, granted seisin thereof by the

rod, to Have and to hold the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas Tanner, his heirs and Assigns, under the aforesaid condition, At the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the annual rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for a fine for such his estate as appears in the margin, And the aforesaid Thomas did fealty to the Lord, And he was admitted Tenant thereof.

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[21 May 1694]

At this Court it was found by the homage that [John Fletcher](#) and [Mary](#), his wife, customary tenants of the aforesaid Manor (the aforesaid Mary being solely and secretly examined by the aforesaid Steward) surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the hands of the aforesaid Steward, by the rod, All that parcel of land lately enclosed from the waste land of the aforesaid Manor, containing twenty rod<sup>a</sup> *terrae*, in English, rod of ground [*'rodata terrae'* in Latin, *'rod of ground'* in English], more or less, lying and being in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called Blacketts Well, now in the possession of the aforesaid John Fletcher and adjoining the mansion house of [William Ashurst, Knight](#), in Hampstead aforesaid, with the appurtenances appertaining to the aforesaid parcel, To the use and behoof of William Ashurst, Knight, his heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor. And now to this Court came the aforesaid William Ashurst, represented by [John Clerke](#) of the Parish of St Augustines, London, gentleman, the lawful Attorney, lawfully appointed in this respect by the aforesaid William Ashurst, And craved to be admitted tenant to the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid Steward, granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Ashurst, Knight, his heirs and Assigns, by his aforesaid Attorney, At the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for such his entrance as appears in the margin, and he did fealty to the Lord, And he was admitted Tenant thereof.

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[21 May 1694]

At this Court it was found by the homage that [John Skerret](#) and Alice, his wife, surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the hands of the aforesaid Steward (the aforesaid Alice having first been solely and secretly examined by the aforesaid Steward), All that Cottage or Tenement, with the appurtenances, situate in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called Hampstead Heath, now in the possession of [William Beech, gentleman](#), quatuor rod<sup>a</sup> *terrae*, in English four rod of ground [*'quatuor rodat terrae'* in Latin, *'four rod of ground'* in English] appertaining to the same Cottage, which lately was parcel of the waste land of the aforesaid Manor and was granted by the Lord of the aforesaid Manor to the aforesaid John Skerret, his heirs and Assigns, And all the estate, right, title and interest whatsoever of the same John Skerret and Alice, his wife, to the aforesaid premises, To the use and behoof of William Beech of Hampstead, aforesaid, Wine cooper [*this in English*], his heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of

the aforesaid Manor. And now to this Court came the aforesaid William Beech, and craved to be admitted tenant to the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid steward, granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the aforesaid Cottage, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Beech, his heirs and Assigns, At the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for a

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fine for such his estate as appears in the margin, and the fealty of the aforesaid William Beech was respited etc. And he was admitted Tenant.

[21 May 1694]

At this Court the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, with the assent of the homage there, for divers causes and considerations, by the aforesaid steward, granted to William Beech of Hampstead aforesaid, a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, sex rodat terrae, in English, six rods [*sex rodato terrae' in Latin, 'six rods' in English*] parcel of the waste of the aforesaid Manor, lying on Hampstead Heath, now in the possession of the same William Beech, to Have and to hold the aforesaid six roods of land, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Beech, his heirs and Assigns, At the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for a fine for such his estate as

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appears in the Margin, and the Fealty of the aforesaid William Beech was respited etc. And he was admitted Tenant thereof.

[21 May 1694]

At this Court it was found by the homage that a certain Cottage situate in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called Hampstead Heath, near Cloth Hill [*this in English*], lately in the possession of John Skerret, a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, who held the aforesaid Cottage of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor by copy of the roll of the Court, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, which aforesaid Cottage is now ruinous and destroyed, and has now become damaged, rotten and decayed, and dilapidated, without permission of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, and lies waste, concerning which matter the Lord of the aforesaid Manor entered upon the same aforesaid Cottage as a forfeit, And he is now in possession of the same aforesaid Cottage. And now to this Court came the aforesaid John Skerret, and promised and agreed to rebuild the aforesaid Cottage, with the appurtenances, and humbly craved that the aforesaid John Skerret and Alice, his wife, on payment of a certain amercement or fine to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor for the aforesaid waste, might be admitted tenants to the aforesaid Cottage, with the appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid Steward, regranted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the aforesaid Cottage, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Skerret and Alice, his wife, for the term of their lives and afterwards to the heirs and Assigns of the aforesaid John, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the annual rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And they

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gave to the Lord for a fine for such their estates as appears in the margin, and the aforesaid John did fealty to the Lord, but the fealty of the

aforesaid Alice was respited because she is a wife. And they were admitted Tenants thereof.

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[21 May 1694]

At this Court it was found by the homage that [Elizabeth Mills](#) of Barkway, in the County of Hertford, widow, lately a Customary Tenant of the aforesaid Manor, died seised of three acres of meadow or pasture, more or less, with the appurtenances, lying and being in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called West End, now in the tenure or occupation of [Walter Green](#). And it was further found by the aforesaid homage that the aforesaid Elizabeth, during her lifetime, namely, on the second day of July, in the Year of our Lord one thousand, six hundred and eighty seven, made her last will and testament in writing, and by the same Will gave and devised the aforesaid premises in these following English words, that is to say [*text now in English*] ‘I designe that my messuage, lands and Tenements in Hampstead, in the County of Middlesex (being copyhold) shall be enjoyed by my said daughter, [Elizabeth Trunckett \(?Trimkett\)](#), to her sole and separate use, distinct and apart from her said husband, soe that he shall not have to doe or intermeddle therewith, dureing her naturall life, and after her decease, that the same shall bee to the said [Rebecca Trunckett \(?Trimkett\)](#), her heirs for ever. But in regard of the distance of the place that I cannot without much trouble get the same surrendered To the use of my will, I doe therefore direct and appoint my said daughter, [Elizabeth ?Trimkett/Trunckett](#), who is my heir at Law, immediately after my death to surrender, convey and settle the Reversion of the said messuage, lands and Tenements, with their appurtenances, in Hampstead aforesaid, after the death of my said daughter, unto and upon my said Grandchild [Rebecca ?Trimkett/Trunckett](#) and her heirs forever, soe as shee may have a good title in Law and absolute estate in Fee therein after the death of my said daughter [Elizabeth ?Trimkett/Trunckett](#).’ [*text reverts to Latin*] And it was further found by the homage that the aforesaid Elizabeth Mills, during her lifetime, did not make any surrender of the premises, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, by reason of which the aforesaid premises were forfeit to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, according to the Custom of the Manor. And now to this Court came the aforesaid Elizabeth ?Trimkett/Trunckett and [Rebecca ?Trimkett/Trunckett](#), and humbly craved that the Lord of the aforesaid Manor should regrant the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Elizabeth and [Rebecca](#), according to the Form and intent of the last will of the aforesaid Elizabeth Mills. And concerning this matter, the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, of his grace, and on the humble petition of the aforesaid Elizabeth ?Trimkett/Trunckett and [Rebecca ?Trimkett/Trunckett](#), by his aforesaid Steward, regranted the three acres of meadow or pasture, with the appurtenances, To a certain [Robert Walker](#) of the Parish of St Buttolphs, Bishopsgate, London, Merchant, and [Charles Price](#) of the Parish of St Marie Magdalen, Burmundsey, London, Currier, in fiducio, in English, Trust [*‘in fiducio’ in Latin, ‘Trust’ in English*] for the same Elizabeth ?Trimkett/Trunckett for the term of her life, to the sole and separate use of the same Elizabeth, So that

[Christian name omitted] ?Trimkett/Trunckett, husband of the same Elizabeth, shall have nothing to do with the same nor intermeddle with the same, during the life of the same Elizabeth, and, after her death, to the aforesaid Rebecca ?Trimkett/Trunckett, her heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, And granted to them seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid Robert Walker, Charles Price and Rebecca ?Trimkett/Trunckett in manner and form aforesaid, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the annual rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And they gave to the Lord for such their entrances as appears in the margin, they did fealty to the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, And they were admitted tenants thereof.

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Manor of  
Hampstead  
In the County of  
Middlesex

At the Court Baron of the most honourable Baptist, Earl of Ganesborough, held there for the aforesaid Manor on the [figure omitted] day of July, in the sixth Year of the reign of William and Mary, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith etc. and in the Year of our Lord 1694, Before Andrew Burton, gentleman, Steward there, it was Enrolled as follows.

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the Homage there	( William Johnson )
	( William Lane )
	( John Wrench ) Sworn
	( John Bunn )

[July 1694] At this Special Court it was found by the Homage that William Bennet, Esquire, a Customary tenant of the aforesaid Manor, represented by **Robert Baron** of the City of London, Goldsmith, his lawful Attorney appointed in this respect, surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the rod, All that messuage or Tenement situate and being in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain Place there called West End, and four acres of pasture to the same belonging, with the appurtenances, now in the possession of James Fell, gentleman, And all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the same William Bennet in or to the aforesaid messuage or Tenement and four acres of pasture, or any part thereof, To the use and behoof of **John Fearne** of the Parish of St Giles Cripplegate, London, Refiner [*this in English*], his heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor. And now to this Court came the aforesaid John Fearne, and craved of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor to be admitted to the aforesaid premises, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid Steward, granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the messuage pr Tenement and four acres of pasture aforesaid to the aforesaid John Fearne, his heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the annual rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for a Fine for such his estate as appears in the margin [*not there*], he did fealty to the Lord, And he was admitted Tenant thereof.

[July 1694] At this Special Court it was found by the Homage that William Bennet, Esquire, a Customary Tenant of the aforesaid Manor, represented by Robert Baron of the City of London, goldsmith, his lawful Attorney appointed in this respect, surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by the hands of the aforesaid Steward, by the rod, All that Cottage or Tenement, with the appurtenances, situate and being in Hampstead aforesaid, in a certain place there called Kilburne, now in the possession of John Green, And all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the same William Bennet to the aforesaid Cottage or tenement or any part thereof, To the use and behoof of John Fearne of the parish of St Giles, Cripplegate, London, Refiner [*this in English*], his heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor. And now to this Court came the aforesaid John Fearne and craved of the Lord of the aforesaid Manor to be admitted tenant to the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, To whom the Lord of the aforesaid Manor, by his aforesaid Steward, granted seisin thereof by the rod, to Have and to hold the Cottage or Tenement, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Fearne, his heirs and Assigns, at the will of the Lord, according to the custom of the aforesaid Manor, forever, by the rents and services previously owed and of right accustomed. And he gave to the Lord for a Fine for such his estate as appears in the margin, he did Fealty to the Lord, And he was admitted Tenant thereof.

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