

THE BLACK DEATH IN THE LONDON AREA: DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE FROM STEPNEY AND VAUXHALL MANORS

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SUMMARY

Manorial evidence surviving from the London area in the year of the Black Death is sparse, but includes the court rolls from the Bishop of London's manor of Stepney and the Black Prince's manor of Vauxhall, excerpts of which are presented here in translation for the first time. These comprise a considerable proportion of the evidence which survives for the epidemic around the capital. The excerpts from Stepney serve to correct figures previously published for the mortality within the manor, and mirror the pattern of deaths in the City. They also underline how populous were the suburban areas which lay within the manor, and poignantly demonstrate the impact of the disease on some of the poorest tenant families on the fringe of the capital city.

INTRODUCTION

This note on documentary evidence for the epidemic of 1348/9 results from an assessment of manorial sources undertaken in support of a recent project on the Black Death in London (Sloane 2011). This assessment listed potential manorial sources in parishes within a study area of a seven-mile radius around the City of London. The manors active within these parishes in the mid-14th century were determined from the relevant *Victoria County History* volumes and the Manorial Documents Register, held in the National Archives, although the list is unlikely to be entirely comprehensive:

the MDR catalogues for the counties of Surrey and Middlesex are now available online, but not yet those for Kent and Essex, so the microfilms of the original slip books of these counties had to be searched at Kew. The records of these manors were searched for ministers' accounts, court rolls and other relevant documents for the years 1348, 1349 and 1350. Accounts tend to survive more frequently than court rolls, and there is a bias of survival towards ecclesiastical, monastic and royal manors, including the Bishop of London's large manor of Stepney to the east of London, and the Black Prince's manor of Vauxhall to the south-west. Stepney manor included Stepney, Hackney, and parts of Shoreditch, Islington, Hornsey and Clerkenwell (*VCH Middlesex* 11, 19; see Fig 1). Vauxhall manor included Stockwell, Mitcham and Streatham (*VCH Surrey* 4, 56). This note cannot claim to cover a representative selection of manorial evidence, but it comprises a considerable proportion of what survives for the relevant years within the study area. Presented here are translations of the relevant entries on the court rolls of these two manors (both held in the National Archives), relating to the deaths of tenants in these years.

There is a brief account of the Stepney and Hackney court roll for the year of the Black Death in Hubert Llewellyn Smith's *History of East London*, 'as the only records which are

known to have been preserved with regard to any Middlesex Manor for the Plague Year' (Smith 1939, 46–7, and pl 4). This is not quite true, as there appear also to be court rolls from Balliol's manor in Tottenham (at Haringey Archive Service, Bruce Castle Museum), and ministers' accounts for the Westminster Abbey manors of Hyde, Eia, Barking and Hendon (at Westminster Abbey Muniments); there is also a sergeant's account of Lambeth and Lambeth Wick manors in Surrey in 1349/50 (at Lambeth Palace Library). These additional documents have not been consulted for the present study.

However, the Stepney roll is certainly the most extensive known list of the dead of 1348/9 in the London area. Smith stated that 121 tenants died from 105 different holdings between February and September 1349, a calculation derived from the *Victoria County History* (VCH *Middlesex* 2, 78; Smith 1939, 47, 295). This is a serious underestimate, as a close reading of the roll reveals that approximately 335 deaths of customary tenants are recorded (see Appendix). A suitable multiplier would have to be applied to estimate the number of deaths amongst their families, and also among the free tenants, their families and servants, all unknown factors. Up to two thousand persons are likely to have died across the area of the manor in this twelve-month period. The population of the manor suggested by the poll tax of 1377 can be calculated as 1,436 persons, using the rather uncertain figures of Smith (Smith 1939, 295–6; calculation from Barney Sloane, pers comm). McDonnell suggests a population of approximately 2,500 for Whitechapel, Stepney, Hackney and Bromley in 1377, but a more realistic total derived from his figures might be 2,265 (McDonnell 1978, 119–20). This population is likely to have nearly halved in numbers since 1348 as a result of the Black Death and the three subsequent outbreaks of plague, despite replacement by immigration.

It is clear from the patterns of names and the relationships recorded that death scythed through whole families. Most of the listed victims were cottagers, holding only a few acres of land. A system of gavelkind operated in the manor, so holdings were often divided into fractions amongst several surviving heirs. By the later stages of the crisis, those

left standing sometimes inherited holdings from quite distant relatives. However, McDonnell maintains that the tenants of Stepney adopted inheritance strategies to counteract the fissiparous effect of gavelkind tenure (McDonnell 1978, 56). The appendix below lists the customary tenants in the order in which they died, compiled partly from the reports of their deaths to the manorial court, and partly from the reiteration at each court of the tenements still retained in the lord's hands and not re-let, a list which grew longer with each successive plague month.

The monthly rates of plague deaths in Stepney mirrored those traced in the City of London, and even anticipated them in the first couple of months of the epidemic in November and December 1348. They reached a peak in the coldest months, in February and March 1349, suggesting that the disease was not primarily bubonic. There was another small peak of mortality in July 1349, and then the epidemic receded (Sloane 2011, 45, 49, 51, 75, 84, 85 fig 6, 185–6). Smith stated that 'the dead were buried in a pit at East Smithfield' on the site of St Mary Graces Abbey, without giving any reference (Smith 1939, 47). It seems just as likely that the dead from the southern part of the manor were buried in the parish churchyard of Stepney, while those from the northern parts like Hackney and Holywell Street may have gone to St Mary Spital cemetery.

For the manor of Vauxhall the evidence is not so full, traceable plague deaths extending only from December 1348 to the end of the court roll in February 1349, large parts of the roll being illegible. However, it is clear that similar patterns of mortality occurred here amongst a smaller population. A system of ultimogeniture operated for customary tenancies on the manor, whereas free tenements passed by primogeniture.

Previous studies have also indicated the impact of the Black Death on some areas further from London. The court roll of Harmondsworth in west Middlesex in July 1349 and an accompanying list of heriots record deaths of at least 46 tenants in that year. While some of the larger holdings had passed to heirs, most of the cottages and smaller holdings were still in the lord's hands (WC 11437–8). It appears that the epidemic also caused heavy mortality at Malden in north-

east Surrey, from which the population never fully recovered. The casualties of the plague included two successive vicars in 1349 (Ross 1947, 31). The deaths had a severe impact upon the economy of the manor, although some of the survivors among the tenants were able to take advantage of the changed situation. The surviving court rolls of 1349, 1352 and 1354, and the account of 1353–4, show that several tenements remained in the hands of Merton College, the lord of the manor, because of a lack of heirs to the dead tenants, including the mill and the vicar's free tenement. Other tenements had been rented out on new terms; many of them changed hands in these few years. In 1354 there was a loss of rent revenue of 53s 4d and many animals died of murrain (MCO 4671, 4749–51).

The Stepney material in particular merits publication for a number of reasons. There is a need to correct the underestimated figures stated in Smith's *History of East London* for the numbers of people known to have died in the manor in 1348/9; these figures have been accepted by subsequent authors. The real number of deaths recorded in the court roll provides a more definite basis for statistical speculation about the epidemic than most of the evidence available.

The figures also have implications for the characterisation of London suburban areas in the mid-14th century. The estimated death toll of perhaps two thousand persons in the manor suggests that the total population at the onset of the plague was more than four thousand people, assuming that the mortality rate in the Black Death was more than 50%, as has been convincingly argued for the adjacent City by Sloane (2011, 106, 109). These figures are comparable to the estimated populations of the royal administrative vill of Westminster or the borough of Southwark at this time. Although the manor of Stepney was large, these figures suggest a high density of population in the old village centres of Stepney, Shoreditch and Hackney, the subsidiary hamlets of Stratford atte Bowe, Old Ford, and Clapton, and more especially in the newer London suburbs

of Whitechapel and Mile End on the road to Colchester, and Holywell Street on the great road to the North, which all fell within the manor (Fig 1). The parish churches of Stepney, Shoreditch and Hackney and their attendant settlements had probably been founded in the 12th century or earlier. A subsidiary chapel of St Mary Matfelon had been established by 1282 to serve the inhabitants of the ribbon development spreading eastwards along Algatestrete onto the open manorial waste beyond the Aldgate Bars; by c.1320 it was called Whitechapel and had become a separate parish church. Beyond it the road broadened into the great grazing green of Mile End, with houses clustered around its perimeter (*VCH Middlesex* 11, 3, 17, 67). The main road running north between the liberty of Norton Folgate and the parish church of Shoreditch, was called Holywell Street (*Haliwellestrete*, now Shoreditch High Street) from at least as early as 1336. Areas of land on both sides of the road to the south of the church were copyhold tenements of the manor of Stepney, whilst parts of the western side of the parish belonged to prebendal manors of the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's (*Survey of London* 8, 3; TNA PRO: SC 12/40/70).

Finally the dry reckoning of death recorded in the Stepney court roll gives an intimate insight into the tragedy which overwhelmed the poorest of the tenants of the Bishop of London living in the shadow of the capital city in the year of the Black Death.

In the translated excerpts from the court rolls which follow, folio numbers are indicated in **bold** and headings recording the meetings of the courts are in ***bold italics***. Place-name headings (some of which are in the left margins) are in *CAPITAL ITALICS*, and personal names written large in the left margins are in *italics*. Explanations about words in the manuscripts, such as deletions or interlineations, are shown by *underlined italics*; sections omitted from the translation by ..., often with a summary description in [square brackets]; and illegible portions by ____.

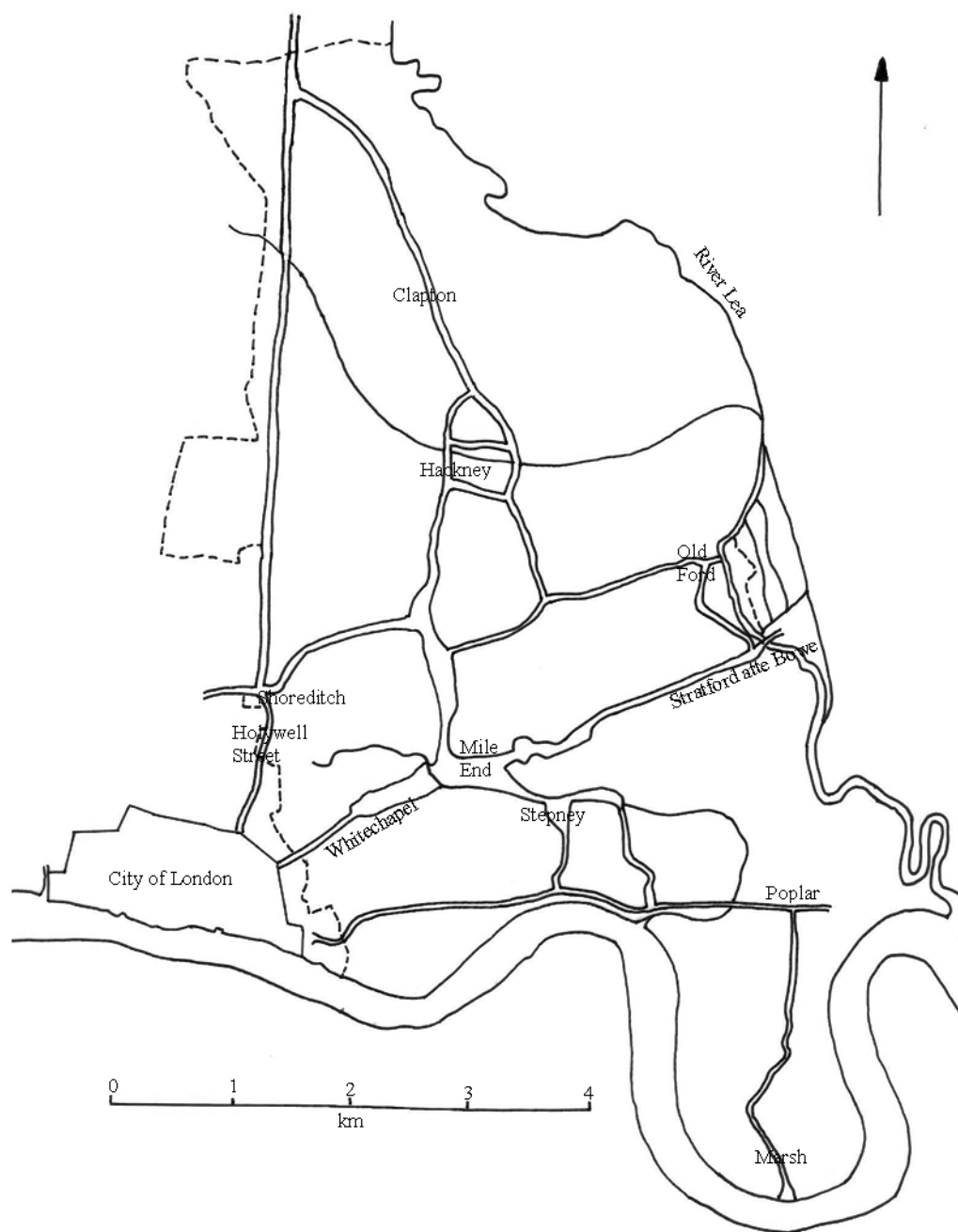


Fig 1. The manor of Stepney in the mid-14th century

**TNA: PRO, SC 2/191/60, COURT ROLL
OF MANOR OF STEPNEY 20–23
EDWARD III [1346–9]**

26 membranes, sections missing and damaged, or badly conserved.

The courts covered Stepney, Hackney, Mile End, Stratford atte Bowe, Holywell Street, Marsh, Poplar, Islington, Aldgatestrete and Old Ford, all parts of the manor of Stepney.

m2 Stebbenhuth: *still the court held there Thursday after feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude 22 Edward III [30 October 1348]...*

m2d Haldon Still ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage and 2 acres of land with appurtenances in Hakeneye which belonged to John Haldon, lately deceased, who died without an heir, as fully appears in roll 8 year 20 [1346/7] below __ as lord's escheat etc. And for this a day is given at the next court to Matilda, Alice, Margery and Agnes, who say that they are daughters and heiresses of Edward Haldon, cousin and heir of this John, as they say, ie brother of Walter Haldon, father of William, father of this John, on their claim etc, as appears in 4th roll year 21 [1347/8]. Also a day is given to John Pod and his associates, jurors whose names appear there, __ full examination on truth of their claim.

Lightfot Still ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1½ acres of land with appurtenances in Hakeney which lately belonged to Robert Lightfot, lately deceased, and to render the issues to the lord etc, until John, son and heir ____ by enquiry taken by virtue of his office at previous court which was in roll 18 __ both for this land and for 1½ acres of land which Alice, who was wife of this __ at previous court by inheritance from this John etc.

Sackyon Still ordered to retain in the lord's hands 2½ acres and appurtenances in Stepney which belonged to Sackyon lately deceased, as was found by enquiry which appears in roll 9 etc...

m3 Stebbenhuth: *still the court held there Thursday after feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude 22 Edward III [30 October 1348] [surrenders]...*

m3d Stebbenhuth: *Court held there Tuesday the morrow of the Conception of St Mary 22 Edward III [9 December 1348]...*

m4 Stebbenhuth: *still Court held there Tuesday the morrow of the Conception of St Mary 22 Edward III [9 December 1348]*

STILL HAKENEYE

Enquiry by virtue of his office: *Sarra Pymme*
Also it was found by enquiry taken by oaths of 12 jurors, whose names appear at the end of the next roll, that Sarra Pymme, who held from the lord 1 cottage with appurtenances in Hackney, has died, by whose death nothing comes as a heriot because she had no animal. And that her daughter Alice is her next heir, aged __, who did not come to fine, therefore it is ordered to retain this cottage in the lord's hands until etc. And to render the issues to the lord. [Afterwards __ Alice died without heirs __ *added*]

Enquiry by virtue of his office: *T and R Pymme*
Also it was found by the same enquiry that Thomas Pymme and Richard Pymme, who held from the lord 3 rods of land and a third part of a toft in Hackney, have died. And heriot nothing because they had no animal. And that Alice [she died *interlined and added*] one of the sisters of Thomas and Richard, and Alice daughter of Sarra the other of their sisters, are their nearest heirs, but neither came to fine. Therefore it is ordered to retain etc. And to render the issues to the lord etc until etc.

It was found by the same enquiry that Alice who was the wife of Richard Sannford, who held from the lord __ ½ of land in Hackney, has died, by whose death nothing comes as a heriot __ And that John, Robert, Richard, William and Ralph her sons are her nearest heirs ____ to fine. Therefore ordered to retain etc. And to render the issues to the lord etc, until etc.

__ that Elen Fremans tenant has died, and they say that she held __ with a curtilage and 3 rods of land in Hackney etc as appears by roll 17 below...

STEBBENHUTH

m4d Stebbenhuth: *still Court held there Tuesday the morrow of the Conception of St Mary 22 Edward III [9 December 1348]*

Oldelond Still ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 messuage and 10 acres of customary land with appurtenances in Stepney which belonged to John Oldelond etc, and to render the issues to the lord until John and Nicholas his sons and nearest heirs, as was found by enquiry which appears on roll 20 year 22, come to fine etc...

m5 Stebbenhuth: *still Court held there Tuesday the morrow of the Conception of St Mary 22 Edward III [9 December 1348] [surrenders]...*

m5d [surrenders]...

m6 Stebbenhuth: Court held there Tuesday the feast of SS Fabian and Sebastian 22 Edward III [20 January 1349]...

HAKENEY

Order to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage, 1 curtilage and 3 acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of ___ until William, John [dead *interlined*] and Peter [dead *interlined*], his sons and heirs, as was found by enquiry that appears in roll __, come to fine etc. And to respond to the lord for the issues etc.

Order to retain in the lord's hands 1 acre of land with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of William Sonkete because ___ wife of this William is pregnant by this William ___ etc, whose issue will be the heir of this ___ that Margery has still not received it, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc.

Order to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of Sarra Pymme, until Alice, her daughter and heir, as testified by enquiry at the last court, comes to fine. And to respond for the issues from it etc. [Peter Coleman and John Coleman, sons of John Coleman, are the nearest heirs *interlined*]

Still ordered to retain in the lord's hands the third part of a toft and 3 rods of land with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of Thomas Pymme and Richard Pymme, until Alice [she is dead *interlined*] one of the sisters of this Thomas and Richard, and Alice [she is dead *interlined*] daughter of Sarra, the other sister of Thomas and Richard, who are the nearest heirs, come to fine etc. And meanwhile to respond to the lord for the issues etc [Peter Coleman and John Coleman, sons of John Coleman, are the nearest heirs *interlined*]

Order to retain in the lord's hands 1½ acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of Alice [Sannford] until her sons and heirs John, Robert, Richard, William and Ralph come to fine ___

___ on day which he died ___ roll 16 below ___

m6d Stebbenhuth: still Court held there Tuesday the feast of SS Fabian and Sebastian 22 Edward III [20 January 1349]...

Haldon Still ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage and 2 acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to

Lightfot And 1½ acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to Robert Lightfot. And ___ with appurtenances in Stepney which belonged to Roger Sherne.

___ yndon And ½ acre of land which belonged to P___

Walle daywork of land with appurtenances in Stepney which belonged to Roger atte Wall.

Grene And ___ Alice atte Grene in Stepney, as fully appears in roll 2 at the end etc.

And ___ until etc...

m7 Stebbenhuth: still Court held there Tuesday the feast of SS Fabian and Sebastian 22 Edward III [20 January 1349]

Order to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage after the death of Robert Wallere until heir is presented etc. [Isabell daughter *interlined*]

Also 1 cottage after the death of Cristina atte Nok until heir is presented etc. [Margery daughter *interlined*]

Also 2 acres of land after the death of Agnes atte Walle until heir is presented etc. [now William Rogers, uncle of Agnes the daughter *interlined*]

Also 1 cottage after the death of William le Pulter until heir is presented etc.

Also 1 acre of land after the death of Alice Curetiz, sister of John, until heir is presented etc. Enquire into names of heirs.

Also ½ cottage and 1 acre of land after death of John Stroud until heir is presented etc.

Also ½ acre of land after the death of Joan le Wrighte until heir is presented etc.

It was found by this enquiry by virtue of his office that Walter le Helder who held from the lord 2 cottages and 1 acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died after the last court, by whose death nothing for heriot because not heriotable. And that Geoffrey le Helder and Nicholas le Helder are the brothers and heirs of Walter, and they came and sought to be admitted. And they were admitted to this inheritance, each by right. And they gave the lord 10s fine by pledge of the Bedell. And they did fealty.

Also ordered to retain in the lord's hands ½ cottage and ½ acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney after the death of William Jordan, until Agnes, his sister and heir, as is testified, comes to fine etc. And to respond to the lord for the issues etc.

HAKENEYE

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 acre of land after the death of Alice Brid, until heir is presented etc. And to respond for the issues to the lord.

It is found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office ie by William Lewys, John atte Hoke, Richard Luerchar, John ___, ___ eman junior, William Pymme, Peter Haming, John Ver,

Thomas Waryn, William __, __hent Pod and Edward Giffra_, sworn, that Robert Beneit, who held from the lord ½ acre __ in Hackney, died since the last court. Nothing from heriot. And that John and John, sons of Robert __ they came and sought to be admitted. And they were admitted, saving the right of each. And they gave fine to the lord__ they did fealty etc. Ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1½ acres of land after the death of Robert Sturgys junior, until heir is presented etc. And to respond to the lord for the issues until day etc. Richard is his brother and heir but did not come.

It was found by this enquiry that John le Rede, who held from the lord 1 toft and 22 acres of land __ in Hackney, died since the last court, by whose death nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because he had no animal. And that his uncle John on his father's side is his nearest heir, and he came and sought to be admitted to this inheritance. And he was admitted, saving the right of each. And he gave to the lord as a fine 18s. And he did fealty.

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands ½ cottage and ½ acre of land after the death of Robert Artour until heir is presented etc.

It is found by this enquiry that Alice, formerly wife of William Baroun, who held from the lord 1 cottage with a curtilage and ½ acre of land with appurtenances in Hackney, died since the last court _____. And that Emma, aunt of this Alice, is the nearest heir. And she came and sought to be admitted. And ____ of each. And she gave the lord as a fine 8s by the pledge of Ralph __ enys. And she did fealty.

__ that John le Rede who held from the lord 1 cottage and ½ acre __ the last court. By whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow __ is the nearest heir. And he came and sought to be __ 2s. and he did fealty.

__ from the lord 1 __

m7d Stebbenhuth: still Court held there Tuesday the feast of SS Fabian and Sebastian 22 Edward III [20 January 1349] [surrenders and licences to demise]...

m8 Stebbenhuth: still Court held there Tuesday the feast of SS Fabian and Sebastian 22 Edward III [20 January 1349] [surrenders, licences to demise, exchanges]...

m8d Stebbenhuth: Court held there Tuesday before the feast of St Valentine 23 Edward III [10 February 1349] [surrenders and licences to demise]...

m9 Stebbenhuth: still Court held there Tuesday before the feast of St Valentine 23 Edward III [10 February 1349] [essoins and pleas]...

PLEAS OF HAKENEY...

John Rolf querent [he is dead *interlined*] against Ralph son of William Rolf in plea of trespass [he is dead *interlined*]

PLEAS OF STEBBENHUTH

m9d Still the same court [pleas]...

John brother and heir of John Alvard, came to this court and sought to be admitted __ according to the custom of the manor to 1 acre 3 rods of land with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of John his brother etc. And because it was found by enquiry etc, that he is his heir, he was admitted, saving the right of each. And he gave the lord as a fine 5s. And he did fealty...

m10 Stebbenhuth: still Court held there Tuesday before the feast of St Valentine 23 Edward III [10 February 1349]

HAKENEY

Bischof Ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage with curtilage and 3 acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to John Bischof, as appears by roll 1, until William, his son and nearest heir, as was found by enquiry taken at this court etc, comes alone to fine etc, because John and Peter, brothers of this William and his co-heirs, died since the last court, as was found by this enquiry etc, and ordered to respond to the lord for the issues. [Afterwards at the court held here on the morrow of the next view, this William came and was admitted and he gave the lord a fine, as appears there, and he did fealty *added*]

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 acre of land with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of William Fynkete, because Margery who was the wife of this William is pregnant ____ offspring, whose issue will be the heir of this William, which Margery __ And respond to the lord for the issues etc.

__ 1 cottage with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to [Sarra Pymme] as was found by enquiry which appears on roll 4 etc ____ Alice her daughter and heir, as was then found etc, died since the last court __ until Peter Coleman and John Coleman, sons of John Coleman __ nearest heirs of this Alice, ie It was found by enquiry taken at this court by the oaths of the jury written below, they came to make fine and respond to the lord for the issues.

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands 3 rods of land and a third of a toft with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to Thomas Pymme

and Richard Pymme, as was found by enquiry which appears on roll 4 etc, because Alice, one of the sisters of Thomas and Richard ____ Sarra the other sister of Richard and Thomas, and their nearest heirs ____ by this enquiry, died since the last court ____ oaths of jurors written below etc, until ____ Coleman ____

m10d *Still the same court*

Alice Hereward It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1½ dayworks of land with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to Alice Hereward, lately deceased, until the heir is presented, ie Richard brother of this Alice, as was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office at this court, and he should respond to the lord for the issues etc.

William Baron It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands a sixth part of a cottage and ½ acre of land with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to William Baron, lately deceased etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until Richard brother of this William and his nearest heir as was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office at this court, comes to fine etc. [Afterwards at the court held Monday after the next view, this Richard came and was admitted by fine, which appears there on roll 10 *added*]

Alice Adam Ordered to retain in the lord's hands 4 acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to Alice Adam, lately deceased etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until Cristina her daughter and nearest heir as was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office at this court etc, comes to fine etc. [Afterwards at the court held here on the morrow of the next view __ this Cristina came and was admitted etc by fine, as appears there in roll 18, and she did fealty *added*]

Alice Coleman It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 3 rods of land with appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to Alice Coleman lately deceased etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until Joan her sister and nearest heir etc, as was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office at this court ____ to make fine etc.

John Terri' It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 acre of land ____ with appurtenances in Hackney, which belonged to John Terri' ____ until William his son and nearest heir ____ this court, comes to fine etc ____

William Curgys It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage and 4 acres which belonged to William Churgis lately deceased, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until ____ William his son and nearest heir as was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his

office taken at this court, comes to fine etc.

Thomas Adam It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 6 acres of land and ½ a curtilage with appurtenances in Hackney, which belonged to Thomas Adam lately deceased, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until John, John and Richard his brothers and nearest heirs, as was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office at this court, come to fine etc.

Robert atte Ponde It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage with a curtilage and appurtenances in Hackney which belonged to Robert atte Ponde ____ by enquiry taken by virtue of his office as appears etc, comes ____

m11 *Stebbenhuth: still Court held there Tuesday before the feast of St Valentine 23 Edward III [10 February 1349]*

STILL HAKENEY

Gonnild Smythes It was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office by the oaths of 12 jurors whose names appear in roll 10, that Gonnild la Smythes, who held from the lord 1 cottage with a curtilage situated on 1 acre of land with its appurtenances in Hackney, died, of heriot nothing comes to the lord because she had no animal. And that John one of her sons and John son of Robert, the other son of this Gonnild, are her nearest heirs. Until they come to fine etc, it is ordered to retain this tenement in the lord's hands etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues until etc.

Roger Pymme It was found by enquiry that Roger Pymme, who held from the lord 1 messuage or cottage with appurtenances in Hackney, died. Of heriot nothing because he had no animal. And that John Coleman and Peter Coleman, sons of John Coleman, are cousins and heirs of this Roger, ie [*blank*]. Until they come to fine, it is ordered to retain this tenement in the lord's hands etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc until etc.

J Aston junior It was found by this enquiry that John Aston junior, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 1 acre of land with appurtenances in Hackney, died. By whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 horse worth 6s 8d which was the best animal of this John on the day that he died, which it is ordered to seize until the next court etc. And that ____ his sisters and John son of Helen, third sister of this John [Afterwards it was found that John son of Helen died *interlined*] ____ nearest heirs etc. Who did not come to fine etc, therefore it was ordered ____ this tenement etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc until etc.

____ William Terri, who held from the lord 1 acre ____ in Hackney, died etc. ____ and that William

and John his sons are his ___ to fine etc, it is ordered to retain this tenement in ___ and to respond to the lord of the issues etc until etc. [Afterwards it was found that this John died etc and that Alice, daughter of Alice, sister of this William and John is their heir ___ William Coleman and Thomas Baker are commissioned about this because noone came _____ *added*]

It was found by this enquiry that Robert Coleman who held from the lord 3 acres of land and a third of a messuage with appurtenances in Hackney, died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 bullock worth 5s. And that Joan, sister of this Robert, is his nearest heir. Who did not come to fine etc, therefore it is ordered to retain this tenement in the lord's hands etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc until etc. [Afterwards admitted, as appears in roll 20 *added*].

It is found by this enquiry that Alice Donmawes, who held from the lord 3 ___ 1 cottage with appurtenances in Hackney, died, from whose death ___ heriot because she had no animal etc. And that H___ came to fine etc ___

m11d Still the same court

STILL HAKENEY

Alice Terry It was found by this enquiry that appears in roll 10 that Alice Terri [who was the wife of John Terri *interlined*], who held from the lord 1 acre of land and a third part of a cottage with appurtenances in Hackney, died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 6s 8d. And that William, son of this Alice, is her nearest heir etc, who did not come to fine etc, therefore it is ordered to retain this tenement in the lord's hands etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc until etc.

William Litel John It was found by this enquiry that William Litel John, who held from the lord 1 acre of land and a fifth part of a cottage with appurtenances in Hackney, died, by whose death nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because he had no animal. And that William and Ralph his sons are his nearest heirs etc. And they did not come to fine etc, therefore it is ordered to retain this tenement in the lord's hands etc and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards it was found that William and Ralph died and that John, Richard, Walter and Roger are brothers of this William, nearest *added*]

William Chapman junior It was found by this enquiry that William Chapman junior, who held from the lord 3 acres of land and a third part of a cottage with appurtenances in Hackney, died, by whose death there comes to the lord

as a heriot 1 bullock worth 4s. And that William and John, brothers of this William, are his nearest heirs etc. Who did not come to fine etc, therefore it is ordered to retain this tenement in the lord's hands etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until etc.

STEBB ___

J Oldelond It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 messuage and 10 acres ___ which belonged to John Oldelond, lately deceased etc, until John and Nicholas ___ as was found by enquiry which appears on roll 20 year 22, come to fine ___ respond to the lord for the issues etc...

m12 Stebbenhuth: still the Court held there on Tuesday before the feast of St Valentine the Martyr 23 Edward III [10 February 1349]

Christina atte Noke Ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 cottage with the appurtenances in Stepney which belonged to Cristina atte Noke, lately deceased etc, until her daughter Margery, next heir as found by enquiry, comes to fine etc, and to render the issues to the lord etc. Let it remain.

Agnes atte Walle Ordered to retain in lord's hands 2 acres of land with the appurtenances in Stepney which belonged to Agnes atte Walle lately deceased etc, until Simon Salamon and Roger the uncle and Agnes daughter of William the other uncle etc, the nearest heirs of this Agnes, as found by this enquiry, come to fine etc, and to render the issues to the lord etc. Let it remain.

William Pultur Ordered to retain in lord's hands 1 cottage with the appurtenances in Stepney after the death of William le Pultur etc, until Roger his son and nearest heir etc, as found by this enquiry, comes to fine etc, and to render the issues to the lord etc. Let it remain.

Alice Curteys Ordered to retain in lord's hands 1 acre of land in Stepney with the appurtenances after the death of Alice Courteys, sister of John Curteys etc, and to render the issues to the lord until the heir is presented. And because it is not known who should be the heir, therefore it should be inquired etc by these jurors at the next court.

Joan Wright It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands ½ acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney after the death of Joan Wright etc, and to respond to the lord for the issues etc, until the heir is presented etc. And because it is not known who should be ___ they have a day to certify to the next court etc.

___ in the lord's hands moiety of 1 cottage and ½ acre of land with appurtenances ___

of William Jurdon, until Agnes his sister and nearest heir ___ comes to fine etc

___ 1 acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney lying ___ after the death of Margery atte Gate bastard, who held it ___ who died without an heir etc, which acre to the lord ___ as his escheat, as it was found by enquiry which appears on roll 8 of this roll ___ and to respond to the lord for the issues etc.

It is found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office by the oaths of Roger atte Tounesende, Ralph Coleman, Richard Sondes, Richard Chiver, Thomas le Mayster, Andrew atte Watere, John Curteys, Richard Jordan, Roger Spileman, William Bat, William atte Flete and John Helm that James atte Dour and his wife Alice, who held from the lord as ___ 1 cottage and 1½ acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died, after whose deaths nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because they had no animal. On ___ John son of William de Huntingdon, brother and heir of this ___ admitted by fine etc, and he offered the lord ___

m12d still the same court

Hugh Barcan Also that Hugh Barcan, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 3 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, had died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 black mare worth 3s. And that Hugh and Adam, his sons, are his nearest heirs, who did not come etc, therefore it is ordered etc. and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards they came and were admitted, saving the right of each etc, in the court held on the morrow of the view in the year 24 *added*]

Thomas Brounyng Also that Thomas Broning, who held from the lord 8 acres of land, has died, by whose death nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because he had no animal. And that John, John and Thomas [Thomas died *interlined*] his sons are his nearest heirs, who did not come etc, therefore its is ordered etc. and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Margaret Goding Also that Margaret Godyng, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 1 rod of land with appurtenances in Stepney, has died, by whose death nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because she had no animal. And that Roger and Richard sons of Roger Godyng, and William son of Robert Godyng, uncles of this Margaret, are her nearest heirs, who did not come, therefore it is ordered etc. And he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Robert Smith Also that Robert Smyth, who held from the lord 1 cottage with appurtenances in Stepney, has died. And nothing from heriot,

because he had no animal. And that the jury do not know the names of heirs. Therefore a day should be had at the next court. Therefore it is ordered etc and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

John Brouning Also that John Brounyng, who held from the lord 1 cottage, 4½ acres of land with the appurtenances in Stepney, has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 5s. And that his daughter Alice is his nearest heir, who did not come etc, therefore it is ordered etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

___ *Wrighte* Also that Salamon le Wrigte, freeman, who held from the lord 1 cottage ___ has died, by whose death nothing comes to the lord as a heriot ___ and John his sons are his nearest heirs, who did not come ___ until etc. [And because this John after the death of ___ Salamon held from the lord, John Gisors as heir ___ so this Thomas was admitted etc to the customary land as appears in roll ___ *added*]

___ *Bat* Also that John le Batt, who held from ___ Stepney, has died, by whose death ___ Salamon his brother is his nearest heir, who did not come ___

m13 Stebbenhuth: Court held there Thursday after feast of St Gregory the Pope 23 Edward III [19 March 1349]

PLEAS OF STEBBENHUTH

Huntyngdon John son of William de Huntyngdon [he is dead *interlined*] petitioner versus Edmund Cobbe [he is dead *interlined*] in a plea of land

___ ordered to seize into the lord's hands ½ acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney which Agatha la G___ holds ___ John Andreu [he is dead *interlined*] petitions against her...

m13d still the same court

William atte Grove It was found by this enquiry that William atte Grove, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2 acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney, has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 pig worth 18d. And that John his son is his heir etc. And he did not come to fine, therefore it is ordered to retain this tenement in the lord's hands etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards it was found by enquiry that this John died and that Alice, sister of this William, and John son of Helen, the other sister of this William, are the nearest heirs *added*]

John le Rode Also that John le Rodde of Clopton, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 8 acres of land in Hackney, died etc. And that there

came as a heriot 1 horse worth 10s. and that John his son is heir etc. And he did not come, therefore it is ordered to retain etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards at the next court this John came and was admitted etc for fine as appears in this court etc, and he did fealty *added*]

Alice Pymme Also that Alice Pymme, who held from the lord 3 acres of land etc, died. And nothing came to the lord as a heriot because she had no beast etc. That William, John and Stephen her sons are heirs. And they did not come etc, therefore it is ordered to retain this land etc [Afterwards to the next court this William, John and Stephen came etc, and they were admitted by fine, as appears there, and they did fealty *added*]

Matilda atte Hull Also that Matilda atte Hull, who held from the lord 1½ acres of land etc in Hackney, died etc. And that William her uncle, ie brother of her father John, and Nicholas son of John, brother of this William, Matilda's other uncle, are her nearest heirs. Who did not come etc, therefore it is ordered to retain this land in the lord's hands etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Sabina atte Hulle Also that Sabina atte Hulle, who held from the lord 1 acre of land and ½ acre of meadow part of 1 toft in Hackney, died etc. And that nothing comes as heriot because she had no beast. And that William her uncle, ie brother of her father John, and Nicholas son of John, brother of this William, her other uncle, are her nearest heirs, who did not come, therefore it is ordered to retain etc, and he should respond of the issues etc until.

Richard atte Hull Also that Richard atte Hulle, who held from the lord 1 acre of land __ died etc, and that nothing comes as a heriot because he had no beast __ is his heir etc. And he did not come, therefore it is ordered to retain __

Richard Pymme Also that Richard Pymme, who held __, and that there came to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 10s. __ is his next heir etc, who did not come __ [Afterwards John died and it was found by enquiry __ who came to the next court and was admitted by fine __ *added*]

Bartolomew Pod Also that Bartholomew Pod __ moiety of 1 cottage __ and that Richard and John his brothers __ until etc [Afterwards they were admitted as appears on roll 20 *added, then deleted*] [It was found that Richard and John __ who were admitted as appears on roll 20 *added*]

Richard atte Marke Also that Richard atte Marke, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 1 rod of land in Hackney, __ and nothing comes as a heriot because he had no beast. And that his son Richard is his nearest heir. And he did not

come, therefore it was ordered to be retained etc, and that he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Alice Hemmyng Also that Alice Hemmyng, who held from the lord 1 toft __ nothing comes as a heriot because she had no beast. And that her son Richard __ therefore it is ordered to be retained etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards __ admitted by fine __ *added*]

m14 Stebbenhuth: still the Court held there Thursday after feast of St Gregory the Pope 23 Edward III [19 March 1349]

STILL HAKENEYE

Matilda Haldon It was found by this enquiry of jurors whose names appear on roll 13 etc, taken by virtue of his office, that Matilda Haldon, who held from the lord 1 cottage in Hackney etc, died etc, and that there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow before calving worth 40d. And because the jury do not know the names of the heirs, therefore it is ordered to retain this tenement etc, and to respond for the issues etc, until enquiry etc. [Afterwards it was found etc that Alice her sister; John son of Margery, her other sister; John, Nicolas and Thomas, the sons of Agnes, her other sister, are her nearest heirs, and John son of Margery and Alice the sister gave the fine for all of them *added*]

Margery __ It was ordered to retain in the lord's hands 3 rods of land in Hackney which belonged to Margery Kynges deceased, until John son of William son of this Margery, and the nearest heir as found etc by this enquiry, comes to fine etc, and he should respond for the issues etc.

Richard Chapman de Humbtone It was found by this enquiry that Richard Chapman of Humbton, who held from the lord 1 acre of land and a third part of a cottage in Hackney, died etc, and that there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow after calving worth 40d. and that his son John is his nearest heir etc, who did not come, therefore it is ordered to retain etc, and respond for the issues until etc [Afterwards this John came to the next court and was admitted by fine, as appears there. And he did fealty *added*]

John le Ver Also that John le Veer, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2 acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney, has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 40d. with a calf. And that his sisters Alice and Cristina are his nearest heirs, who did not come, therefore ordered to be retained etc and to respond for the issues etc, until etc.

[Afterwards it was found that Cristina died, and Alice etc ____ came to the next court and was admitted by fine, as appears there, and she did fealty *added*]...

It was found by this enquiry that Alice Pierys who held from the lord ____ cottage in Hackney, died etc, ____ [____ daughter of Alice sister of this Alice, was the nearest heir, and was admitted as appears there ____ *added*]

____ held from the lord 1 cottage and 1 acre of land with appurtenances in ____, has died, and that nothing comes as a heriot because he had no animal, ____ that Allan and John his sons are his heirs. And they came and were admitted as tenants etc. And they gave the lord as a fine 4s. by pledge of John Vincent. And they did fealty. It was found that John Walle, who held from the lord 1 cottage and ½ acre of land in Hackney ____, has died, and there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow ____ William and Alan his sons are his nearest heirs, who did not come ____ and to respond for the issues etc. [Afterwards William and Alan came to the next court ____ admitted by fine, as appears there, and they did fealty *added*]

____ Croft, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 4 acres of land, has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 foal ____ do not know the names of the heirs, therefore to have a day at the next court ____ [Afterwards ____ *added*]

m14d Stebbenhuth: still the same court

STEBBENHUTH

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands the tenements which belonged to John de Oldelond (Roll 20 year 22), John de Croyndon (Roll 2), Roger atte Wall, John Doylonn, James Mannet as appears on Roll 11 at the end, Cristine atte Nok, Agnes atte Wall, William Pulter, Alice Curteys and Joan Wrighte, William Jordan, James atte Dour, his wife Alice, John Skeke, Cecil Wright, Nicholas le Cartere, Henry atte Rothe ____, Roger Reysonne, John Dene, Richard Umfrey, William Spileman, Hugh Baron, Thomas Brouning, Margaret Goding, Robert Smith and John Brounyng smith, Sala ____ and John Bat, as appears by Roll 12 etc, and he should respond to the lord for the issues etc until ____ presented etc.

From Danekyne son and heir of John Brid and brother and heir of Richard, brother of this Dane kin, as appears by Roll 12 in the fine roll, to have 8 acres of land in Stepney after their deaths, as appears there. Fine 20s and he did fealty.

From John son and heir of Alice Curteys as fine to have 2 acres of land in Stepney after death

of Alice and also after death of ____, brother of this John, as fully appears in Roll 11 at the end, 5s...

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands a certain part of 2 acres of land ____ of share of Matilda Saykin junior, one of heirs of Agnes Saykin ____ until next court, because she did not come to fine etc.

It was found by enquiry written below that Agnes Artour who held from the lord 1 ____ 2 acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney, has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth ____ nearest heir ____ in the lord's hands and he should respond for the issues ____

Richard Canstere who held ____

m15 Stebbenhuth: still the Court held there Thursday after feast of St Gregory the Pope 23 Edward III [19 March 1349]

Richard Gille It was found by this enquiry held by virtue of his office by the oaths of 12 men etc whose names appear in Roll 14 at the end etc, that Richard Gille, who held from the lord 2 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, has died, by whose death nothing comes to the lord as a heriot etc. And that Adam his brother is his nearest heir etc, who came and sought to be admitted etc, and he was admitted as a tenant, saving the right of each. And he gave as a fine etc 7s. And he did fealty.

Richard de Ludgate Also that Richard de Ludgate, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 1 acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney, has died, and that nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because it was not heriotable. And that John son of Alice, sister of this Richard is his nearest heir. Who came and sought to be admitted etc and he was admitted, saving the right of each etc. And he gave the lord as a fine 5s and he did fealty.

Adam Spenythorne Also that Adam Spenythorne, who held from the lord 1 cottage with appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and that nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because he had no animal. And that his brother John is his nearest heir, who came and sought to be admitted etc, and he was admitted saving the right of each etc. And he gave as a fine 12d. and he did fealty.

William Warde Order to retain in the lord's hands 3 rods of land in Stepney after the death of William Warde until William his son and heir, as this jury say, comes to fine etc. And he should respond for the issues etc. [Afterwards it was found that William the son died, and that Alice Warde his aunt, sister of William Warde is the heir etc *added*]

John Smith Also it is ordered to retain in the

lord's hands 1 cottage in Stepney which formerly belonged to John Smyth until an heir is presented etc, and he should respond for the issues.

Thomas Veyroun Also 1 acre of land in Stepney which belonged to Thomas Veyroun until an heir is presented etc, and he should respond for the issues.

Also ___ of land in Stepney which belonged to Joan Bene until an heir is presented etc, and he should respond for the issues.

___ acres of land in Stepney which belonged to Alexander Cobbe until an heir is presented etc, and he should respond for the issues.

___ Stepney which belonged to Robert Swetinge until an heir is presented etc, and he should respond for the issues.

[___ his sisters are his nearest heirs etc *added*] [Ralph] Gilsburgh in Stepney until an heir is presented etc, and he should respond for the issues.

___ Stepney which belonged to Richard Alisaundre until Gilbert ___ as they say, comes to fine etc, and he should respond for the issues etc

___ 12 acres in Stepney which belonged to Richard Walle etc until an heir is presented etc, and he should respond for the issues.

[Andrew, ___ and ___ her sons and nearest heirs, who afterwards were admitted etc *added*]

___ 1 cottage which belonged to Joan, wife of William Hawley in Stepney, until Robert Spileman, brother of this Joan and her nearest heir, as these jurors say, comes to fine etc, and he should respond for the issues etc.

Also 3½ rods of land in Stepney which belonged to Joan Jurdan, until Thomas and William brothers and heirs and her nearest heirs, as they say, come to fine etc. And he should respond for the issues etc.

Also 1 acre of ___ in Stepney, which belonged to Joan daughter of Walter atte Walteye, until Joan daughter and ___ as they say, comes to fine etc, and he should respond for the issues

___ in Stepney which belonged to John Sweting, until W___ his brother ___ as they say, comes to fine etc, and he should respond for the issues etc.

___ in Stepney which belonged to Thomas David, until John and Arn___ come to fine etc

___ which belonged to Thomas le Hor___ to fine___

m15d still the same court

William Erl It was found by this enquiry that William Erl, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2 acres of land with appurtenances in

Stepney, has died, by whose death there come to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 40d. And that his son Adam is his heir etc, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain etc, and he should respond for the issues etc until ___.

Edith Godings Also that Edith Godings, who held from the lord 1 ___ and ½ acre ___, died etc, by whose death nothing comes as a heriot because she had no animal. And ___ and Roger her brothers are her nearest heirs etc. Who came and sought to be admitted, and they were admitted, saving the right of each. And they gave the lord as a fine 2s 6d.

Adam Oldelond, his wife Frelona and Cristina atte Watere [she is dead *interlined*] petition against John Morice sadler [he is dead *interlined*] in a plea of land.

Richard Hervy [he is dead *interlined*] petitions against Edmund Role___ [he is dead *interlined*] [surrenders]...

m16 Stebbenhuth: View of Frankpledge held there Tuesday called Hockday 23 Edward III [21 April 1349]

[common fines, brewers of ale, ditches unscoured, etc]...

m16d

MARISCUS Thomas le Fysch's heir, ale taster, and Roger Fysch, ale taster there, deceased ___

POPULER...

STRATFORD Robert House, taster there, died, so presented etc by the lord's minister that ___

ALGATSTRET Roger Reyson ale taster there died etc, so presented etc by the lord's minister that ___

HALIWELLSTRET Henry Bene ale taster there died so presented etc by the lord's minister that ___

ELDEFORD...

HAKENEYE...

m17 Stebbenhuth: Court held there on Wednesday the morrow of the View 23 Edward III [22 April 1349]

PLEAS OF STEBBENHUTH

[defaulters include:] John de Pulteneye [he is dead *interlined*]...

PLEAS OF HAKENEY...

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands ___ lands and tenements which belonged to John Haldon as appears by Roll ___, ___ William Fynkett as appears by Roll 3, Sarra P[ymme], ___ Alice who was the wife of Richard Sannford as appears by Roll 4, Robert ___, ___ Robert Artour, John Saleman smith, Alice Hereward, William Baroun, ___, John [Terri], William Churgis senior, Thomas Adam, Robert atte Ponde, as appear by Roll 7, ___, ___ Haldon, Henry Coleman, John Coleman, ___, John Aston junior, William de Correr, ___, John Jurden, William Freman, Nicholas L___, ___ _man junior, as appears by Roll 11, John V___, ___, ___elymme, Walter Pod, Thomas Pod, William Wat___, ___, ___ Chapman, ___

m17d still the same court

STILL HAKENEY

Richard Rolf It was found by this enquiry that Richard Rolf, who held from the lord 4 acres of land [and half a virgate *interlined*] with appurtenances in Hackney, died, by whose death there come to the lord as a heriot 1 bullock worth 4s. And the jurors say that Alice, who was his wife, is pregnant by this Richard etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards it was found that this issue of Alice ___ Richard, whose custody remains with Alice and her husband Peter Coleman, they gave as a fine for this Alice and Richard ___ *added*]

William Soloman Also that William Saleman, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 20 acres of land with ___, died etc, and there come to the lord as a heriot 1 ox worth 6s, and that William ___ heir etc, who came etc, and was admitted etc, and he gave the lord as a fine 30s and ___.

Richard Robert Also that Richard Roberd, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 6 acres of land ___ Hackney, died etc, and there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 sterile cow worth 40d. And the jurors say ___ who are the heirs. Therefore a day should be had about it at the next court etc, and it was ordered to retain etc, and he should respond ___. [Afterwards it was found that John Heron, son of Juliana sister of this Richard, is the heir, who was admitted at the next court, as appears in Roll 20 *added*]

Richard Levys Also that Richard Levys, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2 acres of land with appurtenances ___, died, and there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow before calving worth 3s 4d, and that Richard his son is the heir etc, who did not come etc. therefore it was ordered

to retain etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

William Levys Also that William Levys, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 1 acre of land adjacent in Hackney, died etc, and there comes to the lord 1 cow before calving ___ Walter and Ralph his sons are his nearest heirs etc, who did not come etc, therefore it was ordered ___, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

___ *Terri* Also that Robert Terri, who held from the lord 1 cottage ___ in Hackney, died etc, and there comes as a heriot 1 bullock ___ of this Robert, and John son of Joan the other sister ___ who did not come etc, therefore it is ordered to retain etc ___

___ *Hemmings*, ___ *Hemyngs*, ___ *Hemmings*, *Alice Hemyngs* Also that William Hemmyngs, who ___ who held from the lord ½ acre of land ___ of land. Alice Hemyngs who held from the lord ½ acre ___, died etc. By whose deaths there come to the lord as heriots ___ And that Richard Hemmings son of John Hemmings, brother of William, John, Robert and Alice is the nearest heir. And he came etc, and was admitted etc, and he gave the lord as a fine 3s 4d, and ___.

John atte Grene Also that John atte Grene, who held from the lord ___ appurtenances in Hackney, died etc, and there come to the lord as a heriot ___ Adam son of this John ___ nearest heir etc, who did not come ___ and he should respond for the issues etc until etc. [Afterwards he was admitted ___ *added*]

Richard Chapman Also that Richard Chapman, who held from the lord 1 ___ in Hackney, died etc and there comes to the lord as a heriot ___ brother of this Richard is his nearest heir, who did not come ___ he gave the lord as a fine ___

m18 still the Court held at Stebbenhuth on Wednesday the morrow of the View 23 Edward III [22 April 1349]

STEBBENHUTH

John Reyson It was found by enquiry held by virtue of his office, by oaths of William atte Flete, John Curteys, Roger Spileman, John le Mayster, Ralph Coleman, John Oldelond, William Fisch, Adam le Gal [in his place now Richard Souber *interlined*] Alan Sweting, Robert Reysoun, William Bat and Laurence Brounyngs [in his place now Sal' Halden *interlined*], that John Reysoun, who held from the lord 3 rods of land and ¼ of a cottage with appurtenances in Stepney, has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 plough-horse worth 2s. And that Robert and John his brothers are his nearest heirs etc. Who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain this tenement

in the lord's hands etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Also that John Reymund junior, who held from the lord 2 acres of land and $\frac{1}{4}$ cottage with appurtenances in Stepney, has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow ___ calving worth 3s 4d. And that his brother William is his nearest heir etc, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

John Stillego Also that John Stillego, who held from the lord, half of a cottage and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died, and that there came as a heriot 1 bullock worth 12d, and that Alan and Alan his brothers are his nearest heirs, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards they came and were admitted as appears in Roll 21 *added*]

John Broun Also that John Broun, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 4 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney ___ 2 dayworks of land which Mariona daughter of this John holds etc, as appears below ___ has died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow ___ calving ___ his sons John, John and Edward are his nearest heirs, who ___ etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. ___, who held from the lord 1 cottage and ___ of John Broun etc, died etc ___ in the lord's hands as his escheat ___ they say that this Mariona was accustomed to render ___ to do to the lord etc.

___ who held from the lord 1 acre of land in Stepney with ___ his sister [and ___ son of Alice his other sister, are his nearest heirs *interlined*] is his heir, who did not come. Therefore it is ordered to retain etc, and he should respond etc.

Also that John Frost, who held from the lord 1 cottage with appurtenances in Stepney, died etc ___ because he had no animal. And that his brothers John and Richard are his nearest heirs ___ they were admitted by attorneys. And they gave the lord as a fine 2s, and they did fealty.

___ who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2 acres of land etc, heriot ___ Richard and Robert his sons are his heirs ___ he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

___ who held from the lord 1 cottage and ___ K___ with ___ his brother is his nearest heir etc

___ 1 acre ___

m18d

STEBBENHUTH: tenements in the lord's hands:

It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands all the

lands and tenements which John Oldelond as appears in Roll 20 year 22, John de Croyndon as appears in Roll 9 year 22, Roger atte Walle as appears there, Alice Curtays as appears in Roll 5, John Doylon, James Mannet as appears in Roll 6, Cristina atte Nok, Agnes atte Walle, William Pulter, Joan Wright, William Jorden as appears in Roll 7, James atte Dour and his wife Alice, John Sheke, [Ceci]lia Wrigte and Nicholas le Cartere, Alice atte Roche, Roger Reysen, John Dene and Richard Umfrey, William Spileman, Hugh Baron, Thomas Brouning, Margaret Goding, Robert Smyth, John Brounyng smith, Salomon Wrigte and John Bat in Roll 12, William Warde, John Smith, Thomas Veyroun, Joan Bene, Robert Swetyng, Ralph Gilsburgh, Richard Alisaundre, Richard Walle, Joan Hawley, Joan Jurdan, Joan atte Walteye, John Sweting, Thomas David, Thomas le Hore, Roger Lyenge, John Goldinge, Roger atte Walle, Alice ___, ___ Sander, Agnes atte Walle, Salomon atte Walle, Salomon Bat, John Hac___, John atte March, Matilda Sander, Henry Dene, John Reymund, Bartholomew Bernard, John Gilour, John Broun senior and William Erl as appears in Roll 15, tenants of the lord from the days on which they died, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Also 1 acre of land ___ atte Gate bastard, who ___ as the lord's escheat ___

From Walter son and heir of John Borgeys ___ land with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of ___ fine 3s 4d

___ John, Richard and William sons ___ acre of land with appurtenances in Hackney ___

m19 still the Court held there on Wednesday the morrow of the View 23 Edward III [22 April 1349]

Simon atte Walle It was found by enquiry held by virtue of his office by the oaths of 12 jurors whose names appear on Roll 18, that Simon atte Walle, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 6 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and there comes as a heriot 1 mare worth 2s, and that his son John is his nearest heir etc, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to seize and retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until. Also that Roger Fromond, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 4 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and there comes as a heriot 1 mare worth 2s, and that Thomas his son is the heir etc, who did not come. Therefore it is ordered to seize and retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Also that Richard Olivier, who held from the lord half a cottage and $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land with

appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and there comes as a heriot 1 mare worth 2s, and that Alice his daughter is his heir etc, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to seize and retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Also that Nicolas le Helder, who held from the lord 1 cottage, 6 acres of land and half of 2 cottages with the appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and nothing comes as a heriot because he had no animal, and that his sons Thomas and John are his nearest heirs etc, who did not come. Therefore it is ordered to seize and retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

___ Salomon Sweting, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 11 acres of land with appurtenances ___ etc, and there comes as a heriot 1 cow before calving worth 5s, and that ___ and Walter his sons are the heirs etc, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to seize and retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. [Afterwards it was found by enquiry that Thomas and Walter ___ were admitted to ___ as appears in Roll 21 *added*]

___ who held from the lord 1 messuage and 6 acres of land with appurtenances in ___ worth 3s, and that his daughter Frelona is his heir ___ issues etc until etc.

___ 8 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney ___ tenement retained in the lord's hands.

___ Cribbs ___ 8 acres with appurtenances in Stepney, died ___ jurors do not know who ___ Therefore it is ordered to seize and retain the tenement etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until.

[Afterwards there came Alice atte Hole, daughter of William atte Hole ___ *added*]

___ who held from the lord 1 cottage at Poplar in Stepney ___

m19d still the same court

[surrenders and licences to demise]...

m20 Stebbenhuth: Court held there Monday before the feast of the translation of St Thomas the Martyr 23 Edward III [6 July 1349]

STEBBENHUTH PLEAS...

m20d still the same court

HACKNEY

From Richard and Thomas sons of William Geffrey, cousin and heir of Robert Geffrey, as a fine to have entry to 3 acres of land a half a cottage with appurtenances in Hackney after

the death of this Robert, as appears in Roll 18, 10s, and they did fealty.

Remaining in the lord's hands: It is ordered still to retain in the lord's hands all the lands and tenements with appurtenances which belonged to John Halden as appears in Roll 8 year 20, Robert Lightfot as appears in Roll 17 year 22, William Fynke [fine 5s *interlined*] ___, Sarra Pymme, Thomas Pymme, Richard Pymme, Alice who was the wife of Richard [Sannford] in Roll 8, Robert Churgis junior [fine 18d *interlined*], Robert Artour [___ at next court *interlined*], Alice Hereward, William Baron, William Churgis senior [fine 6s *interlined*], Robert atte Ponde [fine 14s *interlined*], Thomas Adam as appears ___, Margery Halden, John Coleman junior [fine 4s *interlined*], as appears in Roll 10, Gonnild Smythes, John Aston junior, William Terry, Alice Donmawe, William C___, ___ Freman [___ 8s *interlined*], Nicholas le Rede, Alice Terry, William Litel John and William ___, in Roll 11, John Veyre, Sarra atte Marke [fine 2s 6d *interlined*], John ___, William atte Grove, Matilda atte Hulle, Sabina atte Hulle, Richard atte Hulle, Richard Pymme, ___, [Thomas Pod, Robert Pod *deleted*] [because ___ below *interlined*], Richard atte Marke [fine 12d *interlined*], Richard Long, William Waryn, Alice Longe, Richard Arnold, Matilda atte Hull [fine 2s *interlined*], John Chapman [fine 2s *interlined*], Richard Rolf, William Ralf [fine 8s *interlined*], William Prichet [fine 2s *interlined*], Alice Prichet [fine 3s *interlined*], Robert Sannford junior as appear in Roll 13, Matilda Holden, Margery Kyng, Elena Pentecost, John Pentecost and Sarra Pentecost, Adam Goderey, John Waryn, Richard Adgoz, John Veer senior, Agnes Artour, Richard Canster as appears ___, tenants of the lord in Hackney from the days on which they died etc ___.

___ lord's hands tenements which John Audren, John Fayre ___, ___ Cobenhagre, Alice Adgoz, Richard Rolf, Richard ___, Richard Chapman, John Alvard and John ___, tenants of the lord in Hackney from the days ___ land with appurtenances in Hackney ___

It was found by enquiry ___ Walter atte Gate, who held ___ and that Cristina, aged 12 ___ who came and sought to be admitted ___ 20s and she did fealty...

m21 still the Court held at Stepney Monday before the feast of the translation of St Thomas the Martyr 23 Edward III [6 July 1349]

STEBBENHUTH

Still ordered to be retained in the lord's hands, the tenements which John Reyson, John

Reymund junior, John Baron, Mariona Baron, Walter Auncel, Hugh Gamen, John Reymund senior, John Gravele, Alexander Mareschal, Simon Cartere, Thomas Underwode, Alan atte Watere, Richard Godings, Joan who was the wife of Salomon Golding, Salomon Oldelond as appear in Roll 18, John de Croyndon, [Roger atte Walle *interlined*], as appears in Roll 9 year 22, Alice Curteys as appears in Roll 5, John Doylon, James Mauncel as appears in Roll 6, Cristina atte Noke, Agnes atte Walle, William Pulter, John Wrichte, William Jurdon as appears in Roll, [Margery atte Gate as appears in Roll 8 *interlined*], James atte Dour and his wife Alice, John Skeke, Cecilia Wrichte, Nicholas Cartere, ___ Rothe, Roger Reyson, John Dene, Richard Umfrey, William Spileman, Hugh Baron, Thomas Brounyng, Margaret Goding, Robert Smith, John Brounings smith, Salomon Wrichte, John Bat as appears in Roll 12, William Warde, John Smyth, Thomas Veyron, John Bene, [Alexander Cobbe *deleted*], Robert Swetinge [fine *interlined*], Ralph Giseburgh, Richard Alisaundre, ___, ___ of William Hawelot, Joan Jurdon, Joan atte Walteye, John Sweting, ___ Randy, Thomas le Hore, Roger Lienge, John Goldings, Roger atte Walle, Alice Oldelond, Lettice Sonder, Agnes atte Walle, Salomon atte Walle, Salomon Bat, John Hartil, John atte March, Matilda Sonder, John Reymund, Bartholomew Bernard, John Gilour, John Broun senior and William Erl as appears in Roll 15, tenants of the lord in Stepney, from the days on which they died etc, and he should respond to the lord for the issues etc, until etc. Also the tenements which Symon atte Walle, Roger Fromond, Richard Olivier, Nicholas Helder, Andrew atte Gate, Edward Cobbe, Walter Cobbe, Roger Gardeney, tenants of the lord, from the days on which they died, as appears in Roll 19, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc. From John son and heir of John Oldelond as a fine to have entry into 1 messuage and 10 acres of land ___ after the deaths of this John Oldelond and his son Nicholas, as appears in Roll 20 ___ and he did fealty. ___ to have entry into 8 acres of land ___ Henry as appears in Roll 15, 30s ___ to have entry into half ___ as appear in Roll 18, 3s and he did ___ to have entry into 1 messuage and ___ of his father, and Thomas and Walter sons ___ Adam Denys and Richard Goldings, and he did fealty. ___ Richard Hervy, Roger Taillour of Stratford, ___, John Hatheley, [Andrew Pond *deleted*] [___ 12 acres *interlined*], John de Stratford baker [___ 3 acres of land *interlined*], Roger May ___, John Carter, Adam Pykeman.

It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands the tenements which Alice Puurtes, John Hervy, ___ Walteye and Hugh Ost___ in Roll 19, John Sonders, John atte ___, Henry Sonder, Roger Gamen, John Godlok, Roger Goye___, ___, Walter Mora_r, Roger Wrichte, Thomas Figgs, Richard Ponde, Joan ___, ___ S___, William atte Walle, Salomon Skeke, William ___, ___, ___ Walteye, ___

m21d still the same court

It was found by enquiry held by virtue of his office by the oath of 12 jurors whose names appear on Roll 18 that Nicholas de Oldelond, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 4 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died, and there came to the lord as a heriot 1 mare worth 4s. And that John, brother of this Nicholas, is the nearest heir, who came and was admitted etc, and he gave the lord as a fine 16s, and he did fealty.

Also that Walter Swetinge, who held from the lord 1 ___ Stepney, died etc, and that his brother William ___ he gave as a fine 4s and ___.

Also that Thomas Sw___ in Stepney, died ___ and he gave as a fine ___

Also that Matilda ___ died etc, and that ___ and he gave as a fine ___

Also that William de ___ appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and that William his son___ was admitted etc, and he gave as a fine 5s and he did fealty.

Also that Richard Pogges, who held from the lord 3 acres of land ___ died etc, and that his sons John and John are his heirs ___ they were admitted and gave as a fine 10s and they did fealty.

It was found by enquiry held by virtue of his office by the oaths of W___ Flete, ___ Spileman, John le Mayster, Ralph Coleman, John ___, Alan Sweting, Robert Reysoun, Walter Bat, ___, that ___ R___, who held from the lord ___

m22 still the Court held there Monday before the feast of the translation of St Thomas the Martyr 23 Edward III [6 July 1349]

[surrenders etc; bottom half illegible]...

m22d still the same court

Agnes Sweting It was found by this enquiry, as appears ___, that Agnes Sweting, who held from the lord ½ acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and that John, son of her son Robert, is the nearest heir etc, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain etc, until etc.

John Hallungburi Also that [John *deleted*]

[Edward *interlined*] de Hallingbury, who held from the lord 1 messuage, 18 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow with appurtenances in Stepney, died, and nothing comes as a heriot because he had no animal. And that Cecilia de Hallingbury, daughter of Joan, sister of Edward de Hal ____ [of this John *deleted*] is the nearest heir etc, who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered ____ issues etc, until etc.

Ralph atte Hull, William atte Hull Also that Ralph atte Hull and William atte Hull, who held ____ appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, and that their brother Laurence ____ come etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc.

Richard Denys Also that Richard Denys, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 7 acres of customary land with appurtenances in Stepney, died etc, after whose death it is ordered ____ heriot etc. And the jurors say that Thomas son of Alice, sister of this Richard, aged 6 years, is the nearest heir etc, who did not come to fine etc. Therefore it is ordered to retain in the lord's hands etc, and he should respond for the issues etc, until etc...

m23 Stebbenhuth: Court held there Thursday before the feast of St Peter ad Vincula 23 Edward III [30 July 1349]

It was found by enquiry held by virtue of his office, taken by the oaths of Salomon atte Walteye, Walter Fisch, Richard ____, Thomas Fisch, Alan Sweting, Robert Brounyng, Adam atte Grene, William ____, Adam Oldelond, William Bat, William son of Salomon Swetinge and Robert ____ that Alice Perer, who held from the lord 1 cottage with appurtenances in Alгатstret, has died, and that John Hened son of John Hened brother of Roger Hened ____ Alice is the nearest heir. Who came and was admitted as tenant. And he gave as a fine 3s 4d and he did fealty.

Also that Thomas de Reygate, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 4 acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died, and that Adam, William and Clement, sons of Sulore sister of this Thomas, are the nearest heirs etc, who came and were admitted as tenants and did fealty. And they gave as a fine 16s.

Also that John son of Laurence Reymond senior, who held from the lord 1 acre of land and half a cottage with appurtenances in Stepney, died. And that his brother William is the nearest heir, who came and sought to be admitted ____ etc. And he gave as a fine to have entry 3s 4d. And he did fealty.

____ Reymond junior, who held from the lord 3 rods of land and half a ____ there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 40d. And that

William brother ____ to be admitted etc, and he was admitted etc. And as fine for entry ____.

____ cottage with appurtenances in Stepney ____ to fine etc, and he was admitted etc ____ of land and half a cottage ____ of John Kanfeld, brother of this Philip ____ to be admitted etc, and they were admitted etc and ____ as fine 3s 4d. And they did fealty.

Also that Thomas Bryd, who held from the lord 4 acres of land in Stepney, died. And that his son John is the nearest heir, who came and sought to be admitted etc, and he was admitted etc. And he gave the lord as a fine to have entry 13s 4d. And he did fealty.

Also that John Pantheg, who held from the lord 1 acre 3 rods of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died. And that his sister Felicia is the nearest heir, who came and sought to be admitted etc and she was admitted etc. And she gave the lord as a fine to have entry 5s. And she did fealty.

Also that Juliana Prichet, who held from the lord 1 acre of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died ____ Prichet, brother of this Juliana, is the nearest heir, who came and sought to be admitted ____ etc. And he gave the lord as a fine to have entry 3s 4d. And ____

m23d

Roger Maysey, John Sweting, William Jordan, John Ganneburi, Thomas ate Wall, John Getton tailor, Robert Pikeman, John Hasele It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands ½ acre of land in Stepney which belonged to Roger Maysey. Also 3 rods of land in Stepney which belonged to John Sweting. Also 1½ acres of land in Stepney and ½ cottage which belonged to William Jordan. Also 2 cottages and 6 acres of land in Stepney which belonged to John Ganneburi [enquiry about heirs appears on Roll 14 year 24 *interlined*]. Also 2½ rods of land in Stepney which belonged to Thomas atte Walle. Also 1 acre of land in Stepney which belonged to John Getton tailor. Also 3 rods of land in Stepney which belonged to John Morice. Also 1 messuage and 1 garden which belonged to Robert Pikeman in Stepney. Also 1 rod of land in Stepney which belonged to John Hasele ____ etc until heirs are presented etc.

It should be inquired at the next court [by ____ of Stepney *interlined*] what lands and tenements Robert Saburgh and Marg ____ from the lord on the days on which they died etc, about heriots etc, and who should be the heir ____

It is ordered to retain in the lord's hands all the lands and tenements with ____ Reyson and the others whose names appear in Roll 21 and in 3 schedules ____ until etc.

[pleas etc; largely illegible]...

m24 still Court held at Stebbenhuth Thursday before the feast of St Peter ad Vincula 23 Edward III [30 July 1349]

ENQUIRY OF HAKENEY

William Pedder It was found by enquiry held by virtue of his office, taken by the oaths of Robert Sannford, John Hereward, John Pedder, John atte Hoke, John atte Hulle, John Beneyt, John Churgys, John Adam, John Levy__, John Carter, Roger Chapman and Robert Reve. That William Pedder, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2 dayworks of land in Hackney, died, and there came as a heriot 1 bullock worth 18d, and that his son John is the nearest heir etc, who came and was admitted, and he gave the lord as a fine 8d and he did fealty.

And that John Pod, who held from the lord 8 acres of land and half a cottage with appurtenances in __ died etc, and there came as a heriot 1 bay horse worth 2 marks, and that his sons John and William __ the nearest heirs. Who did not come etc. Therefore it is ordered to be retained etc.

__ William Waryn, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2 acres of land in Hackney, died etc, and __ are the heirs. It is ordered to enquire etc, and meanwhile it is ordered to retain etc, and he should respond for the issues etc.

__ John Prichet who held from the lord 1 acre of land and half a cottage worth appurtenances in __ died, and there come to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 5s, and that his daughter Alice is the nearest heir. Who came and was admitted etc, and she gave the lord as a fine 2s and she did fealty.

Also that Richard Geffrey, who held from the lord 1 acre of land with apurtenances in Hackney, and that his sons Ralph and Ralph are his nearest heirs. Who came and were admitted and they gave as a fine 2s and they did fealty.

William Levys Also that William Levys, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 6 acres of customary land with appurtenances in Hackney, died, and there comes as a heriot 1 horse worth 2s, and that John [__ of his sister *interlined*] and Roger, the sons of Alice [the other *interlined*] sister of this William, are his nearest heirs, who did not come etc. Therefore it was ordered to retain etc, and he should respond for the issues etc.

__keman, who held from the lord 3½ acres of land a half a cottage with __, John Churgys son of Matilda Coleman, John and John __ of this William are his nearest heirs etc, who came __ and they did fealty.

__ William Terry __ as appears __...

__ after the death of this Ma __...

From __ atte Hulle junior, uncle of Matilda atte

Hulle, and Nicholas son of John atte Hulle, the other uncle of this Matilda, and her nearest heirs, to have entry into 1½ acres of land in Hackney after the death of this Matilda, as appears in Roll 13 at the end, 4s. And they did fealty.

From the same __ and Nicholas to have entry into 1½ acres of land a 1 toft with appurtenances in Hackney after the death of Sabina atte Hulle, as appears in Roll 13, 4s. And they did fealty.

Nicholas son of John atte Hulle, brother of Richard atte Hull deceased and heir __ 1 acre of land and a sixth part of a cottage with appurtenances in [Stepney *deleted*] Hackney __ in Roll 13, 40d. And he did fealty...

m24d

[surrenders]...

m25 Stebbenhuth: Court held there Monday before the feast of St Michael 23 Edward III [28 September 1349]

John Hened freeman surrenders into the lord's hands 1 cottage with appurtenances in Stepney at Algatstret Which cottage came to him by inheritance after the death of Alice Perer ...

By enquiry held by virtue of his office, taken by the oaths of William Swetinge, Richard Sonder, Salomon atte Waltey, __ceys, William Swetinge [son of Salomon Swetinge *interlined*], William Bat, Thomas Mayster, John Oldelond, Adam ___, Roger le Hore, Adam Oldelond and William atte Flete, that Salomon Skrey __ from the lord 1 acre 1 rod of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died. And that John __ Prat junior, sons of Matilda sister of this Salomon, are his nearest heirs __ came and they were admitted, and they gave the lord as a fine to have entry 4s, and they did fealty.

[surrenders by the Prats]...

__ as a fine after the death of H__ of this Hugh, as appears __...

__ as a fine to have entry into 2 acre __ of this Robert, as appears in Roll 15, 10s, and he did fealty.

__ey as appears in Roll 15, as fine to have entry into 1 acre of meadow in Stepney after the death of this Thomas, 5s, and he did fealty...

[above jury find that] __ land with appurtenances in Stepney, died __ came and was admitted and gave as a fine 9s.

m25d still the same court

It was found by enquiry held by virtue of his office that Alice Fankerd, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 1½ acres of land with appurtenances in Stepney, died, and that John __, son of John brother of this Alice, is the nearest heir, who came and was admitted __

gave the lord as a fine 7s by pledges of Hugh Lankyn and Nicholas Ford ____.

From ____ and heir of Hugh Henedman as a fine to have entry into 1 ____ acres of land after the death of this Hugh, as appears in Roll 23, 3s ____

It was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office by jurors of Hackney that ____ from the lord 1 cottage 1½ acres of land with appurtenances in Hackney etc ____ are his nearest heirs, who came and were admitted ____

Also that Roger Grey, who held from the lord ____ Isack his sons are his heirs, who came and were admitted ____

Also that John Grey ____ brother ____ who came ____

Also that William ____ le, who held from the lord 1 ____ in Hackney, died, by whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 mare ____ son of Ralph, one of the sons of this William, and Sarra daughter of Richard, the other son of this William and ____ of William, the third son of this William, are his nearest heirs etc. Who came and were admitted ____ they gave the lord as a fee 7s and did fealty.

William Heyron Also that William Heyron, who held from the lord ____ died, and that his son John is his heir, who did not come to fine ____
John Heyron Also that John Heyron, who held from ____ died, and that his son John is his heir etc ____

____ *Coleman* Also that Thomas Coleman ____ that Viellus brother ____

John Prat ____ and the lord reconceded ____ after death of this John ____ Alice daughter of this ____ according to the custom of the manor

[other surrenders]...

m26 still the Court held there Monday before the feast of St Michael 23 Edward III [28 September 1349]

STEBBENHUTH: tenements in the lord's hands

Still it is ordered to retain in the lord's hands, saving the right of each, all the lands and tenements which John Dylchep as appears in Roll 1, John Doylan, [James Mauntel *deleted*] [fine 4s *interlined*] as appears in Roll 6, Cristina atte Noke, Agnes atte Walle, William Pulter, [Alice sister of John Curteys *deleted*], Joan Wrighte, William Jurdan as appears in Roll 7 at the beginning of the roll, James atte Dour, Alice his wife, John Skek, Cecilia Wrighte, [Nicholas Carter *deleted*], Henry atte Roche, Roger Reyson, John Dene, Richard Umfrey, [William Spileman, Hugh Baroun *deleted*], Thomas Brounyng, Margery Godyng, Robert Smyth, [John Brouning smith, Salomon

Wrighte *deleted*], John Bat as appears in Roll 12, ____ Thomas Veyron, Joan Bene, [Ralph Giseburgh *deleted*], [Richard Alisaundre, Richard Walle *deleted*], William Hawelot, Joan Jurdon, Joan atte Walteye, John Sweting, [Thomas le Hore *deleted*], [Roger Lyenge *deleted*] [see Roll 14 year 24 *interlined*], John Golding, Roger atte Walle, Alice Oldelond, Lettice Sander, Agnes atte Walle, [Salamon atte Walle *deleted*], Salomon Bat, John Hartel, John atte March, Matilda Sander, Henry Dene, John Reymund, [Bartholomew Bernard *deleted*], John Gilour, John Broun senior and William Erl as appears in Roll 15, ____, Mariona Broun [escheat *interlined*], Walter Auncel [Thomas Underwode *deleted*], Ale ____, [____ Salkyn *deleted*], ____, Roger Fromond, ____ ater, Edward Cable, ____ [William Mackine *deleted*], ____, ____ Sonder, John ____, ____ John God ____, ____ Richard Golding, William M ____, Thomas Figgs, Richard Ponde, John Broun, [John ____ , William R __e, Walter Sal ____, W __ de Rev *deleted*] ____ [Andrew Pond, William atte Walle *deleted*], ____ Eliot, John ____, ____ Salomon ____, Roger Okew ____, as appears in Roll 19, John son of William atte Walteye, ____ Roger Chaker, Richard Finkes, ____

m26d still the same court

Still it is ordered to retain in the lord's hands 1 daywork of land with appurtenances in Stepney which belonged to Roger atte Walle, lately deceased, and he should respond to the lord for the issues until the heir is presented, as fully appears in Roll 9 year 22.

HAKENEYE

Ordered to retain in the lord's hands ____ Pymme, Thomas ____, Robert Artour, ____ Alice Long ____ John Swet ____

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TNA: PRO, SC2/205/12, COURT ROLL OF VAUXHALL MANOR, ETC 14-23 EDWARD III [1340-50]

[11 membranes, partly wrinkled, faded and washed-out]

m9d Faukeshalle: Court held there Wednesday after feast of Nativity of the Lord 22 Edward III [31 December 1348]

It was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office, ie by the oaths of Thomas atte Melle, Nicholas atte Cruche, Walter Heyfeld, William Bernard, William Saleman, Walter Swyft,

Richard Gray, Thomas Sydher, John atte More junior, Hugh ___, John atte More senior and William Martyn that Sarra Hunderhulle is dead and held from the lord 1 heriotable messuage, after whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 cow worth 5s. And they say that William Bernard is the next heir, who came and was admitted. And he did fealty. And they say he owes nothing for relief.

It was found by the same enquiry that Alan Hamery is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage, 3 acres of land and 1 rod of meadow heriotable, after whose death there comes to the lord as heriot 1 cow with calf worth 10s, and that his son Robert Hamery is his next heir, who came and was admitted as tenant. And he did fealty. And he gave the lord as relief 12d.

Also it was found by the same enquiry that John Sekenton is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 6[½ *interlined*] acres of land [and ½ acre of meadow *interlined*] in Mitcham heriotable, after whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 8d because he had no animal by the custom of manor because he paid the lord rent annually. And they do not know who the next heir is, therefore it is ordered to seize this messuage and 6 acres of land into the lord's hands, saving the right of each etc, until etc.

And it was found by the same enquiry that Angnes Steres is dead, who held from the lord ½ acre of land and that Walter Heyford is the next heir, who came and was admitted as tenant, and he gave the lord as relief 1½d. And he did fealty...

Faukeshalle: Court held there Wednesday after the feast of St Fabian 22 Edward III [21 January 1349]

m10 [partly illegible]...

It was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office, ie by the oaths of Nicholas att Cruche, Thomas atte ___, ___ atte Hache, ___ weyn, John atte More senior, Thomas Sydhep___, ___ Walter ___, ___ Richard atte Cruche and Walter Geddy who say by their oaths that Robert Hamery is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 3 acres of land, after whose death there comes to the lord as heriot 13d from each ___ because he had no living animal, ie in as much as he paid rent ___. And that Angnes Hamery, aunt of this Robert, is his next heir, who came and was admitted as tenant. And she gave the lord as relief 12d. And she did fealty by the pledges of Walter Bakere and Nicholas atte Cruche.

And it was found by the same enquiry that Matilda Martyn is dead, who held from the lord ½ acre of land by the service of 8d. And that Nicholas Martyn is the next heir, who came and

___ And he gave the lord as relief 2d. And he did fealty by pledges for relief Henry ___ and ___ Martyn...

Faukeshalle: Court held there Wednesday after feast of St Scolastica the Virgin 23 Edward III [11 February 1349]

Nicholas de Sekynton came to this court and sought to be admitted as tenant to 1 messuage and 6½ acres of land and ½ acre of meadow with appurtenances in Mitcham, which were taken into the lord's hands after the death of John de Sekynton his brother, of whom he is the heir. And because it was found by the oaths of Nicholas atte Cruche, Walter Swyft, Thomas atte ___, Hugh Schot, Henry Brangweyn, Richard Brangweyn, Richard Gray, Richard atte Cruche, Hugh atte Cruche, William atte Hache, Thomas Sydher and John atte Wode that this Nicholas de Sekyngton is the brother and next heir of this John de Sekyngton, this Nicholas was admitted as tenant to this messuage, 6½ acres of land and ½ acre of meadow. And Nicholas gave the lord as relief 8d by the pledges of Nicholas atte Cruche and Richard Gray. And he did fealty...

It was found by enquiry taken by virtue of his office, ie by the oaths of Nicholas atte Cruche and others whose names are inserted below, that John Martyn is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 7 acres of land, after whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot a red ox worth 13s 4d. And that Thomas Martyn his brother is his nearest heir, who came and was admitted as tenant. And he did fealty. And he gave the lord as a relief 2s 6d by the pledges of Nicholas atte Cruche and Henry Cook.

Also it was found by the same enquiry that Walter Martyn is dead, who held from the lord 1 cottage and 2½ acres of land, after whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 red cow worth 8s. And they say that John Martyn, son of this Walter Martyn, is his nearest heir to this cottage and ½ acre of land because it is customary land and this John is his youngest son. And he came and was admitted as tenant. And he did fealty. And he gave the lord as a relief 3d. And they say that Nicholas son of this Walter is his nearest heir to 2 acres of land because it is free land and this Nicholas is the elder son, which Nicholas came and was admitted as tenant. And he did fealty and gave the lord as a relief 6d by the pledges of Nicholas atte Cruche and Henry Brangweyn.

And it was found by the same enquiry that John atte Crofte is dead, who held 1 cottage and 3 rods of land, after whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 3d, ie as much as the rent for it. And his son ___ is his heir to this

cottage and 3 rods, who came and was admitted as tenant. And he did fealty. And he gave the lord as a relief 3d by pledge of Nicholas atte Cruche.

Also it was found by the same enquiry that John atte Croft is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 2 acres 1 rod of land and 2 parts of 1 rod of meadow, after whose death there comes to the lord as a heriot 1 red cow worth 8s. And that William his son is his nearest heir _____. And he did fealty. And he gave the lord as a relief 7d by pledge of Nicholas Martyn.

It was found by the same enquiry that Juliana Aleman is dead, who held _____ and 1 toft and 40 acres of heriotable land. And they say that nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because she had no animal living. And they say that her daughter Margery is her nearest heir but she did not come, therefore it is ordered to seize _____.

It was found by the same enquiry that Walter Pr_____ is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage and 1½ acres of heriotable land, but they say that nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because he had no animal _____. Isabell and Matilda his sisters are his nearest heirs. And

this Isabell came and sought to be admitted as tenant to ½ messuage and 3 rods of land. And she was admitted and did fealty. And she gave the lord as a relief ½d. And this Matilda did not come, therefore it is ordered to seize half of this messuage and 3 rods of land until etc. And to render the issues from it to the lord etc.

It was found by the same enquiry that Isabell Saleman is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage and ½ acre of land in Mitcham, after the death of whom nothing comes to the lord as a heriot _____. And that William Saleman her brother is her nearest heir, who came and sought to be admitted as tenant. He was admitted. And he did fealty. And he gave the lord as a relief 3d by pledges _____.

And it was found by the same enquiry that John Ced_____re is dead, who held from the lord 1 messuage with a curtilage, but they say that nothing comes to the lord as a heriot because he had no animal. And that his son William is his nearest heir, but he did not come. Therefore it is ordered to seize this messuage and curtilage until etc. And to render the issues from it to the lord etc...

APPENDIX: THE APPROXIMATE SEQUENCE OF DEATHS IN STEPNEY MANOR 1348/9

From TNA: PRO, SC2/191/60. Names in *italics* are obtained from the lists of tenements retained in the lord's hands rather than entries in the individual courts, but the repeated sequences of names in the same order make it likely that they have been assigned to the correct place in the correct court, where they would be if the document was undamaged. [____] indicates a single entry where the name cannot be read, but which clearly records a death.

By 30 October 1348

John Haldon [in 1346/7]
Robert Lightfot
_____ Sackyon
John Dylchep

By 9 December 1348

Sarra Pymme
Thomas Pymme
Richard Pymme
Alice Sannford
Elen Fremans
John Oldelond

By 20 January 1349

John de Croyndon
[____]
William Sonkete
Roger Sherne
Roger atte Walle
Alice atte Grene

John Doylonn
James Mannet/ Mauncel
Robert Wallere
Cristina atte Nok
Agnes atte Walle
William le Pulter
Alice Curtis
John Stroud
Joan Wrichte
Walter le Helder
William Jordan
Alice Brid
Robert Beneit
Robert Sturgys junior
John le Rede
Robert Artour
Alice Baroun
[____]

By 10 February 1349

John Saleman smith

John Rolf
Ralph Rolf
John Alvard
John Bischof
John Bischof
Peter Bischof
William Fynkete
Alice Pymme
Alice Hereward
William Baron
Alice Adam
Alice Coleman
John Terri
William Churgys senior
Thomas Adam
Robert Ponde
Margery Haldon
Henry Coleman
John Coleman junior
Gonnild Smythes
Roger Pymme

John Aston junior
William de Correr
John Jurden
William Freman
Nicholas L____
____man junior
 William Terry
 Robert Coleman
 Alice Dunmawes
 Alice Terry
 William Litel John
 William Chapman junior
____Freman
Nicholas le Rede
William ____
John Veyre
Sarra atte Marke
 Margery atte Gate
 James atte Dour
 Alice atte Dour
John Skeke
Cecilia Wright
Nicholas le Carter
Henry atte Roche
Alice atte Roche
Roger Reyson
John Dene
Richard Umfrey
William Spileman
Hugh Baron
Margaret Goding
Robert Smith
John Brouning smith
 Hugh Barcan
 Thomas Brouning
 Salamon Wright
 John Bat

By 19 March 1349

John son of William de
 Huntingdon
 Edmund Cobbe
 John Andreu
 William atte Grove
 John le Rodde [of Clapton]
 Alice Pymme
 Matilda atte Hull
 Sabina atte Hulle
 Richard atte Hull
 Richard Pymme
 Batholomew Pod
____elynne
Walter Pod
Thomas Pod
William Wat ____
Robert Pod
 Richard atte Marke
Richard Long
William Waryn

Alice Long
William Ralf
William Prichet
Alice Prichet
Robert Sannford junior
 Alice Hemmyng
 Margery Kynges
 Richard Chapman
 [of Homerton]
Elena Pentecost
John Pentecost
Sarra Pentecost
Adam Goderey
John Waryn
Richard Adgoz
 [Etgoose of Limehouse?]
John Audren
John Fayre
____Cobenhagre
Alice Adgoz
Richard ____
John Alward
John ____
 John le Veer
 Alice Pierys
 [____]
 John Walle
____Croft
 John Brid
 Richard Brid
____Curteys
 Agnes Saykin
 Agnes Artour
 Richard Canstere
 Richard Gille
 Richard de Ludgate
 Adam Spenythorn
 William Warde
 John Smyth
 Thomas Veyroun
 John Bene
 Alexander Cobbe
 Robert Swetinge
Ralph Gilsburgh
 Richard Alisaundre
 Richard Walle
 Joan Hawley/Hawelot
 Joan Jurdon
 Joan atte Walteye
 John Sweting
 Thomas David (or Randy)
 Thomas le Hore
Roger Lyenge
John Goldinge
Roger atte Walle
Alice Oldelond
Lettice Sander
Agnes atte Walle
Salamon atte Walle

Salamon Bat
John Hartil
John atte March
Matilda Sander
Henry Dene
John Reymund
Bartholomew Bernard
John Gilour
John Broun senior
 William le Erl
 Edith Godings
 Cristina atte Watere
 John Morice
 Richard Hervy
 Edmund Role

By 21 April 1349

Roger Fysch
 Robert House
 Henry Bene

By 22 April 1349

[Sir] John de Pulteneye
 Richard Rolf
 William Saleman
 Richard Roberd
 Richard Levis
 William Levis
 Robert Terri
 William Hemmyngs
 Alice Hemyngs
 John Hemyngs
 Robert Hemyngs
 John atte Grene
 Richard Chapman
 Adam le Gal
 Laurence Brounings
 John Reysoun
 John Reymund junior
 John Stillego
 John Broun
 Marion Broun
 [____]
Walter Auncel
Hugh Gamen
John Reymund senior
John Gravele
Alexander Mareschal
Simon Cartere
Thomas Underwode
Alan atte Watere
Richard Godings
Joan Golding
Salomon Oldelond
 John Frost
 [____]
 [____]
 [____]
 ____ atte Gate

Walter Borgeys
 [____]
 Simon atte Walle
 Roger Fromond
 Richard Olivier
 Nicholas le Helder
Andrew atte Gate
Edward Cobbe
Walter Cobbe
Roger Gardeney
 Salomon Sweting
 [____] Oldelond
 [____]
 [____] Cribbs
 William atte Hole
 [____] [of Poplar]
Alice Puurtes
John Hervey
 [____] *Walteye*
Hugh Ost

By 6 July 1349
 Robert Geffrey
 Walter atte Gate
 Nicholas Oldelond
John Sonders
John atte [____]
Edward Cable
William Mackine
Henry Sonder
Roger Gamen
John Godlok
Roger Goye [____]
Richard Golding
Walter Mora-r
Roger Wrighte

Thomas Figgs
Richard Ponde
 Joan [____]
 [____]
Walter Sal [____]
John Broun
W de Rev [____]
Andrew Pond
William atte Walle
Salomon Skeke
William [____]
 [____] *Eliot*
 John [____]
 Roger Okewod
 [____]
 [____] *Walteye*
 [____]
 Roger Chaker
 Richard Finkes
 Walter Swetinge
 Thomas Sw [____]
 Matilda [____]
 William de [____]
 Richard Pogges
 R [____]
 Agnes Sweting
 Edward de Hallingbury
 Ralph atte Hull
 William atte Hull
 Richard Denys

By 30 July 1349
 Alice Perer [of Aldgate Street]
 Thomas de Reygate
 John Reymond
 Laurence Reymond
 [____]

Philip Kanfeld
 Thomas Bryd
 John Pantheg
 Juliana Prichet
Roger Maysey
John Sweting
William Jordan
John Ganneburi
Thomas atte Walle
John Getton
John Morice
Robert Pikeman
John Hasele
 Robert Saburgh
 Margaret Saburgh
 William Pedder
 John Pod
 William Waryn
 John Prichet
 Richard Geffrey
 William Levys
 William Pikeman
 William Terry
 Ma [____]

By 28 September 1349
 Salomon Skrey
 [____]
 Alice Fankard
 Hugh Henedman
 [____]
 Roger Grey
 John Grey
 William [____]le
 William Heyron
 John Heyron
 Thomas Coleman

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 TNA The National Archives
 WC Winchester College, Winchester, manuscripts

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