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See also title deeds to Higham Hills manor estate 1788. 1297 W35-8W13

For a history of the manor see the Victoria County History of Essex Vol VI pp 257 - 260 and 'The Manor of Higham Bensted, Walthamstow' by George Bosworth (Walthamstow Ant. Soc., 1919. Old Mono 6)

The rolls appear to have been purchased from H.R.Moulton, a dealer by G.E.Roebuck, Librarian of Walthamstow in 1934, with the exception of W 35.24/1 and include the period of lordship of John Harman. Registers after 1793 were believed to be with the Warner family, but searches through the family archives in the 1950s and in 1981 failed to locate them.

* Court rolls 1416 - 1793

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| 1. | Court roll.
Roll of 19 membranes each recording separate land transactions. Bundle labelled 'Copies of my customary lands belonging to High-Hall and my brother Thomas, his release'. | 1 roll | June 1416 - May 1548 |
| 2. | Court roll.
Roll of 22 membranes. Views of frankpledge and court baron. | 1 roll | May 1559 - July 1602 |
| 3. | Court roll.
Roll of 7 membranes. Views of frankpledge and court baron. 1 membrane appears to be missing. | 1 roll | April 1606 - April 1622 |
| 4. | Court roll.
Roll of 9 membranes. Court barons, and views of frankpledge. | 1 roll | October 1625 - August 1660 |
| 5. | Court roll.
Roll of 9 membranes. Views of frankpledge and court baron. | 1 roll | December 1661 - August 1699. |
| 6. | Court roll.
Roll of 14 membranes. Court baron only. | 1 roll | July 1703 - December 1793 |
| 7. | Translation of the court rolls of the Manor of Higham Bensted otherwise Higham Hills in the county of Essex.
Book plate of Warner and presumably deposited by Warner family. With full index of persons and property; a table of fines giving page no, tenant, lands and fine; names of lords of the manor and oath by Samuel Hoole, who compiled the translation, dated 6 October 1814. | 1 vol | May 1559 - December 1793 |

* Extracts from court rolls 1416 - 1744, including periods not covered by the above rolls are in volume D/DFc 185 at Essex Record Office which is available at Vestry House on microfilm (ERO MI). The volume contains rentals of the manor taken in 1519, 1522, 1560, 1579, 1588, 1591, 1593 & 1599, also a plan of lands adjoining Higham Hill Road.