Reference Books concerning Courts-Leet in general

The Practice of Courts Leet and Courts Baron. Published in 1714. (In possession of Mr. Ryder). This is a very authoritative and technical book on proceedings - most of which are written in Latin.

The Compleat Court Keeper and Land Steward’s Assistant by Giles Jacob. Published in 1715 (In possession of Mr. Ryder) This book relates mainly to forms of land tenure which are now obsolete, much of it is in Latin.

The following books are mainly by scholars and exponents of mediaeval law and history. They contain fragments of information about the creation and operation of manorial courts in the centuries immediately following the Norman Conquest.

“Domesday Book and beyond” by Professor F.W. Maitland (see p.91)

“The First Century of English Feudalism” by Sir Frank Stenton (see p.43 and index)

“The Early Middle Ages” by Lady Stenton

“Seigniorial Administration in England” by N. Denholm-Young 1937 (see index under Court)

“The Open Fields” by Sir Charles Oman 1938 (see chapter xi)

“Life in the English Manor” by H. S. Bermett 1937

“English Villages in the 13th Century” by C. G. Roman 1941

“The Borough of Bury St. Edmonds” by M. D. Sobel 1935 (see index under Leet)


“The Manor and Manorial Records” by Nathaniel Hone

“Leet Jurisdiction in England as illustrated by the records of Southampton Court Leet” by F.J.C. Ilearnshaw. Published by the Southampton Record Society 1908.

“The History of English Law before the time of Edward I” by Professor F. Pollock and Professor F.W. Maitland.


“Select Pleas in Manorial Courts” by Professor F.W. Maitland 1889

“Tales of my Native Village” by Sir George Sitwell