



## *Bramshawe Protestation Return of 1641/42*

The Protestation Returns relate to the years 1641/42, around the start of the Civil War. It was an Oath of loyalty to the King. The incumbent of each parish was to read the protestation to his parishioners and all men over the age of 18 had to sign the oath but the women were not usually asked to sign.

The Protestation itself runs in the following terms :-

"I (A. B.) doe, in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest to maintaine and defend, so farre as lawfullie I may, with my Hfe, power, and estate, the trne Reformed Protestant Religion expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Poperie and Popish Innovations within this Realme contrarie to the same Doctrine and according to the dutie of my Allegiance [to] his Ma'ties Royall person, honor, and estate. As also the Power and Privileges of Parliament, the lawfull rights and Liberties of the subject, and every person that maketh this Protestation in whatsoever hee shall doe in the lawfull pursuence of ye same. And to my power, and as farre as lawfullie I may, I will oppose, and by all good waies and meanes indeavor to bring to condigne punishment all such as shall either by Force, Practise, Counsells, Plotts, Conspiracies, or otherwise do anie thing in this present Protestation contained. And further, that I shall in all Just and honorable waies endeavor to preserve ye Vnion and Peace between the three Kingdomes of England, Scotland, and heland. And neither for hope, feare, nor other respect, reliquish this promise, vow, and Protestation."

### Those who took the oath

SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	OTHER	POSITION
Andrewe	John		
Andrewe	John		
Andrews	Edmond		
Andrews	John		
Archer	Richard		Absent
Archur	Thom.		
Babie	Edmond		
Babie	Wm.		
Bacon	Roger		
Banister	John	Jun	
Banister	John	Sen	
Banister	Michael		
Barrowe	Benedict		Curate
Barrowe	James		
Barrowe	John		
Bekford	Hugh		

Bollard	Wm.		
Bramble	Thom.		
Bunkley	Andrewe		
Butcher	Robert		
Call	John		
Charker	Andrewe		
Coleman	Walter		
Comely	Jesp		
Coyte	Emannell		
Coyte	Robt.		
Coyte	Wm.		
Davis	Robt.		
Dawson	James		
Dawson	John		
De Luke	Richard		
Deale	John		
Edwards	Benjamin		
Edwards	Henery		
Edwards	John		
Emberlye	John		
Emberlye	Robt.		
Emblin	John		
Euans	Edmond		
Fowle	Thom.		
Friend	Willm		
Ghost	Jolui		
Ghost	Thom.		
Godwin	Willm.		
Gore	Nicholas		
Gosht	Ralph		
Gost	Clement		
Gost	Robt.		
Grey	Thom.		
Henest	Wm.		
His man	Robert		Absent
Hobbs	Andrew		
Hobbs	Clement		
Hobbs	John		
Holydaie	John		
How	Wm.		
Jewell	John		
Kerbye	James		
Kerrie	Wm.		
Kimber	Edmond		
Kimber	Richard		
Kimber	Roger		
Kite	Robt.		
Lawes	Xpofer		
Lawrence	Michael		
Leight	John		
Luendin	Thom.		
Luke	Xpofer		
Lydeat	Thom.		
Mersh	Richard		
Morrice	John		
Newe	Morrice		
Newe	Thom.		
North	Richard		

Oake	Walter		
Perkins	Edward	Gt	Absent
Reade	Roger		
Reeues	Cosme		
Rider	John		
Rooke	Ogden		
Russell	John		
Silver	Wlm		
Simons	Edward		
Skouell	John		
Swift	John		
Taylor	Andrewe		
Trimble	Wm.		
Tucker	Phineas		
Viney	John		
White	Edmond		
White	John		
Whittear	Wm.		
Wigley	Wm.		
Wilde	Richard		
Wilmott	Edward		
Wormestall	Arthur		
Younge	John		

## About the Protestation Returns

The **Protestation Returns of 1642** are lists of males over the age of eighteen who took, or did not take, an oath 'to live and die for the true Protestant religion, the liberties and rights of subjects and the privilege of Parliaments'. These lists were usually compiled by parish, or township, within hundred, or wapentake. They are of importance to local historians for estimating populations, to genealogists trying to find an ancestor immediately before the English Civil War and for scholars interested in surname distributions