

Enford Protestation Returns of 1641/42

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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 Almightye 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."

Henry Colepeper, *vicar*
Robert Carter,
churchwarden
Edrd. Ranger,
churchwarden
John Adamas, *ouseer*
John Hobbs, *ouseer*
Hugh Groue
Moses Greene
Samuell Dudman
Richard Batchelour
Thorn. Tarrant
Thorn. Jervis
Thorn. Payne
Andrew Goddard
John Covey
Robert Bissen
John Henton
George Fricker

John Kingfeild
John Tarrantt
Riciard .Soope
Richard Animer
Thorn. Lavves
Robt. Frey, sen.
Robt. Frye, ju.
Thorn. Sutton, sen.
Robt. Dicke
Thorn Sutton, ju.
Edrd. Reeue
John Payne
Richard Popler
Robt. Carpenter
Nathan Dicke
Thorn Rutte
Robt. Bissen
George Slater
Anthony Slater

George Pamar
John Cheffers
Robt. Vinis
John Mondaye
John Bromliam
Thoni. Dewhen
Robert Carter
Thorn. Carter
John BelJye
Wm. Furmage
Thorn. Withers
John Withers
Xpofer. Bromeham
Gilbert Draper
Robert Harden
Thomas Coall
John Bovven
Robert Reynolds
John Bromeham

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Thomas Dence, sen.	Thoni. Harden	Thom Adams
Thom. Dence, jun.	John Page	Thom. Steuens
Thomas Sammon	Enock Rutt	Richard Northen
Francis Banckes	Reigher Cooper	John Smith
John Hiscocke	Willm. Bancks	Thom. Dyer
Thorn. Hiscocke	John Sandler	John Cheffers
James Graye	Wm. Rolfe	Edrd. Cheffers
Robert Carter, sen.	John Rolfe	R(jbt. Manners
Robert Carter, ju.	Willm. Brodiell	Richard Dowse
Willm. Reeues	Thorn. Gerrall	Thom. Dowse
Henry Buste	Symon Rolfe	Robt. Sutton
Leonard Curdye	Robt. Adams	Wm. Dawe
Robert Curdye	Thorn. Harden	Wm. Bacon
Matheve Maton	Thorn. Griffen, sen.	Thom. Boxe
Steven Greye	Thom. Griffin, ju.	Willm. Harden
John Edwards	Wm. Burt	Edrd. Harden
Richard Dicke	Richard Dickman	John Dicke
John Heren	Robt. Dickman	Thom. Downen
Nathaniell Heren	Edrd. Pennalls	Robt. Barley
Nicho. Chercytye	Edrd. Griffin	Edrd. Barley
John Daniell	Samuell Marshment	Leonard Benger
Robert Ed'rds.	John Sanders	Wm. White
Andrew Dawe	Richard Carter	Richard White
Umprey Piper	Thom. Rolfe	John White
John Banckes, sen.	Edrd. Wheeler	Thom. White, sen.
John Bancks, ju.	Edrd. Tarrant	Thom. White, ju.
John Henton	Xpfor. Rutt	Thom. Bayley
Jacobe Bromeham	Paell Hiscocke	Roger Bayley
Thoin. Piper	Thorn. Rolfe	Thom. Carter, sen.
Thorn. Hunt	Edrd. Rolfe	Thom. Carter, ju.
John Haguss	John Smith	Thom. Smith
Tymothy Maton	John Mosse	Richard Barley
Thomas Adams	Thom. Adams	Thom. Farmer
John Moses	Edmund Tarrant	John Reeues
Henry Moses	Thom. Tarrant	Wm. Daishe
John Picke	Hugh Tarrant	Thom. Hunt
John Batter	Richard Adams	John Salter
John Reekes	John Adams	Leonard Hickman
Richard Gaines	Gabriell Adams	

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