

Wishford Magna Protestation Return 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 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."

Roger Bower, *rector*
Roger Powell, *curate*
John Eue, *churchwarden*
Thom Deare, jun., *churchwarden*
James Woodward, *ouseer*
John Voake, *ouseer*
Leonard Catcot
Richard Browne
Leonard Coop'
Jeffery Helpes
Nicholas Gardiner
Walter Kingman
Thom Smith
John Trubbridge
Thom Dewe
Richard Deare
George Pettie
Thom Hawkins
Thom Hill
John Spinge
John Yeat, sen.

Giles Macie
John Crome
Thom Pettie
John Yeate, jun.
Edmond Cowdry
Thom Hayter
Thom Blake
Roger Kingman
Willm. Eue
John Blake
John Blanchard, sen.
John Hunt
Richard Locke
John Shergoll, sen.
Edmond Meetyard
Ambrose Yeates
John Mills
Henrey Longe
Richard Clifford
John Longe
Thom Penall

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John Ball
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George Kingman
John Gardiner
John Mattingley
John Shergall, jun.
George Eue
Robert Catcott
John Langley
Thom Deare, sen.
Nicholas Trubbridge

Richard Blunt
John Planchard, jun.
Leonard Hardinge
John Macye
Nicholas Lawes
Wm. Younge
Mathew Phrippe
Christofer Downe
John Hytherthorne
George Younge
Wm. Wagland
Luke Adams
Wm. Kingman

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