

## Little Hinton 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 names of all the Counstables Ministers Churchwardens and Ouerseers of the poore of the Pishes and Villages underwritten wch also att Salisbury and Wilton tooke before us, the said Protestacon, themselues and were then alsoe directed and requested by us to Offer and to give it to their neighbours wthin their sevall pishes accordinge to the direction of Mr. Speakers Letter and to returne the names of all such as should take or refuse the same unto us at Salisbury aforsaid at a dale at least twentie dales past. But we have receiued noe returne or accompt from them or any of them towching the said Service."

Jo. Penruddok.

Jo. Bowles.

Peeter Nicholas, vicar  
Robert Perkins, churchwarden

William Keate, Churchwarden  
Robert Loueday, overseer

(source W. N. & Q, Book 7, journal September 1913)