

Stratford Deane and Stratford Coen Protestation Return of 1641/42

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Within Underditch Hundred.

In 1316 Underditch was said to consist of the borough of Old Salisbury, Lake (in Wilsford), (Bishop's) Milford, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wilsford, Great Woodford, and Little Woodford

In 1831 the hundred comprised Milford, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wilsford with Lake, and Woodford

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."

Robt. Parker, *Vicar*
Thorn. Deare, *Churchwarden*
John Orchard, *Churchwarden*
Andrewew Pewde, *Overseer*
Roger Merryvall, *Overseer*
Wm. Poulton, *gent.*
Edward Poulton, *gent.*
Wm. Lester
Willm. Cheslett
James Parham, *gent.*
Wm. Fleman
Richard Andrewes
George Davis, *gent.*
Christofer Merrywall
John Merrywall

Henrey Ratford
Willm. Bash
Jeffrey Blake
Willm. Cutler
Thom. Palmer
Andrew Palmer
Ambrose Coll is
John Pewde
John Kinge
George Goodfellowe
John Thorpe
Symon Pearce
Robert Dibbens
Henrey Swift
Willm. Awberry

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