

Sutton Mandefeild 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."

Gabriell Sangar, *vicar*
Robert Longe, *Churchwarden*
Pollicarpe Gavise [?], *Churchwarden*
Robert Lucas, *Ouseer*
Henrey Bealinge, *Ouseer*
Anthony Seamor
Nicho. Hardinge
Henrey Sangar
Richard Barter
John Sinsburie
Thorn. Needle
Thom. Barter
Stephen Bealinge
James Snooke
Hugh Sheppard
John Needle, sen.
Jolin Needle, jun.
John Williams
William Adiam
John Hardinge
Robert Hardinge

Wilks Randoll
Roger Hardinge
Nicholas Andras
Wilim. Davis
Henrey Davis
Henrey Lucas
Wilim. Longe
Edmond Hawkins
John Beatinge
George Donne
Henrey Donne
Jonas Turgis
Sibell Simonds
Robert Hardinge
Thom. Lucas
Christofer Bungy
Edward Davis
Edward Sanders
George Selwood
Christofer Steuens
Thom. Feltham

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David Feltham
Wilim. Snooke, sen.
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Robert Snooke
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Thorn. Snooke, jun.
Wm. Hardinge
Charles Porclier
John Hardinge

John Stevens
Robt. Biddlecombe, sen.
Robt. Biddlecombe, jun.
Edward Louell
Henry Lovell
Anthony Haukins
Thomas Anne, *gent., pop. Recus.*
John Lesteed, *gent., pop. Recus.*
John Davis, *pop. Recus*

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