

Wilton Burg 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."

Wm. Hewes, *gent., mayor*
Richard Chaundler. *rector*
Xpfer Grey, *gent.*
Mathewe Hewes, *gent.*
Xpfer Bell, *gent.*
Walter Grey, *gent.*
Richard Twogood, *gent.*
Steven Twogood, *gent.*
George Sadler, *gent.*
James Parker, *gent.*
John Hewlett, *clerke*
Wm. Abyn
John Brooke, *gent.*
Henrey Parsons, *gent.*
Walter Sliarpe, *gent.*
James Hempe
Wm. Haies
Abraham Ditton
John Woodrove
Robt. Russell
Richard Longe

Ellis Chalke
John Durham
Ellis Hebbert
John Randoll
Wm. Tarrant
Thorn Longe
Anthony Shackler
Reynold Hovvells
Xpofer Brashier
David Overton
Thom Antrom
Robert Tewe
Wm. Tutt
Wm. Godfrey
John Mussell
Robert Cowdrey
John Sayle
Thom Moore
John Moore
Thom Smith, *sen.*
John Saith

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Wm. Peckford	Thom Selcocke, jun.
John Curtis	Walter Dyer
John White	Humphrey Reynolds
Robt. Haydon	Ed'rd. Sainsbury
John Lannam	Jonn Paradice, sen.
Richard Hoskins	Jonathan Freeston
Richard Jones	Peeter Selcocke
Zacharias Cheverall	Wm. Crouch
John Sherlocke	Leon'd. Viney
John Jones	John Paradise, jun.
Thom Kinge	John Hill
Thom Rawlins	Robt. Edney
John Croome, sen.	Wm. Lacie
Thom Smith, jun.	Richard Dickes
Jeffery Abin	Wm. Francom
Richard Euerlye	John Tarrant
George Younge, sen.	Mathewe Curtis
George Younge, jun.	John Blake
John Twogood	Nicho Wagland
Wm. Herrin	Robert Gawen
Jesper Harris	John Mullins
Tristram Mussell	John Sumpsion
John Clerke	Xpfer Blake
Dominicke Pile	Ed'rd Twogood
Francis Chapman	Wm. Covey
Henrey Folliott	Richard Haskoll
Steven Downe, sen.	Stephen Downe, sen.
Beniamin Hebbert	Xpfer Sumpsion
Wm. Ball	John Surman
Franncis Marler	Franncis Smith
Michael Kerbye	Thom Phillipps
Henrey Creed	John Haydon
Henrey Simson	Mathewe Hewes, jun.
Henrey George	John Haies
Thorn Thorne	Wm. Jones
Thom Browne	Wm. Buckler
Giles Bacon	John Vincent
Anthony Griffin	Henrey Harris, sen.
John Simons	Wm. Merefieild
Wm. Webber	Wm. Miles
Morris Harris	Wilkes Markes [?]
Thom Selcocke, sen.	Xpofer Haies
Robert Blake	Rich. Whatmore
Ed'rd. Burgis	John Smith, sen.
Wm. Adams, sen.	John Smith, jun.
Richard Adamas	Mathewe Smith
Wm. Grey	Henrey Dyer

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Wm. Adams, jun.	John Elliott
John Adamas	Henrey Hall
Richard Fiem'on	Leon'd. Dier
John Bacon	Edward Hoskins
Ralph Simons	Henrey Eu'ans
Melchisidecke Chaundler	John Hopgood
Daniell Drake	Gilbert Gibbs
John Chegney	John Gibbs
John Cromer, jnn.	Walter Gibbs
Charles Croome	Thom Euans
Edward Carpenter, sen.	Thom Gibbs
Leonard Snelgrove	Rowland Waterlin
Henrey Brashier	Henrey Watts
Steven Brashier	Alexandr Watts
Wm. Brashier	Thom Angod
Samuell London	Xpian Ball
Ellis Paradise	John Ball
John Surmon, jun.	Thom Barnes
Ambrose Pyle	John Hebbert
John London	John Levinge
Thom Crizell	John Abyn
John Whitm'sh	Thom Bonner
Richard Selcocke	John Prewitt
George Burd	Theophilus Gibbs
Leonard Smith	Thom Tucker
Richard Morse	John Cuddymore
Thom Goddard	John Waterlyn
Nicho Peircy	John Grubham
Simon Coward	Erd. Parsons
Nicho Franncom	Wm. Stevens
Richard Franncom, sen.	Humprey Paradise
Robt. Selcocke	Wm. Brown
John Selcocke	Richard Mussell
Thom Bacon	Walter White
John Jefferey	Gerard Fort
Thom Marton	Wm. Nicholas
Nicho Starkie	Richard Kerby
James Parker, jun.	Wm. Tanner
Rich. Franncom, jun.	Richard Sidenham
Wm. Foxe	Leon'd. North
George Tutt	Leon'd. Smith
John Raye	Michaell Raye
Willm. Tewe	Bartholomewe Hewes
Rich. Tarrant	Dominicke Tutt
Rich. Elliott	Benjamin Silly
Henrey Harris, jun.	John Pranckard
Steven Cooke	George Starre

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John Wiatt
Ed'rd. Carpenter, jun.

Robt. Powell.

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