

Little Woodford 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."

On [CCED](#), Henrey Good was shown as the Vicar of Woodford

Henrey Good, sen.. <i>Vicar</i>	Richard Pavye
Henrey Good, jun., <i>Ciic.</i>	Edvv. Thistlethwayte
Edmond Dey, <i>Churchwarden</i>	Jo. Thistlethwayte
Tho. Whitehorne, <i>Churchwarden</i>	Wm. Bassett
Alexandr. Goodfellowe, <i>Churchwarden</i>	John Blake
Thorn. Burrowe, <i>Churchwarden</i>	Wm. Ap John
Samuel 1 Pavye, <i>Overseer</i>	Edward Greene
Edward Burrowe, <i>Overseer</i>	John Ward
Thorn. Morse, <i>Overseer</i>	Stefen Foord
Leonard Webb	John Harwaye
John Mackerell, sen.	Richard Phipin, als. Taylor
John Mackerell, jun.	Willm. Ames
Richard Mackerell	Thomas Adams
Thom. Mackerell	John Ap John, sen.
John Yeates	John Ap John, jun.
Hugh Smith	Hugh Brouse
Richard Ames	Gregory Moowdie
Thom. Yorke	Willm. Dawkins
Robert Whithorne	James Pavie

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Willm. Webber, sen.
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John Benger
Nicholas Paxe

Rich. Roberts
Jerome Barnabee
John Foxe
Richard Godwyn
Nicholas Dawkins
Hugh Yeates
Henry Foxe

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