



North Wiltshire Muster Roll Anno 30 Henry VIII (Year 1539)

In Tudor times each village was responsible for maintaining the necessary arms to defend themselves - this was known as the furnishing of harness. Muster commissioners would inspect the harness (which would include long bows, bills, salets (helmets), brigandines (torso armour) and gorgets (neck and shoulder protectors) and ensure each individual was also assessed with his quota of the cost. The muster roll records who owned the arms, along with value of land (valor terr et tent) or value of goods (valor bonorum) held by the other residents of the village who were liable to provide financial support if necessary. (These values have not been transcribed in the Wiltshire Roll)

There were two main arms used in this period. The bill had a point at one end and a blade at the side, so had a dual purpose in battle, while the bow was a long bow used for archery.



The Hundred of Kyngbrygge

The Towne of Wroughton



Surname	Given Name	Status	Notes
Aleyn	John		Bills
Austen	John		Archers
Bayliffe	Walter		Halfe a Harnes
Bukelond	Thos		Bills
Bukelond	Willyam		Halfe a Harnes
Bukkelond	Willyam		Bills
Carter	Thos		Bills
Coppe	Richard		Bills
Ducke	Crystofer		Archers
Forley	Cristofer		Bills

Forley	Crystofer		Halfe a Harnes
Fremour	Robte		Bills
Geffrees	John		Bills
Gregory	Robte		Archers
Haskyns	Richard		Bills
Hewes	Walter		Bills
Hewes	Walter		Halfe a Harnes
Hobbys	Thomas		Archers
Hoggs	William		Halfe a Harnes
Keppe	John		Halfe a Harnes
Marchall	Willyam		Bills
Mounteyn	Robte		Bills
Mydwynter		Master	A Harnes
Myller	Walter		Halfe a Harnes
Pygott	John		A Salett
Pynfolde	John		Bills
Pynfolde	Thomas		Halfe a Harnes
Smyth	John		Bills
Smyth	John		Halfe a Harnes
Smyth	Robte		Halfe a Harnes
Spakeman	John		Bills
Spakeman	John		Halfe a Harnes
Streytte	Thos		Bills
Tayllour	Wyllyam		Archers
Wady	William		A Bill
Webbster	John		A Bill
Webster	John		Bills

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