



Alderbury and Waddon Protestation Return of 1641/42

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, relinquish this promise, vow, and Protestation."

Table of those who took the oath

Surname	Given Names	Other	Position
Andrewes	Robert		
Bayley	John		
Bennett	Robert		
Billinge	John		
Bungeye	Walter		
Chappell	Zacharias		
Colborne	Richard		
Collins	Richard		
Danaye	Xpofer		
Dewland	Andrew		
Elliott	Henry		
Ely	John		Vicar
Erewood	Richard		

Francklin	Matthew		
Frowde	John	Sen.	
Frowde	John	Jun.	
Gardener	Francis		
Gould	Thomas		
Greenehill	Robert		
Grey	Walter		Churchwarden
Hayter	Walter		
Helliard	Richard	Sen.	
Hellyard	Robert		
Howell	John		
London	John		
London	Walter		
Martin	Henrey		
Masters	Francis		
Newman	John		
Northeast	Thomas		
Noyes	Richard		
Osmand	Robert		
Overy	Thomas		
Palmer	John		
Palmer	Richard		
Palmer	Thomas		
Pildrim	John		Overseer
Pildrim	Leonard		
Pildrim	Richard	Jun.	
Pildrim	Richard		
Pildrim	Richard	Sen.	
Richatts	Edward		
Richatts	John		
Richatts	Thomas		
Sanger	Henrey		
Simons	Richard		
Stagg	John		
Stoates	Thomas		
Towton	John		
Watson	Nicholas		
Webb	Francis		
West	Jarvis		
West	Oswald		
Withes	Richard		
Wobridge	John	Sen.	
Woodford	Richard	Sen.	
Woodford	Richard		Overseer
Wooldridge	John	Jun.	
Younge	Richard		

About the Protestation Returns

The **Protestation Returns of 1642** are lists of males over the age of eighteen who took, or did not take, an oath 'to live and die for the true Protestant religion, the liberties and rights of subjects and the privilege of Parliaments'. These lists were usually compiled by parish, or township, within hundred, or wapentake. They are of importance to local historians for estimating populations, to genealogists

trying to find an ancestor immediately before the English Civil War and for scholars interested in surname distributions