

Downton Parish 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."

Samuell Coxe, <i>vicar</i>	John Eastman, sen.	Thorn. Roode
Silvester Michell	Henrey Wilkins	Thorn. Coate
Edmond Newman	John Newman	John Eastman
Richard Tripocke	Wm. Dyer	George Welsteed
James Reynolds	Richard Moore	Joalife Heale
James Tiipocke	Richard Okyford	Morgan Cooper
Samuell Linch	Wm. Eastman	John Noise
James Roods	Nicho. Evorett	John Figg
Ambrose White	Cleam Netton	Wm. Liiely
John Linch	John Hickson	John -- [sic]
Henrey Grey	Rich. Bowdon	Roger Dible
Thorn. Maior	Tristram Whitm'sh	Nicholas Clarke
Xpofer Prince	Robt. Andrewes	Wm. Eastam
Richard Crafte	Richard Frye	John Done
Henrey Speereman	Wm. Euans	Tristram Blake
John Newman	Moris Dyer	Mathewe Sheppard
Wm. Adams	Orien Tyler	Wm. Shoter
Nicholas Bunday	Wm. Layley	John Rose
Wm. Button	Richard Wilkins	Richard Garrett
Wm. Bunday	Ralph Fanstone	Roger Ingram
Wm. Rodes	John Randall	John Dible

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Wm. Hill	Ambrosse Noyse	Henrey Moodye
Henrey Snelgar	Robt. Newman	Wm. Coward
Robert Maurice	Wm. Jackman	Richard Coote
Thorn. Eastman	John Light	John Stookes
Steven Curtis	Thom. Whiteare	Wm. Greene
John Newman	Robt. Rice	Rich. Coles
Wm. Pinson	Wm. Welsteed, sen.	John Randye
Wm. Bennett	Thom. Eastman	Wm. Croker
Robt. Whetlye	John Noyse	Rowland Welsteed
George Noyse	Thom. Wheeler	Wm. Kelloe
John Sanders	Thom. Blake	Wm. Snelgare
Richard Light	John Mussle	Thom. Harryson
John Barrowe	John Biddlecome	Edmnd Snelgar
Josias Sanders	John Lewes	Wm. Button
Richard Sanders	Thom. Burbidge	Tristram Tanner
Moyses the Maior	Thom. Zevyer	John Landvell
Simeon Gauntlett	John Bayley	Robt. Hill
John Light	Moris Thomas	Wm. Heale
John Gauntlett	Wm. Welsteed, ju.	Nicho. Noise
Peter Penny	Henrey Barnes	Morice Giles
John Rose	John Lambe	Francis Hewett
Austine Smith	Thom. Musslewhite	Henrey Pettie
Richard Garrett	Richard Snelgar	Thom. Lewis
Thom. Hauker	George Noble	Barnaby Merryville
George Newman	Ambrosse Martin	Richard Banister
Rich. Nutbeame	Wm. Malm	Wm. Markes
John Humbey	Francis Foskitt	Franncis Coxe
Frannces Coxe	John Eastman	Mihill Painter
Richard Brasfeild	Richard Overay	John Lam
Rich. Read	Martin Cosens	John Coxe
John Thomas	John Edsall	John Cater
John Coxe	John Rodes	Sander Moody
Alexander Coxe	Nicholas Evered	Wm. Whitemarsh
George Edwards	Richard Card	John Gauntlett
Alexandr. Wroughton	Wm. Card	Thom. Pickernell
Xpofer Cosens	Thom. Welsteed	Bennett Chubb
Wm. Nutbeame	Thom. Champion	Wm. Newman
John Browne	Ambrosse Martin	Barnaby Coles
Walter Mells	Lewis Secry	Thom. Gidde
Henrey (blank)	Arthur Edwards	Thom. Sivier
John Studley	Edmond Fanston	Richard Miggs
Thom. Tutt	Wm. Looe, sen.	George South
Thom. Gauntlett	Wm. Lowe, jun.	Henrey Humbey
Lewis Newman	Constant Read	Henrey Northeast
Thorn. Garland	Wm. Hudley	Joseph Savage
Wm. Eastman	Charles Baylye	Henrey Hatchett
John Mondaye	Wm. Frye	Wm. Humby, sen.

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Wm. Humby, ju.	Roger Gauntlett	Wm. Wills
John Skamell	George Newman	Thom. Croten
Wm. Stockman	John Noise	Henrey Democke
John Sansom	Robert Humby	Henrey Kelsie
Ellis Wise	Anthony Moody	George Moody
Rich. Wheler	John Bruer	Henrey Gauntlett
John Reynolds	Xpofer Ludlye	John Humbey
Richard Grey	Robt. Moody	John Reade
John Edwards	Rich. Curtis, sen.	John Randye
Wm. Willy	Rich. Curtis.ju.	Edmond Luendon
Tristram Turgis	Ellis Martin	Rich. Tukis
Roger Fusbye	John Morevell	Morris Norman
George Wilkins	Tho. Stookes	Roger Piaskett
John Newman	John Lester	Moris Eastman
Thom. Humbey	John Wilshire	John Hooker
John Morris	Richard Bowne	Jefferey Noise
Andrewe Reade	Richard Burley	Simeon Marchment
Frauncis Godden	Thom. Signe	Robt. Abell
Robert Ford	Thom. Payne	Robert Hooker
Robt. Livier	Richard Brasfeild	Thom. Nicholas
John Haytor	Walter Coward	Roger Kenger
Richard Garrett	Wm. Vinell	Thom. Woodford
Thom. Rofe	Thom. Nutbeame	Tristram Price
Richard Rooke	Wm. Jenings	Simon Woodford
Andrewe Frye	Mathewe Inckhonme	Henrey Fleger
Henry Ghost	Ed'rd. Lewis	John Semper
George Justes	Ambrose Champion	Henrey Wodier
John Champion	Rich. Shelly	Henrey Cooper
Wm. Welsteed	Gilbert Collins	John Whitear
Wm. Bell	Robt. Gandy	Thom. Whitear
Thom. Ellery	Robt. Tutt	John Lawrence
John Muscle	Robt. Rolfe	Mr. Legge
John Maywicke	Wm. Welsteed	Henrey Coward, <i>pop.Recits.</i>
Henrey Gauntlett	Walter Phillipps	
Henrey Barnes	Thom. Gandy	

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