

Pitton & Farley 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."

Richard Biggs, *Curate*
Thom. Palmer, *churchward.*
Wm. Webb, *churchward.*
John Hooper, *ovseer*
Ralfe Barrowe, *ovseer*
Wm. Cooke
Edward Thislethwayte
Wm. Reeves
Wm. Jones
Wm. Collins
Wm. Godwyn
Nicholas Browne
John Strugnell
Peeter Cutler
Ambrose Andrewe
Abrahm Frey
Wm. Whitlocke
Wm. Head
Henry Mustprate
Wm. Hinwood
Wm. Reade

Edmond Winsor
Edward Whitlocke
Robert Strugnell
Henrey Mathewe
John Whitlock
Robt. Mustprate
Richard Charter
Willm. Strugnell
Mathewe Hacher
Walter Snowe
Hugh Mondaie
Robt. Rudman
Wm. Fussell
Nicho. Peirce
Edmond Winsor
Nicholas Haylestone
Alexander Phillipps
Richard Cutler
Jeffrey Farledge
Robt. Sainsbury
Wm. Cooke

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Walter Weekes, sen.	Alexandr. Whitlocke
Walter Weekes, ju.	Thom. Morse
John Harraway	Wm. Batten
Alexandr. Payne	James Hunt
Robt. Payne	Henrey Hunt
Robt. Arnold, sen.	Eastice Hacye
Robt. Arnold, ju.	Wm. Asher
Jeffry Arnold	Henrey Peirce
Wm. Strugnell	Thom. Batten
John Cooke	Robt. White
Wm. Foxe	Edrd. White
Richard Foxe	Giles White
Robt. Williams	Wm. Gandye
Thom Bayley	Gabriell White
Edrd. Gandye	Robert White
Trustram Hatcher	Willm. Harraway, ju.
Henrey Hacher	Willm Godwin
Wm. Harrawaie	Robert Asher
John Blacke	John Daye
John Webb	Edrd. Persons
John Mathewe	Edrd. Ireland

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