

Protestation Return for Bradford Abbas 1642

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The Protestation Returns of 1641–1642 are lists of English males over the age of 18 who took, or did not take, an oath of allegiance "to live and die for the true Protestant religion, the liberties and rights of subjects and the privilege of Parliaments."

The declaration, or Protestation, read:

I, _ A.B. _ do, in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest to maintain, and defend as far as lawfully I may, with my Life, Power and Estate, the true Reformed Protestant religion, expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Popery and Popish Innovations, within this Realm, contrary to the same Doctrine, and according to the duty of my Allegiance, to His Majesties Royal Person, Honour and Estate, as also the Power and Privileges of Parliament, the lawful Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, and any person that maketh this Protestation, in whatsoever he shall do in the lawful Pursuance of the same: and to my power, and as far as lawfully I may, I will oppose and by all good Ways and Means endeavour to bring to condign Punishment all such as shall, either by Force, Practice, Councels, Plots, Conspiracies, or otherwise, doe any thing to the contrary of any thing in this present Protestation contained: and further, that I shall, in all just and honourable ways, endeavour to preserve the Union and Peace betwixt the Three Kingdoms of England, Scotland and Ireland: and neither for Hope, Fear, nor other Respect, shell relinquish this Promise, Vow and Protestation.

The names wee entered in three columns n a single sheet. The return seems to have been compiled over time with at least 3 different inks apparent. The original can be viewed via the link below.

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				3
Bradford Abbas				3
Dorset				3
Those whose names are Under Written have				3
taken the protestation – all and every of them				3
inhabiting in the said Parish				
Col 1	Edward	Buckler	clerk	2
Col 1	George	Sterr	Vicar	1
Col 1	Robert	Master	Sen (<i>But no other Robert in the return</i>)	1
Col 1	Charles	Warren		1
Col 1	John	Sterr		1
Col 1	Alexander	Somers		1
Col 1	Joseph	Ring		1
Col 1	John	Traske		1
Col 1	Thomas	Master		1
Col 1	John	Master		1
Col 1	George	Master		1
Col 1	Ellice	Haggard		1
Col 1	Richard	Haggard		1
Col 1	William	Beere		1
Col 1	George	Hobbs		1
Col 1	William	Somers		1
Col 1	William	Barnes		1
Col 1	Henry	Bishop		1
Col 1	Obadiah	Master		1
Col 1	William	Michell		1
Col 1	John	Walters		1
Col 1	James	Tolofeild		1
Col 1	Gyles	Byshop		1
Col 1	William	Haggard		1
Col 1	William	Palmer		1
Col 1	Thomas	Arnold		1
Col 1	Richard	Moore		1
Col 1	Edward	Master		1
Col 1	Isaac	Collins		1
Col 1	Nicholas	Master		1
Col 1	Richard	Master		1
Col 1	Thomas	Collins		1
Col 1	Humphrey	Ham		1
Col 1	Critper	Moore	<i>Christopher?</i>	1
Col 1	Raufe	Hart		1
Col 1	Thomas	Hough		1
Col 1	Gyles	Michell		1
Col 1	John	Parker		1
Col 1	William	White		1
Col 1	Ambrose	Ridout		1
Col 1	Gyles	Gyrdler		1
Col 1	Symon	Jennings		1
Col 1	John	Collins		1
Col 1	Thomas	Harrison		1

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Col 1	Edward	Turke		1
Col 1	Henry	Bewsey		1
Col 2	Robert	Arnold		1
Col 2	Thomas	Coffe		1
Col 2	George	Hannam		1
Col 2	Robert	Ashe		1
Col 2	John	Norman		1
Col 2	John	Master		1
Col 2	Robert	Dibsdale		1
Col 2	Richard	Harrison		1
Col 2	John	Barber		1
Col 2	Ellice	Haggard		1
Col 2	John	Hannam		1
Col 2	John	Sparke		1
Col 2	John	Michell		1
Col 2	Henry	Ualine	?	1
Col 2	Richard	Sutton		1
Col 2	William	Bartlet		1
Col 2	William	Master		1
Col 2	George	Garret		1
Col 2	Robert	Arnold	Ju:	1
Col 2	John	Master		1
Col 2	William	Bigwood		1
Col 2	Richard	Haggard		1
Col 2	Robert	Tolofeild		1
Col 2	Henry	Byde		1
Col 2	John	Reade		1
Col 2	Henry	Punfold		1
Col 2	Anthony	Lane		1
Col 2	Thomas	Michell		1
Col 2	Nicholas	Byde	Sr	1
Col 2	Gyles	Tolofeild		1
Col 2	William	Arnold		1
Col 2	Nicholas	Ffrances		1
Col 2	George	Ring		1
Col 2	Mathew	Gyrdler		1
Col 2	Robert	Lane		1
Col 2	John	Ring		1
Col 2	John	Lane		1
Col 2	Samuell	Master		1
Col 2	Anthony	Master		1
Col 2	William	Collins		1
Col 2	William	Bawe		1
Col 2	John	Master		1
Col 2	William	Gapp		1
Col 2	Gyles	Gyrdler		1
Col 2	George	Gyrdler		1
Col 2	Henry	Lane		1
Col 2	John	Barnes		1
Col 2	Lyonell	Wade		1
Col 3	Nicholas	Byde		1
Col 3	William	Burd		1
Col 3	Robert	Ring		1

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Col 3	William	Michell		1
Col 3	Jonathan	Penny		1
Col 3	John	Garret		1
Col 3	Walter	Dansson		1
Col 3	Richard	Barnes		1
Col 3	Thomas	Harrison		1
Col 3	Nicholas	Haggard		1
Col 3	George	Master		2
Col 3	Nicholas	Master		2
Col 3	George	Read		2
Col 3	William	Ash		2
Col 3	Leonard	Yuller	?	2
Col 3	Regenal	Michell		2
Col 3	Robert	Pitman		2
Col 3	Edward	Penney		2
Col 3	John	Sterr	Jun	3
George Sterr being				2
Psent when the				2
ptestaction was				2
mdred (<i>rendered?</i>) here toke it				2
although his habitacion				2
be in Somsett				2
The Protistation hath bin				2
taken by ye afore named in				2
ye presence of				2
	John	Penny	Curate	3
	Robert	Master	Overse(er) <i>edge torn</i>	2
	John	Sterr		2
	William	Girdler		2
	Thomas	Punfold	Church(warden?) <i>edge torn.</i>	2

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