

Transcription of the village Protestation Return of 1641-1642, when all adult males were required to swear an oath of allegiance to the crown

## Protestation Returns

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**Charles I became King in 1625 and was frequently in disagreement with Parliament, in 1642 this erupted in to Civil War the last battle of this being fought in 1646 in Great Torrington just 7 miles away. Local legend has it that the mound in the church yard is a burial mound for soldiers from a skirmish that took place near the village**

**During the period 1641-2 all adult male subjects throughout the country were required to swear allegiance to the crown. This was initiated by the House of Commons to disclose the number of Roman Catholics in England and to defend the protestant religion from 'Popery'. The result has been to provide one of the most useful lists of inhabitants prior to the 19th century census returns**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>
Acford	Thomas	Heard	Charles	Perkins	John
Adams	John	Heard	John (sen)	Perkins	William
Adams	Laurence	Heard	John (jun)	Pine	John
Baily	Hugh	Heard	Leaonard	Pinnacombe	John
Baily	Samuel	Hearne	Edward	Pointz	James
Baily	Walter	Hearne	Joachim	Prouse	John
Baker	Jonas	Hearne	Lewis	Rawleigh	John
Baker	Robert	Hearne	Thomas	Rogers	Edward
Bishoppe	Richard	Hurlestone	John	Rolle	John (gent)
Bond	John	Hutchings	Christopher	Rolle	Robert (esq)
Bond	Thomas	Hutchings	Henry (sen)	Rolle	Sammuel (gent)
Bowden	James	Hutchings	Henry (jun)	Rolle	William (gent)
Bowden	John	Hutchings	John (gent)	Roose	Thomas
Bowden	Joseph	Hutchings	John (of Hooke)	Saunders	Philip
Bowhay	David	Hutchings	John	Saunders	Robert
Bowhay	John (sen)	Hutchings	John (son of Robert Hutchings)	Scamme	George
Bowhay	John (jun)	Hutchings	John Esq	Scampe	Henry

Bowhay	Richard	Hutchings	Joshua	Scotte	John
Bowhay	Thomas	Hutchings	Richard	Scotte	Leonard
Bray	George	Hutchings	Robert	Sharpenham	William
Bray	John	Keene	Giles	Sheere	John
Butticombe	John	Keene	Philip	Sing	John
Caddie	Roger	Knight	Henry	Slade	John
Calbowe	John	Lang	John	Tailour	Charles
Cliffe	William	Langdon	Francis	Tailour	John
Cloake	Benjamin	Langdon	John	Tailour	Peter
Coates	Thomas	Letletar	Robert	Tawman	Fulke
Colborne	Anthony	Leworthy	Christopher	Tawman	Henry
Cory	Thomas	Litletar	John	Tawton	Lewis
Cudmore	Joachim	Mitchell	Matthew	Thomas	David
Cudmore	John (jun)	Mocke	John	Thorne	Emmanuel
Denford	John	Moise	John	Thorne	Christopher
Denford	Lewis	Moise	Joseph	Thorne	John
Denford	Stephen	Morcombe	Leonard	Thorne	Robert
Denton	Joseph	Nicholls	John	Trickes	Richard
Dolber	Christopher	Noble	William	Tucker	John
Downing	Abraham	Osborne	Lewis	Tuke	George
Downing	John	Osborne	Robert	Venton	Thomas
Ellis	Thomas	Parsons	George (gent)	Vigures	Nicholas
Fowler	James	Parsons	John	Vigures	Thomas
Fraine	Henry	Parsons	Thomas	Warde	John
Fraine	Thomas	Pearse	Daniel	Way	Anthony
Friendshippe	William	Pellaven	John	Way	Michael
Glowen	Simon	Pellaven	Robert	Wetherell	Daniel
Glowen	William	Penroase	Henry	Whicher	Walter
Gregory	John	Pentire	William	Whitefield	William
Hancocke	Samuel	Perkins	Henry	Willes	Peter
Heaman	John				

**The above names were written in the same hand, the following 4 are signatures**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>
Gregory	Anthony (clerk)	Cudmore	John (churchwarden)
Parnacotte	Joseph (constable)	Fraine	John (overseer)