

Hunnington Protestation Return of 1641/42

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Cawden and Cadworth Hundred.

Hunnington is shown under this Hundred therefore I assume that this to mean Homington. The curate listed below – Roger Hewlett – cannot be traced in this era under the parish, on [CCED](#)

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."

Roger Hewlett, *Clic.*

John Still, *Churchwarden*

Ambrose Bampton, *Churchwarden*

John Allee, *Ouseer*

George Myntie, *Ouseer*

Jesp. Bampton

Peter Grey, sen.

Peter Grey, jun.

John Grey

Nicholas Mondaie

Thomas Mondaye

Edward Mills

Nicholas Francis, sen.

Nicholas Francis, jun.

Nicholas Shaull

John Shaull

Andrewe Luxell

Robert Oake

John Oake

John Morrice

Richard Silcocke

Wm. Rogers

John Whitmarsh

Steven Leigh

John Duland

Nicholas Batchelor

John Carter

Hugh Bennett

(source: W. N. & Q, Book 7, journal March 1911)