

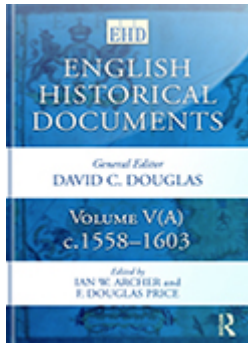
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The second certificate of the commissioners for the county of Warwick touching all such persons as either have been presented to them or have been otherwise found out by the endeavour of the said commissioners to be Jesuits, seminary priests, fugitives or recusants . . . , or vehemently suspected to be such . . . set down at Warwick the 25th day of September in the 34th year of her Majesty's most happy reign . . .

And first of such as do yet wilfully persist in their recusancy and are either already indicted for the said offence, with a remembrance also of such of them as have been by authority from the lords of her Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, by their letters of the 13th of August 1592, either committed to their friends upon good bonds or else committed to the gaol of Warwick . . .

In the parish of Idlicote:

Indicted. William Underhill, gent., lord of Idlicote, presented before our last certificate to your lordships in Stratford upon Avon in this county for a recusant, continues such. But the presenters here say that he was not at Idlicote since the 17th day of November 1590, on which day they say he buried his wife there . . .

In the parish of Stratford upon Avon:

Indicted. Frances Jeffreyes, the wife of John Jeffreyes, gent., continueth still a wilful recusant.

Indicted. Richard Dibdale, presented also for a wilful recusant before our last certificate to your lordships, continueth still obstinate in his recusancy.

Richard Joanes, presented there for a recusant . . .

The names of such dangerous and seditious papists and recusants as have been presented to us or found out by our endeavour to have been at any time heretofore of or in this county of Warwick and [are] now either beyond the seas or vagrant within this realm . . .

In the parish of Stratford upon Avon:

Indicted. One George Coocke alias Cawdrey, presented there and indicted for a recusant, is, as suspected by the presenters there to be, a seminary priest or a Jesuit; but where he now is they know not.

In the parish of Henley in Arden:

Indicted. One Sir Robert Whateley, presented there for a recusant, an old massing priest, resorting often thither, but hardly to be found . . .

The names of all such recusants as have been heretofore presented within this county of Warwick and are now either dwelling in other counties or gone out of this county upon their just occasions, or to lurk unknown in other countries . . .

In the parish of Kingsbury:

Indicted. Mistress Frances Willoughby, presented first at Kingsbury and after at Stratford upon Avon, and indicted at Warwick for a wilful recusant, and now (as it is said) is in Leicestershire . . .

In the parish of Stratford upon Avon:

Indicted. John Buswell, presented there for a wilful recusant, and indicted, is, as the presenters say, fled now out of Stratford, but whither they know not. The wife of one Philip Moore, a physician, was there presented for a wilful recusant and now [is] departed from thence to Evesham in the county of Worcester . . .

The names of all such recusants as have been heretofore presented for not coming monthly to the church according to her Majesty's laws, and yet are thought to forbear the church for debt and for fear of process or for some other worse faults, or for age, sickness or impotency of body . . .

In the parish of Stratford upon Avon:

Mr John Wheeler; John Wheeler, his son; Mr John Shakespeare; Mr Nicholas Barneshurste; Thomas James; William Bainton; Richard Harrington; William Fluellen; George Bardolfe: it is said that these last nine come not to church for fear of process for debt.

Mistress Geffreyes widow; Mistress Barber; Julian Coorte; Griffen ap Robertes; Joan Welche; Mistress Wheeler: were all here presented for recusants and do all so continue, saving Mistress Wheeler who is conformed [and] Griffen ap Robertes now dead. But the presenters say that all or the most of these cannot come to the church for age and other infirmities . . .

The names of all such persons, heretofore presented for recusants in this county, as have either already conformed themselves or else have promised their conformity; together with the names of such of the said recusants as are contented to have conference with men learned and well affected in religion and appointed by the commissioners, with desire to be resolved of such doubts as do yet make them forbear to come to the church . . .

In the parish of Alveston:

The wife of Richard Lane of the bridge town, presented heretofore for a wilful recusant, hath now dutifully conformed herself and goeth to the church.

In the parish of Stratford upon Avon:

Mistress Clapton, the wife of William Clapton, esquire, now dead, presented there for a recusant before our first certificate to your lordships, was mistaken and goeth now to the church.

The wife of Stephen Bordman; William Hickcockes; Joane Cooke alias Cawdrey; Alice Cooke, her daughter; Edward Grene; John Wyght; Alice Carter; Ann Courte; John Russell; Thomas Reynoldes, gent. and his wife; John Lane the elder; Rowland Heath alias Swan; Henry Rogers; Edward Bromley; Robert Griffen. These sixteen were all presented for recusants but have now all either conformed themselves and go to the church or else have promised to conform themselves and to go to the church . . .

Thomas Lucy; John Haryngton; Fulk Grevyle; H. Goodere; Thomas Leigh; Clem. Fisser; Edw. Holte; Tho. Dabryecourt; Robert Burgoyne.