

## Appendix 3.5

### Parish clerks, proctors and schoolteachers, 1730-1864

Persons with influence and responsibilities within the parish for the education of others, particularly parish clerks and schoolteachers, were, by law, required to make a declaration as to their loyalty to the King and to the Church of England and its canons before they could be licensed. This table extracts the names of nearly 60 such persons, as well as a number of proctors (ecclesiastical lawyers) who worked in the Archdeaconry court, from a book of declarations (AN/L 246/1) which each of them signed. Occasionally occupations are also noted.

The book begins with the following:

'Articles to be Subscribed to according to Canon

1. That the Kings Majesty under God, is the only Supreme Governour of this Realm, and of all other his Highness Dominions and Countreys, as well in all Spiritual or Ecclesiastical things or Causes, as Temporal and that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to haue any jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preheminence or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within His Majesties said Realms, Dominions and Countries.
2. That the booke of Common Prayer, and of Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, containeth in it nothing contrary to the word of God, and that it may lawfully be used.
3. That he alloweth the Book of Articles of Religion agreed upon by the Archbishops and Bishops of both Provinces, and the whole Clergy in the Convocation holden at London in the year of our Lord God, one thousand five hundred sixty and two: and that he acknowledgeth all and every the Articles therein contained, being in number nine and thirty, besides the Ratification, to be agreeable to the word of God.'

Name	Parish	Role	Date
Humphrey Simkins	Sutton Bonnington St Michael	schoolteacher	n.d.
John Greatorex	none	proctor	16 Mar 1730
James Stockdale	none	proctor	16 Mar 1730
George Horne, clerk, B.A.	Sutton-in-Ashfield	schoolteacher, grammar school	20 May 1734
William Richardson, clerk, B.A.	Tuxford	schoolteacher, grammar school	2 May 1735
William Falkner	Ruddington	schoolteacher, English school	6 Feb 1739/40

Name	Parish	Role	Date
Edward Cousin	Walkeringham	schoolteacher, English school	30 Jun 1749
Benjamin Bloxside	none	proctor	19 Apr 1750
George Ingman	Hucknall Torkard	schoolteacher, Wilford	19 Oct 1751/21 Oct 1751
William Denby	Bingham	schoolteacher, grammar school	5 Jun 1752
Joseph Wyld	Tuxford	schoolteacher, grammar school	23 May 1752
Thomas Plowman	none	proctor	20 Mar 1759
Robert Pogson	Misson	schoolteacher, English school	8 Mar 1760
William Fletcher	Watnall, parish of Greasley	schoolteacher, Free school	11 Jan 1772
George Nailer	Kirkby-in-Ashfield	schoolteacher, English school	11 May 1772
John Cawtharn	Balderton	schoolteacher, charity school	15 Aug 1772
William Smith	Bunny	schoolteacher, Ruddington	14 Nov 1772
Richard Becher	Southwell	proctor	22 Feb 1774
Francis Stephenson	Nottingham	proctor	9 Oct 1775
John Hoode*	Sutton Bonnington	schoolteacher, charity school	1 Jun 1776
Paul Bull	Nottingham	schoolteacher, Petit school, Radcliffe on Trent	7 Jan 1785
Henry Fletcher	Watnall, parish of Greasley	schoolteacher, Petit school	14 Oct 1786
William Calvert	Sutton-on-Trent	parish clerk	11 May 1787
Joseph Sansome	Mansfield Woodhouse	parish clerk	3 Oct 1789
William Cutts	Nottingham	proctor	23 Apr 1793
George Belfield Hardy	Nottingham	proctor	1 Oct 1793
George Glover	Nottingham	proctor	1 Apr 1794
Samuel Selby	Balderton	parish clerk	16 Oct 1795
Richard Burton	East Leake	parish clerk	27 Apr 1801
William Burton	East Leake	parish clerk	13 May 1797
William Coe	Weston	parish clerk	1 May 1801
John Green	Shelford	parish clerk	17 Oct 1801
William Bowerbank	Mansfield	schoolteacher, grammar school	19 Jan 1802
John Cursham	Mansfield	usher, grammar school	30 Jan 1802
William Burnham	Wilford	parish clerk	5 Oct 1804
James Smith	Nottingham (St Mary)	parish clerk	22 Feb 1805
William Hunt	Sutton-on-Trent	parish clerk	14 Sep 1805
William Hough, framework knitter	Nottingham (St Mary)	parish clerk	5 Sep 1806
John Clark	Walesby	parish clerk	15 Dec 1809

Name	Parish	Role	Date
John Eggleston	Gringley-on-the-Hill	parish clerk	6 May 1816
William Stevens	Normanton-on-Trent	parish clerk	7 May 1813
John Slater	Lowdham	parish clerk	6 May 1816
Robert Almond	Nottingham (St Mary)	parish clerk	22 Jun 1818
Thomas Hardwick Almond	Nottingham (St Mary)	parish clerk	4 Sep 1819
William Price	Nottingham (St Nicholas)	parish clerk	15 Mar 1820
John White	North Collingham	parish clerk	8 Jun 1820
John Pearson jnr	Nottingham (St Mary)	parish clerk and organist	Sep 1820
William Justice	Walesby	parish clerk	29 Jun 1822
Richard Horsley	Gedling	parish clerk	24 May 1823
William Archer	Nottingham (St Nicholas)	parish clerk	7 Dec 1825
Thomas Morley	Sneinton	parish clerk	7 Dec 1825
William Horner Caparn	Newark	parish clerk	1 Jun 1827
Thomas Clarke, blacksmith	Car Colston	parish clerk	13 Feb 1832
William Thurman, joiner	Tollerton	parish clerk	9 Jun 1838
Thomas Crozier, yeoman	Mansfield	parish clerk	5 Oct 1854
Charles Baker, yeoman	Nottingham (St Nicholas)	parish clerk	20 Dec 1856
John Hill, lace maker	Nottingham (St Mary)	parish clerk	29 Oct 1859
John Louis Jennings, framework knitter	Sutton-in-Ashfield	parish clerk	24 May 1864

\*note added 15 Jul 1780 that declaration made 'by John Boulton, then called John Hood as therein inserted by Mistake he at that time not knowing his real Name to be John Boulton'.

