Rutland gentry in the reigns of Henry VI and Edward IV

LIST OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS FOR RUTLAND 1422 TO 1483

TNA C219/14/1 (ii) Thursday 1 September 8 Henry VI [1428]
Sheriff: John Daveys
MPs: Robert Browe armiger¹ and John Boyvyle armiger

TNA C219/14/2 (ii) Thursday before the Nativity 9 Henry VI [21 December 1430]
Sheriff: Thomas Flore
MPs: John Colpepur miles² and Robert Browe armiger

TNA C219/14/3 (ii) Thursday after the Annunciation 10 Henry VI [27 March 1432]
Sheriff: Henry Plesyngton knight
MPs: Thomas Grenham of Ketton and Thomas Flore of Oakham

TNA C219/14/4 (ii) Thursday before the feast of the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr [2 July 1433]
Sheriff: John Deyvile armiger
MPs: Thomas Grenham of Ketton and William Beaufo of Seaton armigers.

¹ armiger means an esquire, one who ‘bears arms’.
² or knight
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CPR 1429-35 p 370
Commissioners to take the oath: William bishop of Lincoln, William de Zouche of Harringworth kt, Thomas Grenham (MP) and William Beaufo (MP): 1434.

John Basynges of Empingham kt, John Colepepir of Exton kt, Henry Plesyngton of Burley kt, Robert Browe of Woodhead armiger, Robert Daneyes of Tickencote arm, John Browe of Teigh arm, John Plesyngton of Whissendine arm, Thomas Flore of Oakham arm, Francis Clerke of Stoke Dry arm, John Chyselden of Braunston arm, John Sapcote of Ketton merchant, Robert Whitwell of Ketton gent, John Clerke of Whissendine merchant, William Lewys of Oakham merchant, John Brigge of Oakham merchant, John Basset of North Luffenham gent, John Palmer of North Luffenham gent, John Palmer of North Luffenham gent, William Sheffeld of Seaton gent, John Sadyngton of Seaton gent, Robert Sousex of Market Overton gent, John Vowe of Whitwell gent, William Pochon of Whissendine gent, William Swafeld of Braunston gent, Henry Breton of Ketton, William Uffyngton of Pilton gent, Thomas Luffenham of Wing.

Note: some prominent gentry such as the Burtons of Tolthorpe may have taken the oath in other counties where they also held property.

TNA C219/14/5 (ii) Thursday before the feast of St Michael archangel 14 Henry VI [22 September 1435]
Sheriff: John Pilton
MPs: John Browe of Teigh and William Beaufo of Seaton armigers

TNA C219/15/1 (iii) Thursday after the Epiphany 15 Henry VI [10 January 1437]
Sheriff: Hugh Boyvyle
MPs: John Braunspath of Exton and Thomas Greneham of Ketton armigers

Parliament 1439-40: MPs: Robert Browe and Hugh Boyvyle
TNA C219/15/2 (ii) Thursday before the Epiphany 20 Henry VI [4 January 1442]
Sheriff: Thomas Flore esquire
MPs: John Braunspath esq of Exton and William Heton esq of Oakham

TNA C219/15/4 (ii) Thursday before the feast of the Purification of BVM 25 Henry VI [26 January 1447]
Sheriff: John Boyville
MPs: Hugh Boyville of Ridlington esq and Everard Digby of Wissenden esq

TNA C219/15/6 (ii) Thursday before the feast of St Agnes the Virgin 27 Henry VI [16 January 1449]
Sheriff: Hugh Boyvyle esq
MPs: Everard Dygby esq and John Browe esq
(The return is damaged).

Parliament 1445-6 William Beaufoy of Seaton and Thomas Flore of Oakham

TNA C219/15/7 (ii) Thursday before the feast of All Saints 28 Henry VI [30 October 1449] (at Uppingham)
Sheriff: Hugh Boyvile
MPs: Everard Dygby of Stoke Dry and Robert Fenne of Exton armigers

TNA C219/16/1 (ii) Thursday before the feast of All Saints 29 Henry VI [29 October 1450]
Sheriff: Robert Fen
MPs: Thomas Palmer esq and Everard Dygby esq
TNA C219/16/2 (ii)  Thursday before the feast of St Mathias the apostle 31
Henry VI [22 February 1453]
Sheriff: Robert Sherard
MPs: William Leke and John Cheselden

TNA C210/16/5  Thursday 25 October 38 Henry VI [1459]
Sheriff: Robert Fenne
MPs: Everard Dygby esq and Ralph Beaufo esq

TNA C219/16/6  Thursday 6 September 39 Henry VI [1460]
Sheriff: Everard Dygby esq
MPs: John Browe esq and John Bovyle of Ridlington esq

TNA C219/17/1 (ii) [30 April] 7 Edward IV [1467]
Sheriff: William Broune of Staunford
MPs: John Drewe esq and John Cheselden esq
This return is very obscure.

3 Wedgwood calls him ‘the old sheriff’; presumably he supervised the election since the new sheriff was Everard Digby who was elected as MP.
4 Wedgwood Register gives 16 September but the return states 6 September which was a Thursday whereas 16 September was not a Thursday.
5 This return is very faded; the date of the election has been recovered from the dorse of the return.
TNA C219/17/2 (ii) Thursday 24 September 12 Edward IV [1472]

**Sheriff:** Thomas Berkeley knight  
**MPs:** Brian Talbot esq and John Pylton  

TNA C219/17/3 (ii) Thursday 1 January 17 Edward IV [1478]:

**Sheriff:** Henry Makworth  
**MPs:** Everard Dygby and Richard Sydale  

**LIST OF TAXERS IN RUTLAND 1422 TO 1483**

1422 Robert Swofeld of Braunston esq, William Parker of Ridlington, Robert Camp of Ketton, John Rome of Ryhall. CFR 1422-30 p7

1428 Nicholas Multon of Ridlington esq, Henry Pykeryng of Dry Stoke gent, James Palmer of North Luffenham esq, Robert Sussex of Overton esq. CFR 1422-30 p219


1431 John Godard of North Luffenham, John Clerk of Barrowden, Ralph Prounce of Seaton, John Basset of North Luffenham. CFR 1430-1437 p68


1436 William bishop of Lincoln, Henry Plesyngton kt, Thomas Grenham, Robert Browe and sheriff. CFR 1430-1437 p261
1436 assessors William le Zouche kt, Henry Plesyngton kt, Thomas Grenham. CFR 1430-1437 p269

1436 John Clerk of Wissendine merchant, John Varden of Uppingham husbandman, Richard Knotte of Tinwell husbandman, Robert Whitwell gent. CFR 1430-1437 p283

1436 prior of Launde, John Browe of Tegh, William Beaufo of Seaton esq. CFR 1430-1437 p290

1437 William bishop of Lincoln, John Braunpath, Thomas Greneham. CFR 1430-1437 p351

1437 John Vough of Whitwell gent, John Clerk of Cottesmore, yeoman, John Wardrop of Lyddyngton yeoman, John Chestre of Ashwell husbandman. CFR 1430-1437 p357

1440 abbot of Peterborough, Robert Browe, Hugh Boivyle. CFR 1437-1445 p140

1440 John Tylton of North Luffenham, John Tomlynson of Cottesmore, John Trottere of Oakham, William Plompton of Greetham. CFR 1437-1445 p144

1442 William le Zouche kt, John Braunspath of Exton esq, William Heton of Oakham esq. CFR 1437-1445 p214


1445 distributors William le Zouche kt, William Beaufo, Thomas Flore of Oakham. CFR 1437-1445 p325

1445 William Plompton of Gretham, John Wylchar of South Luffenham, Henry ate Margetes of Ryhall, William Tylton of Edith Weston. CFR 1437-1445 p332

1446 William le Zouche kt, William Beaufo of Seaton, Thomas Flore of Oakham. CFR 1437-1445 p32

1446 William Oxenton of Belton barker, Nicholas Tampon of Morcote, Henry Wright of Bergh [Barrow], Robert Mylner of Ashwell. CFR 1437-1445 p38

1449 William le Zouche, Everard Dygby esq, John Browe esq. CFR 1437-1445 p121


1453 William le Zouche kt, William Leeke and John Chiselden MPs. CFR 1452-61 p48

1463 Thomas Berkeley kt, Hugh Boyvyle, Thomas Flore and Robert Catesby. CFR 1461-71 p101


1468 Thomas Overton of Morcott gent, John Fletcher of Oakham merchant, William Wylkyns of Cottesmore yeoman, Thomas Bradfeld of Market Overton yeoman. CFR 1461-71 p235

William Hastyngs of Hastyngs kt, John Browe esq and John Chiselden esq. CFR 1461-71 p239