

## 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 armiger<sup>1</sup> and John Boyvyle armiger

**Electors:** John Basynges knight, Henry Plesyngton knight, John Culpepir armiger, Thomas Grenham, armiger, Thomas Flore, armiger, Hugh Boyvyle armiger, Robert Whytwell armiger, John Sapcote, Ralph Beaufo, John Sadyngton, John Pylton, John Durrant, Richard Veysy, Ralph Prounce, Robert Wymerke, Richard Spray, William Kendale, Robert Palmer, Henry Breton, William Baxter.

#### **TNA C219/14/2 (ii) Thursday before the Nativity 9 Henry VI [ 21 December 1430]**

**Sheriff:** Thomas Flore

**MPs:** John Colpepur miles<sup>2</sup> and Robert Browe armiger

**Electors:** John Basynges knight, John Burgh, Nicholas Caldecote, Robert Whitwell armiger, John Sapcote, John Chyselden, William Swafeld, John Sadyngton, John Pylton, Henry Breton de Breton, John Clypsham, Hugh Wyght, William Lewys, John Brygge, James Palmer, John Basset, Richard Spray.

#### **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

**Electors:** John Colepepir knight, John Basynges knight, Robert Browe armiger, John Plesyngton armiger, John Burgh, Nicholas Caldecote, John Browe, Francis Clerke, John Pylton, John Basset, John Spencer, William Chytterhowe, Richard Veysey, Ralph Prouns.

#### **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.

**Electors:** John Colepeper knight, John Basynges knight, Robert Browe, Thomas Flore, John Browe, Ralph Beaufo, John Chyselden armigers, John Pylton, Robert Baxter, William Swafeld senior, William Uffyngton, John Sadyngton, William Swafeld junior, Henry Breton.

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<sup>1</sup> armiger means an esquire, one who 'bears arms'.

<sup>2</sup> or knight

*List of gentry of Rutland to be sworn to keep the peace 1434*

**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 Daneys 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, James Palmer of North Luffenham gent, John Palmer of North Luffenham gent, William Sheffield 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

**Electors:** John Basynges knight, Robert Browe of Woodhead, Thomas Flore of Oakham, John Braunspath of Exton armiger, John Chesilden of Braunston, Robert Cheselden of Braunston, John Clyppesham of Cottesmore, John Clerk of Whissendine, William Swafeld of Braunston, William Caldecott of Ridlington, James Palmer of North Luffenham, John Basset of North Luffenham, John Palmer of North Luffenham, John Duraunt of Barrowdon, Henry Bretanne of Ketton, Robert Southsex of Market Overton, William Plumpton of Greetham, John Voughan of Whitwell, William Lowys of Oakham, John Bryg of Oakham, John Spencer of Oakham.

**TNA C219/15/1 (iii) Thursday after the Epiphany 15 Henry VI [10 January 1437]**

**Sheriff:** Hugh Boyvile

**MPs:** John Braunspath of Exton and Thomas Greneham of Ketton armigers

**Electors:** John Basynges knight, Robert Browe, William Beaufo, Thomas Flore armigers, John Pylton, Robert Baxter, John Kyrkeby.

*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

**Electors:** John Basynges knight, Robert Browe, William Beaufou, Thomas Dale, William Malyversy armigers, Robert Whitwell, John Vowe, William Parker, William Swafeld, Robert Baxter, William Lewys, John Brygge, Hugh Wyght, William Caldecote, John Warde, John Sherman.

**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

**Electors:** William Beaufo, Thomas Flore, Thomas Dalle, Robert Flore, Thomas Burtun, Ralph Beaufo, Robert Whytwell, Robert Chesyliden, John Chesyliden.

**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

**Electors:** William Eton, Thomas Flore, Robert Flore, John Eddynham, Hugh Wygth, John Colle, James Waryn, Thomas Southsex, Thomas Hunt, John Basset.  
*(The return is damaged).*

*Parliament 1445-6 William Beaufo 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

**Electors:** John Chesyliden of Belton, William Swafeld of Braunston, William Clerke of Oakham, John Edynham of Oakham, Thomas Stoke of Stoke, Robert Stombyll of Wardeley.

**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

**Electors:** John Browe, William Eton, Thomas Flore, Robert Flore armigers, John Swafeld, Robert Whitwell, John Shefeld, Thomas Stokes, James Wareyn, John Clypsham, Richard Colston, John of the Wardrop, Richard Pochon, Henry Thorpe, John Baxster, John Beverych, John Penythorn, John Hebbes, John Gonnell, Richard Weston, John Overton, James Palmer, John Basset, Henry Margarett.

**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

**Electors:** William Heton armiger, William Beaufou armiger, Thomas Flore armiger, Christopher Wenteworthe armiger, John Vow, Henry Breton, John Spenythorn, John Cowerd, John Edenham, Henry Margarett, John Baxter, Richard Pochon, Henry Wryght, John Gescok, William Clerke, John Colle.

**TNA C210/16/5 Thursday 25 October 38 Henry VI [1459]**

**Sheriff:** Robert Fenne<sup>3</sup>

**MPs:** Everard Dygby esq and Ralph Beaufo esq

**Electors:** William Beaufo armiger, Henry Makworth armiger, John Chesylden armiger, John Browe armiger, William Leke armiger, Robert Whitwell armiger, John Pylton armiger, Thomas Neel, Henry Margereds, John Ragdale, John Trotte, Thomas Overton, William Clerk, William Chesylden, Robert Shorterede, Henry Bretton, Robert Lovet, John Spenser, Thomas Susex, Richard Parker, Richard Wymerk, Thomas Caster, Thomas Meddowe, John George.

**TNA C219/16/6 Thursday 6<sup>4</sup> September 39 Henry VI [1460]**

**Sheriff:** Everard Dygby esq

**MPs:** John Browe esq and John Bovyle of Ridlington esq

**Electors:** John Fraunceys armiger, Thomas Flore armiger, Henry Makworth armiger, Henry Chesterton armiger, John Dale armiger, John Sapcote, Robert Durant, Thomas Neele, William Clerk, John Edenham, John Baxter, Thomas Hunt, James Palmer, Robert ?Palmer, William Plumpton, Henry Souxsex, George Mercer, William Hykeham, John Trunke, Henry Margettye, Henry Breton, Thomas Adam, John Glover, Henry Plumpton, James Godeman, Richard Smyth.

**TNA C219/17/1 (ii) [30 April<sup>5</sup>] 7 Edward IV [1467]**

**Sheriff:** William Broune of Staunford

**MPs:** John Drewe esq and John Cheselden esq

**Electors:** William Greneham armiger, Henry Makworth armiger, William Chesilden gentilman, Thomas ..., William Holyngworth, Henry ..., John Baxter, Thomas Spenser, ... John Wryght, ... William Hubard, William Smyth, Thomas C..., Henry Ritedale, John Whit[well] ...

*This return is very obscure.*

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<sup>3</sup> Wedgwood calls him ‘the old sheriff’; presumably he supervised the election since the new sheriff was Everard Digby who was elected as MP.

<sup>4</sup> Wedgwood Register gives 16 September but the return states 6 September which was a Thursday whereas 16 September was not a Thursday.

<sup>5</sup> 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

**Electors:** Richard Sapcote knight, Robert Wytelbury armiger, John Dale armiger, Richard Sapcote of Ketton, Thomas Swafeld, Richard Sydale, Robert Durant, Nicholas Bassett, Walter Coly, William Trafford, Ralph Capett, John Burg, Richard Wymark, James Goldman, Henry Breton, John Spenythorn, John Knott, Thomas Smyth, John Uffynghon, William Stabyll, William Coly, Robert Edmond, Richard Clyff.

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

**Sheriff:** Henry Makworth

**MPs:** Everard Dygby and Richard Sydale

**Electors:** Thomas Flore armiger, John Chesylden armiger, Nicholas Basett, Thomas Sofeld, William Trefford, Thomas Overton, William Clerk, William Draper, William Coly, John Sharp, John Baxter, Ralph Arnesdale, John Hert, John Freman.

**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

1429 William Chapman of Lyddyngton, Robert Chapman of Lyddyngton, John Rome of Ryhall, Richard Knot of Tinwell. CFR 1422-30 p294

1430 Henry Pykeryng of Stoke Dry, Henry Breton of Ketton, William Smyth of Oakham wolman, William Chapman of Lyddyngton. CFR 1422-30 p329

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

1432 Thomas Luffynghon of Wing, William Uffynghon of Pilton, John Reynold of Langham, John Edunham. CFR 1430-1437 p108

1433 William bishop of Lincoln, Thomas Grenham, William Beaufo. CFR 1430-1437 p138

1434 John Spenser of Oakham, James Palmer, Robert Southsex, William Medewe. CFR 1430-1437 p196

1436 William bishop of Lincoln, Henry Plesynghon 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

1442 Richard Pochon of Wissendine, Henry Thorpe of Lyddyngton, William Oxenton of Belton barker, John Couherd of Market Overton. CFR 1437-1445 p218

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

1445 William Plumpton 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

1449 John Aschelay of Wardley, Robert Baxter of Wardeley, John Knotte of Tinwell, John Pylton of Pilton, Robert Schortered of Uppingham, John Coker of Whitwell, John Skerehare of South Luffenham. CFR 1437-1445 p129

1450 Marmaduke (Lumley) bishop of Lincoln, William Zouche of Haryngworth kt, Henry Plesyngton kt, Hugh Boyvyle, Thomas Flore and Thomas Palmer and sheriff. CFR 1437-1445 p173

1453 Everard Dygby of Stoke Dry, John Watson of Stoke Dry, John Sheffield of Seaton, John Hebbys of Exton, Richard Smith of Empingham, John Jefkok of Empingham, William Fresby of Uppingham, Richard Pochon of Wissendine. CFR 1452-61 p48

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

1463 Robert Stombyll of Wardley, William Trafford of Oakham, Thomas Clerk of Empingham, John Sheffield of Seaton, John Baxster of Lyddyngton, William Stabull of Burley, Thomas Adam of Langham, Henry Breton of Ketton. CFR 1461-71 p107

1463 Robert Stombyll of Wardley, William Trafford of Oakham, Thomas Clerk of Emp, John Sheffield of Seaton, John Baxster of Lyddyngton, William Stapull of Burley, Thomas Adam of Langham, Henry Breton of Ketton. CFR 1461-71 p111

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