

## Extract from St. Mary's Parish Register

Bound up and reversed under the year 1681 is a copy of the Protestation organised by Pym, drawn up by a Committee of the House of Commons in 1641 and sent out for signature throughout the country. Subscribed in this parish by 48 signatures or marks on recto. And 22 more on the verso, it runs as follows:-

**“A protestation made by the Parliament 5 Maii 1641 taken by the Parishioners of Little Baddow and others. Ahno 27 September 1641 as followeth: I, A.B. doe in the presence of Almighty God, promise vow and protest to maintaine and defend as farre as lawfully I may with my life power and estate of the true reformed protestant religion expressed in the doctrine of the Church of England, against all Popery and Popish innovations within this Realm contrary to the said doctrine. And according to the duty of my allegiance his Majesties Royal Person Honor and Estate, As also the power and priviledge of Parliament the lawful rights and liberties of the subject, and every person that maketh his protestation in whatsoever he shall doe in the lawful pursuance of the same, and to my power and as far as lawfully I my I will oppose and by all good ways either by force practice counsells plotte conspiracies or otherwise doe anything to the contrary of anything in this present protestation contained, and further that I shall in all just and honourable wayes endeavour to preserve the union and peace between the three kingdoms of England, Scotland and Ireland and neither for hope feare nor other respects shall relinquish this promise vow and protestation”.**

**“Matthew Rudd, Jacob Hants, John Newton, Pastor, Thomas Cobbett, Jacob Malden, John Levet, John Smyth, Richard Glascock, Thomas Gowers, Edward Stele, John Porter, John Walker, Elias Pledger, John Reade, William Smith, Robert Burke, William Wright, John Hunt, Edward Saffold, William Brocot (?), Robert Haydon, John Malden , Arthur Draper, John Whitlocke, Umphry Crow, Anthony Westwood, John Sach, Thomas Pechy, Will Sage, Walter Eaves, John Opy, William Hog, Thomas Silvester, John Harvy, William Saffold, Richard Adams, Henry Harey, John Tanner, Thomas Sewell, John Benit, John Bastwicke, Richard Jackson, John Clarke, Samuel Jeyms, Simon Haws, Richard Clarke, Thomas Malden, Robert Brooke, Thomas Clerke, Thomas Wilson, Thos. Haris, Cyprian Cornwell, John Carl, William Thurgood, John Swinford, John Grygs, John Chapman, Thomas Glascocke, John Tanner, Henry Gygs, William Haws, Izak Burrows, Christopher Bastwicke, Richard Wells, John Wells, William Garret, Robert Griggs, John Sorrell, John Dikes, Thomas Glascocke, John Fuller.”**

The part of the sheet unfilled by the signatures to the Protestation was subsequently used for the following particulars of the family of Christopher Spelman and Judith King his wife.  
(Transcribed by Jesse Berridge and Mr. Warsop.)