

Saffron Walden Sacrament Certificates

Sacrament Certificates were a legal requirement after the Test Act of 1672 and were in use until 1828. The certificate was needed to prove that a person taking public office was taking Holy Communion according to the Church of England – thus it aimed to exclude Dissenters from taking part in local government, the magistracy etc. The list thus reflects the Anglican elite which ruled towns at this time. Saffron Walden has a particularly large collection of these certificates – 400 are listed below, dated 1703-1819. These certificates belong to Saffron Walden Town Council, and are stored at the Essex Record Office. They can be found by searching the SEAX database on <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk> at D/B 2/QSS7/14/

Jonathan Powell, junior, gent, 4 Oct 1703
Joseph Sparrow, gent, 4 June 1705
William Patch, 8 Oct 1705
Edmond Harris, gent, 8 Oct 1705
Thomas Ingrey, gent, 17 Nov 1708
George Jackson, clerk, 11 Jan 1712/13
John Morgan, gent, 10 Oct 1714
John Powell, 10 Oct 1714
Richard Reynolds, gent, 10 Oct 1714
Ensign John Cowley of the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 5 Nov 1714[Bishops Stortford church, Herts]
William Holgate, esquire, 7 Nov 1714
Jonathan Powell, gent, 9 Nov 1714
John Leverett, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Joseph Collin, gent, 9 Nov 1714
James Carter, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Richard Archer, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Thomas Readmell, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Edward Alcraft, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Richard Bishopp, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Edward Turvill, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Charles Savill, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Richard Bentham, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Thomas Bailey, of Newport Pond, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Thomas Dexter of Stansted Mountfitchett, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Henry Cole of Great Chesterford, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Matthew Cabread of Ashdon, gent, 9 Nov 1714
James Lambert of Ickleton, Cambs, gent, 9 Nov 1714
Edward Bale, gent, 9 Nov 1714
George Brown, gent, 9 Nov 1714

John Rowley, gent, 10 Nov 1714
 Gilbert Wigmore, esquire, 10 Nov 1714
 John Smith, lieutenant of the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 5 Dec 1714
 William Boyd, adjutant to the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 5 Dec 1714[Bishops Stortford church, Herts]
 Captain Benjamin Cuttle of the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 5 Dec 1714[Bishops Stortford church, Herts]
 Captain John Bazire of the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 5 Dec 1714 [in Bishops Stortford church, Herts]
 Lieutenant Richard Kenney of the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 5 Dec 1714 [Bishops Stortford church, Herts]
 John Turner, gent, lieutenant of the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 6 Dec 1714
 John Young, gent, 6 Dec 1714
 Benjamin Newbolt of Littlebury, schoolmaster, 6 Dec 1714
 Peter Ribton, lieutenant of the King's Own Regiment of Foot, 25 Dec 1714
 William Holgate, esquire, 6 Mar 1714/15
 William Glascock, of Farnham, esquire, 6 Mar 1714/15
 John Wale, esquire, 8 Apr 1715
 Robert Butto, clerk, 1 May 1715
 Edward Ball, gent, 7 June 1715
 Jonathan Powell, gent, 7 June 1715
 Charles Savill, gent, 7 June 1715
 Edward Turvill, gent, 7 June 1715
 James Lambert, gent, 19 June 1715 [St John's church, Duxford, Cambs]
 Henry Cole, gent, 19 June 1715 [St John's church, Duxford, Cambs]
 Thomas Dexter, gent, 19 June 1715 [St John's church, Duxford, Cambs]
 Thomas Baily, gent, 19 June 1715 [St John's church, Duxford, Cambs]
 Matthew Cabread, gent, 19 June 1715 [St John's church, Duxford, Cambs]
 John Stevenson of Clavering, esquire, 4 July 1715 [Clavering church]
 Richard Reynolds, gent, 29 July 1715
 John Rowley, gent, 1 Aug 1715
 Thomas Hunsbach, excise officer, 11 Aug 1715
 John Wale, esquire, 7 Oct 1715
 Henry, Earl of Suffolk and Brandon, 7 Oct 1715
 Thomas Sheffard, gent, 1 July 1716
 William Wilton, excise officer, 1 July 1716
 Jonathan Powell, gent, 19 Oct 1716
 Edward Ball, gent, 19 Oct 1716
 Henry Robinson, gent and collector of excise revenue, 16 Aug 1717
 John Palmer, excise officer, 6 Apr 1718
 Rowland Maugham, officer of duty of hides, 6 Apr 1718
 Edward Clarke, excise officer, 6 Apr 1718
 James Carter, gent, 4 Nov 1718
 Thomas Ingrey, gent, 12 Oct 1719
 Richard Mayor, gent, 9 Jan 1719/20
 Joseph Sparrow, gent, 9 Jan 1719/20

William Hopkins, clerk, 9 May 1720
George Browne, gent, 8 Nov 1720
John Leverett, gent, 10 Oct 1722
The Hon Charles Howard, esquire, 10 Mar 1722/23
Richard Bright, gent and excise supervisor, 6 May 1723
Robert Keam, gent and excise officer, 6 May 1723
David Puthero, gent and excise officer, 6 May 1723
Edward Alcraft, gent, 8 July 1723
Anthony Whitting, 22 Sept 1723 [Melbourne church, Cambs]
Edmund Harris, gent, 7 Oct 1723
John Patch, gent, 7 Oct 1723
William Malcher of Hadstock, clerk, 5 Feb 1723/24
John Patch, gent, 5 Oct 1724
John Jones, excise officer, 3 Jan 1724/25
William Grimwood, excise officer, 3 Jan 1724/25
Benjamin Johnson, excise officer, 3 Oct 1725
John Denton, excise officer, 3 Oct 1725
Thomas Cape, excise officer, 3 Oct 1725
Thomas Ingrey, gent, 3 Oct 1725
Edward Ball, gent, 8 Nov 1725
Thomas Pease, excise officer, 10 Apr 1726
George Harris, excise officer, 22 Apr 1726 [in Thaxted church]
John Patch, gent, 1 Oct 1727
Robert Swan, gent, 1 Oct 1727
Richard Archer, gent, 1 Oct 1727
Richard Wright, 4 Feb 1738
[Sarah?] Wakeling, 4 Mar 1738
Joseph Whitley, 6 May 1739
Robert Kedington, gent, 28 Apr 1740
Thomas Wolfe, 3 Oct 1742
Joseph Collin, gent, 9 Feb 1743
Thomas Wolfe, gent, town clerk, 13 Feb 1743
Thomas Wolfe, gent, 6 Apr 1743
George Cronk, 2 Oct 1743
Thomas Archer, gent, 2 Oct 1743
James Chappell, gent, 25 Dec 1744
John Mills, gent, mayor, 25 Dec 1744
William Truelove, officer of excise, 12 Jan 1745
John Archer, gent, mayor, 12 Jan 1745/6
Joseph Collin, gent, 12 Jan 1745
Thomas Archer, gent, 12 Jan 1745
William Elliot, officer of excise, 1 Sept 1745
Edward Ball, gent, 6 July 1746
William Mapletoft, 5 Oct 1746
William Winstanley, gent, mayor, 5 Oct 1746
Thomas Feary of Hempstead, 4 Oct 1747
John Archer, gent, 1 Nov 1747
Thomas Brown, gent, mayor, 1 Nov 1747

William Mapletoft, gent, 2 Jan 1748
Richard Hockley, gent, 2 Jan 1748
Henry Archer, gent, mayor, 2 Jan 1748
John Hutchinson of Old Sampford, 4 June 1749
Francis Secker, 4 June 1749
Charles, Lord Maynard, Baron, Recorder, 2 July 1749
Edward Stephens of Henham, 2 July 1749
Edward Squire, esq, deputy Recorder, 2 July 1749
Edward Ball, gent, mayor, 2 Oct 1749
Edward Leveret, gent, 2 Oct 1749
Edmund Squire esq, 28 Dec 1749
Edward Leveret, gent, 6 Jan 1750
William Mapletoft, gent, 5 Jan 1750
Charles Perkins, 1 July 1750
William Williams of Old Sampford, 1 July 1750
Joseph Ashton of Great Chishill, 1 July 1750
Philip Martin, gent, 7 April 1751
William Flower, gent, 7 April 1751
Henry Archer, gent, 7 Oct 1751
Joseph Collin, gent, mayor, 7 Oct 1751
Sir William Maynard, Baronet, 14 June 1752
Edward Leverett, gent, mayor, 1 Oct 1752
Thomas Wolfe, gent, 22 April 1753
John Mills, gent, mayor, 25 Dec 1753
William Mapletoft, gent, 25 Dec 1753
Robert Mapletoft, gent, 25 Dec 1753
Richard Taylor of Old Sampford, 6 Jan [1754?]
John Archer, gent, mayor, 5 Jan 1755
Edward [Vernon?], 6 July 1755
Henry Archer, gent, 6 July 1755
William Flower, gent, mayor, 5 Oct 1755
Philip Martin, gent, mayor, 5 Dec 1756
James Wyatt esq, of Little Canfield, 29 May 1757
John Pinsent of Little [Easton?], Clerk, 5 Jun 1757
Rev Robert Fiske, Clerk, 7 August 1757
William Leverett, gent, 6 Nov 1757
Henry Archer, gent, 6 Nov 1757
Robert Mapletoft, gent, mayor, 6 Nov 1757
John Mills, gent, 8 Jan 1758
Thoms Browne, 1 Oct 1758
Henry Archer, gent, mayor, 1 Oct 1758
James Raymond, esq, 3 Dec 1758
William Kilburn, esq, deputy Recorder, 3 Dec 1758
Peter Scotton of Great Sampford, 15 Apr 1759
James Raymond, esq, 6 Jan 1760
Thomas Wolfe, gent, mayor, 6 Feb 1760
William Mapletoft, gent, mayor, 7 Dec 1760
John [Payes?], 22 March 1761

[Norris?] [Williams?] 22 Mar 1761
 James Dimmock, 22 Mar [1761?]
 John [Garnford?], 22 Mar 1761
 John [Payes?], 22 Mar 1761
 George Shelley, 22 Mar 1761
 Abrham [Hare?] 22 Mar 1761
 James Raven, 22 Mar 1761
 William Leverett, gent, 23 Mar 1761
 John Spragg of Thaxted, 10 May 1761
 Robert Westcott of [Great Sampford?], 10 May 1761
 Edward Ball, gent, mayor, 1 Nov 1761
 John Bullock, Clerk, Rector of Radwinter, 8 Nov 1761
 William Leverett, gent, 7 Feb [1762?]
 James Raymond, esq, mayor, 7 Nov 1762
 William Mapletoft, gent, 7 Nov 1762
 William Leverett, Clerk of the Market, 6 Mar 1763
 William Leverett, gent, mayor, 2 Oct 1763
 Samuel Barfield, officer of excise, 25 Dec 1763
 William Archer, gent, 10 June 1764
 John Alexander, 7 July 1765
 Richard Flower, 7 July 1765
 John Archer, gent, mayor, 2 Feb 1766
 Wiliam Flower, gent, mayor, 5 Oct 1766
 William [Hart?], officer of excise, 7 Dec 1766
 Samuel [Barfield?], officer of excise, 7 Dec 1766
 [Hayward], officer of excise, ? Dec 1766
 Richard Fowler, 2 Aug 1767
 John [Alcock?], 7 Aug 1767
 Daniel Ffuller of Debden, 6 Sept 1767
 Jeremiah [Flower?] of Debden, officer of excise ? Apr 1768
 Philip Martin, 8 Apr 1768
 James [Wycherley?], officer of excise, 22 Jan 1769
 Edward [Bridgland?], 8 Jan 1769
 William Archer, gent, mayor, 26 Mar 1769
 Richard Lushington, 6 Aug 1769
 Thomas Browne, gent, 2 Oct 1769
 Willliam Flower, gent, 7 Jan 1770
 Joseph Collin, gent, 15 April 1770
 William Flower, gent, 8 Oct 1770
 Robert Mapletoft, gent, 8 Oct 1770
 Elias [Darby?], 3 Mar 1771
 John Bunyan, 3 Mar 1771
 Joseph Collin, gent, 6 Oct 1771
 William Archer, gent, 1 Mar 1772
 John ffiske, gent, 5 Oct 1772
 Thomas Hll ffiske, gent, 5 Oct 1772
 William Flower, gent, 5 Oct 1752
 William Mapletoft, gent, 5 Oct 1752

Richard Boscawen, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, 10 Jan 1773
Hon Sir John Griffin Griffin, Knight of the Bath, 2 Aug 1773
William Flower, gent, 3 Oct 1773
Thomas Hall fiske, gent, 3 Oct 1773
Thomas Parry, excise officer, 5 Dec 1773
Thomas Dickinson, excise officer, 3 April 1774
Thomas [Pelter?], excise officer, 3 April 1774
John Fiske, gent, 3 Oct 1774
William Flower, gent, 3 Oct 1774
John Ruffe, innkeeper, 2 July 1775
William Flower, gent, 1 Oct 1775
William Leverett, gent, 1 Oct 1775
Joseph [Daylor?], esq, Knight, 8 Oct 1775
Peter Ellis, officer of excise, 5 Nov 1775
Thomas [Lond?], officer of excise, 5 Nov 1775
John Banham, officer of excise, [24?] Nov 1775
John Collin, gent, 7 Apr 1776
Thomas Hall Fiske, gent, 7 Apr 1776
James Browne, officer of excise, 7 Apr 1776
William Flower, gent, 6 Oct 1776
Thomas Wolfe esq, 6 Oct 1776
Edward Hatten, 25 Dec [1776?]
John Ruffe, gent, 30 Mar 1777
William Archer, gent, 30 Mar 1777
John Vallence, 26 Apr 1778
William Archer, gent, 30 Apr 1778
John Ruffe, gent, 7 Feb 1779
William Archer, butcher, 3 Oct 1779
William Flower, gent, 26 Mar 1780
Peter Bowis, excise officer, 29 Oct 1780 [Henham church]
John Fenn, 15 Apr 1781
William Archer, gent, 15 Apr 1781
Robert Mapletoft, gent, 15 Apr 1781
William Mapletoft, gent, 15 Apr 1781
John Woolfe, esquire, 5 Aug 1781
William Flower, gent, 6 Oct 1782
John Collin, gent, 20 Apr 1783
John Alcock, excise supervisor, 20 Apr 1783
William Cockerill, 5 Oct 1783
Thomas Hall Fiske, gent, 11 Apr 1784
William Archer, gent, 11 Apr 1784
George Pochin of Newport, esquire, 11 Apr 1784
John Fiske, gent, 3 Oct 1784
John Ruffe, gent, 3 Oct 1784
Thomas Blomfield, 2 Oct 1785
William Campbell, clerk, 2 Oct 1785
Henry Archer, 2 Oct 1785
Thomas Chapman, 2 Oct 1785

Andrew Impett, 2 Oct 1785
Edward Marriott, excise officer, 4 June 1786
George Dellow, excise officer, 4 June 1786
Richard Burrows, gent, 6 Aug 1786
William Archer, gent, 1 July 1787
Jonathan Bowtell, surveyor of windows, etc, 2 Mar 1788
Ralph Knight Allen, esquire, 3 Aug 1788 [Sawbridgeworth church, Herts]
John Ruffe, gent, 5 Oct 1788
Joseph Collin, gent, 5 July 1789
William Archer, gent, 5 July 1789
William Archer [mayor], 4 Oct 1789
Thomas Hall, gent, 6 June 1790
John Ruffe, innkeeper, 6 June 1790
James Marshall, excise officer, 7 Nov 1790
Thomas Willcox, excise officer, 7 Nov 1790
John Woodward, excise officer, 7 Nov 1790
Thomas Hall, gent, 2 Jan 1791
Thomas Hall, gent, 1 July 1792
Joseph Collin, gent, 1 July 1792
Richard Burrows, 31 Mar 1793
Thomas Hall Fiske, 31 Mar 1793
John Fiske, 6 Oct 1793
Henry Archer, 6 Oct 1793
Henry Archer, 5 Oct 1794
Richard Burrows, 6 Nov 1796
Thomas Gardiner, innkeeper, 2 July 1797
John Fiske, 2 July 1797
James Trower, esquire, deputy recorder, 7 Jan 1798
John Ruffe, gent, 7 Jan 1798
Rt Hon Lord Braybrooke, 7 Jan 1798
Thomas Gardner, 12 May 1799
Thomas Smith, 1 Dec 1799
Robert Catlin, 1 Dec 1799
Peter Bowis, excise officer, 29 Oct 1780 [Henham church]
John Fenn, 15 Apr 1781
William Archer, gent, 15 Apr 1781
Robert Mapletoft, gent, 15 Apr 1781
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John Woolfe, esquire, 5 Aug 1781
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Henry Archer, 5 Oct 1794
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John Fiske, 2 July 1797
James Trower, esquire, deputy recorder, 7 Jan 1798
John Ruffe, gent, 7 Jan 1798
Rt Hon Lord Braybrooke, 7 Jan 1798
Thomas Gardner, 12 May 1799
Thomas Smith, 1 Dec 1799
Robert Catlin, 1 Dec 1799
William Archer, 2 Feb 1800
David Bull, excise officer, 19 Apr 1800
Robert Noyes, excise officer, 19 Apr 1800
William Stewardson, excise officer, 19 Apr 1800
Charles Fiske, 5 Apr 1801
Martin Catlin, 5 Apr 1801
Robert Catlin, 5 Apr 1801
John Ruffe, gent, 3 May 1801
Allen Taylor of Wimbish, 24 May 1801 [Great Sampford church]
John Raymond of Wimbish, clerk, 24 May 1801 [Great Sampford church]
Charles Hayward, clerk, 18 Oct 1801 [Haverhill church, Suffolk]

Thomas Smith, 1 Nov 1801
Martin Catlin, 2 Jan 1803
Charles Fiske, 25 Dec 1803
William Henry Townsend, excise officer, 5 Aug 1804
James Miles, excise officer, 5 Aug 1804
David Puttock, excise officer, 5 Aug 1804
Henry Archer, 7 Oct 1804
Richard Burrows, 7 Oct 1804
William Archer, 6 Apr 1806
William Card, excise officer, 6 Apr 1806
Richard Burrows, 5 Oct 1806
Joseph Taylor of Debden, gent, 29 Mar 1807 [Debden church]
Charles Barfield, excise officer, 29 Mar 1807
Robert Catlin, 3 Jan 1808
Thomas England, 5 Mar 1809
Thomas Smith, 2 Apr 1809
William Miller, excise officer, 1 Oct 1809
Martin Catlin, 7 Jan 1810
Rev Richard Birch, clerk, 2 Dec 1810
Charles Fiske, 6 Jan 1811
John Fiske, 6 Oct 1811
Thomas Smith, 6 Oct 1811
Henry Archer, gent, 4 Oct 1812
Richard Burrows, gent, 9 Jan 1814
John Letch Martin, esquire, 7 Aug 1814
John Letch Martin, esquire, 2 Oct 1814
John Letch Martin, esquire, 5 Nov 1815
Thomas Smith, esquire, 5 Nov 1815
John Letch Martin, esquire, 6 Oct 1816
Charles Fiske, esquire, 6 Oct 1816
William Morgan, excise officer, 6 July 1817
Joseph Collin, esquire, 5 Oct 1817
Thomas Smith, esquire, 4 Oct 1818
Thomas Archer Catlin, 4 Oct 1818
Samuel Fiske, esquire, 4 Oct 1818
Stephen Robinson, 4 Oct 1818
Thomas Archer Catlin, esquire, 3 Oct 1819