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English book owners in the seventeenth century

A work-in-progress listing

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How much do we really know about patterns and impacts of book ownership in Britain in the seventeenth century? How well equipped are we to answer questions such as the following?:

- What was a typical private library, in terms of size and content, in the seventeenth century?
- How does the answer to that question vary according to occupation, social status, etc?
- How does the answer vary over time? – how different are ownership patterns in the middle of the century from those of the beginning, and how different are they again at the end?

Having sound answers to these questions will contribute significantly to our understanding of print culture and the history of the book more widely during this period.

Our current state of knowledge is both imperfect, and fragmented. There is no directory or comprehensive reference source on seventeenth-century British book owners, although there are numerous studies of individual collectors. There are well-known names who are regularly cited in this context – Cotton, Dering, Pepys – and accepted wisdom as to collections which were particularly interesting or outstanding, but there is much in this area that deserves to be challenged. *Private Libraries in Renaissance England* and *Books in Cambridge Inventories* have developed a more comprehensive approach to a particular (academic) kind of owner, but they are largely focused on the sixteenth century. Sears Jayne, *Library Catalogues of the English Renaissance*, extends coverage to 1640, based on book lists found in a variety of manuscript sources. The *Cambridge History of Libraries in Britain and Ireland* (2006) contains much relevant information in this field, summarising existing scholarship, and references to this have been included in individual entries below where appropriate.

Evidence of book ownership in this period is manifested in a variety of ways, which need to be brought together if we are to develop that fuller picture. Lists of books once owned by particular people can be found in sale catalogues, private catalogues, wills, and other various kinds of inventory. Many collections for which no such lists exist are witnessed to today by surviving books, with inscriptions, bookplates, armorial bindings, and numerous other kinds of copy-specific markings. Some collections survive entire, where they were bequeathed or bought en bloc, while others were scattered and are much harder to reconstruct. Working from surviving books is bedevilled not only by the fact that owners did not always mark their books, but also by needing to remember that vast quantities of books have been destroyed since the seventeenth century. There are many collections which once existed which we will never be able to recognise. The quantity of material in our libraries today is nevertheless sufficient to allow us to make significant advances in our knowledge of early book ownership, if we can bring together that information.
This list represents work in progress to construct a reference source on seventeenth-century English book owners, based on all these various kinds of evidence. It does not seek to cover Scottish and Irish owners, unless they were predominantly English-based. The aim is to focus on collections which were at least partly, if not entirely, formed within the seventeenth century and the list includes people who died between 1610 and 1715.

The list draws largely on existing published work but also incorporates evidence of surviving books, taken mainly from sale and library catalogues. One of the challenges of this exercise lies in establishing criteria for inclusion, as regards size of collection. Is a private library of this period interesting if it contains 50 books, 100 books, or 500 books? There is no simple answer to this; it depends on who the owner was, what the books were, and which part of the century it applies to. The list has been compiled on an essentially intuitive basis with the aim of including people who did, or are likely to have, owned enough books to be worth noting in the context of developing that wider understanding. Refining and developing the list is part of the research process. We cannot list every individual who owned a Bible and a shelf of devotional books, but a grocer who owned 50 books in 1620 may be at least as interesting as an academic who owned 500. The list does not include people who are likely to have been owners, but for whom there is no surviving evidence. A number of known users of armorial binding stamps are included, together with users of bookplates, found in the Franks collection, and known to have died before 1715 (these are both areas where other projects and directories are being worked on).

The arrangement of the list should be self-evident, alphabetical by owners’ names, with some entries relating to families rather than individuals (this, again, is an area where more thought is needed as to how best to cope with collections built up over more than one generation). The references cited are not meant to be exhaustive; abbreviated references are expanded in the list at the end.

I am sharing this list through bibliographical Internet sites partly because, imperfect and incomplete though it is, the list may already have enough data to be useful in various kinds of ways, and partly in the hope of stimulating responses and ideas as to how it should be developed. It may also be useful as a list of references and sources of further leads on particular owners. I will be very glad to have suggestions for names and references which should be added, or any other feedback from others who are interested in this area of book history as to how to take this project forward (many thanks to everyone who has already contacted me in this way). I am happy for any or all of the data here to be used in any ways that are helpful to fellow bibliographers though I would appreciate the source being cited where appropriate.

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George Abbot 1562-1633
Archbishop of Canterbury. Bulk of library bequeathed to Lambeth Palace (>2660 vols); also books associated with him elsewhere. Gave books, or money to buy books, to several other institutions. Bequeathed 11 books to Canterbury Cathedral; another 34 books there, with his armorial stamp, were given as Lambeth Palace duplicates by Archbishop Sancroft.

Anthony Abdy 1640
Alderman and sheriff of London. Probate inventory includes books “in the little parlour” in his house at Lime Street, valued at £12; he also had a house at Leytonstone, Essex, with a small number of books including Pliny and “ye Turkish historie”, valued at 12s.
Guildhall Library ms 3760.

Sir Robert Abdy 1615-1670
Of Albyns, Essex. Used an armorial book stamp. Some or all of his books descended through the family until the collection was sold in 1775 after the death of Sotherd Abdy (1773).
Morris.

Nicholas Acton 1614-1664
Of Bockleton, Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists, in the study, “two desks, bookes, a cupboard of drawers, a truncke, and other small trifles” valued at £20.

Patrick Adair ca.1706?
Alston Inventory.

Charles Adams
Of Great Baddow, Essex. Library auctioned at Chelmsford, 16.11.1683 – sale made £89 19s 2d.
M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions.

Richard Adams 1698
Rector of St Mildred’s, Bread Street, London 1655 (ejected 1662); subsequently lived in Southwark. Gave ca 400 vols to Woodchurch school, 1676-81.
DNB. Calamy revised.

Arthur Agarde 1540-1615
Deputy Chamberlain of the Exchequer, and antiquary. Many of his mss collections passed to Cotton, and hence into the BL.

William Alabaster 1567-1640
Poet and dramatist, Rector of Therfield, Hertfordshire. Books with his inscription are found in several collections (Westminster Abbey, Marsh’s Library, Cambridge UL, Bodleian).

Henry Aldrich 1647-1710
Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. Bequeathed his library, including 3000 books, 8000 pieces of music and 2000 engravings, to Christ Church.
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Edward Alleyn 1566-1626
Actor, founder of Dulwich College, 1619. Bequeathed his books to the College; 26 are listed in a contemporary ms, but he probably had more.
DNB. RBDirectory.

Thomas Allen 1542-1632
Mathematician. Bequeathed 250 mss to Kenelm Digby, who gave them to the Bodleian. Also gave 20 mss to the Bodleian in 1601, and printed books in 1604; books/mss from his collection are also found in other libraries.

Thomas Allen
FRS. Library auctioned in London, 12.4.1686.
M&C.

Richard Allestree 1619-81
Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford. Bequeathed his library to the care of Christ Church, Oxford, for the use of the Regius Professor.

William Allott -1670
Physician, of Chesterfield. Inherited medical books from his uncle Robert Allott (d.1642), Linacre Professor of Physick at Cambridge. His books were valued for probate at £15: apparently “one of the largest collections of books in Chesterfield at this time”.
CHL II 176.

John Alsop -1647
Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge; chaplain to Archbishop Laud. Died in exile in France. Bequeathed 60 books to Christ’s, valued at £30.
Sears Jayne. Walker revised.

Vincent Alsop 1630-1703
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Alston -1690
Bequeathed his library of just under 300 vols to the parish of Assington, Suffolk; ca.190 survive today.

Thomas Alured
Recorder of Beverley, 1688-1700. Gave several hundred vols to Beverley parish library ca.1700-10.
Perkin.

Henry Alvey -1627
President of St John’s College, Cambridge; Provost of Trinity College, Dublin 1601-9. Bequeathed books, and 100 marks for the purchase of books, to St John’s.
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Richard Amadas -1629
A number of mss/printed books from his collection now in Cambridge UL. See CUL Add MS 43. Oates p.344-7.

Richard Amherst 1599-1664
Of Bayhall, Kent. Both he and his son William appear to have used the same armorial stamp. Morris.

William Anderton -1693
Printer in London, executed for printing treasonable pamphlets. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 1.3.1699. M&C.

Lancelot Andrewes 1555-1626

Anne, Queen Consort of James I 1574-1619
Several books survive with her armorial stamp. DNB. Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000840&ImageId=ImageId=40025&Copyright=BL.

Queen Anne 1665-1714
Numerous books survive with her armorial stamp. DNB. Harthan. Morris.

Arthur Annesley, 1st Earl of Anglesey 1614-86

Samuel Annesley ca.1620-97
Nonconformist divine. Library sold at auction in London, 18.3.1697. DNB. M&C.

George Anton 1550?-1615?
Recorder of Lincoln. A book with his armorial stamp is in Cambridge UL (P*2.3) Morris.

Thomas Antrobus 1586-1622
Of Heath House, Petersfield. His father (also Thomas, d.1611) gave books to Lincoln’s Inn. Several books survive with his armorial stamp. Morris.

Nicholas Archbold -1693
Of the Inner Temple. 7 incunables, and other books from his collection, are at All Souls College, Oxford. Rhodes.
Sir Simon Archer 1581-1662
  MP for Tamworth. Books known with his armorial.

John Arthur
  Library sold at auction in London, 12.2.1683.

Robert Ashley 1565-1641
  Literary translator. Bequeathed his library (ca.5000 vols) to the Middle Temple.
  RBDirectory. CHL I 459-60.

Elias Ashmole 1617-1692
  Antiquary. Bequeathed his extensive book collections to the University of Oxford, where they were originally housed in the Ashmolean Museum before being transferred to the Bodleian in 1860. Part of his collection was destroyed by fire in 1679. Over 1000 books not retained by the Museum were sold by auction, 22.2.1694.

Abdias Ashton 1563-1633
  Rector of Middleton, Lancashire 1618-33. Gave books to St John’s College, Cambridge.
  Lee, Labels 83.

Sir Henry Ashurst 1645-1711
  London merchant, MP for Truro 1681-95, for Wilton 1698-1702; commissioner of Hackney coaches 1694. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 811/*141).
  Complete baronetage.

George Ashwell 1612-94
  Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford; Rector of Hanwell, Oxfordshire, 1658-94. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 5.5.1696.
  M&C.

Bartholomew Ashwood 1622-1678
  Rector of Bickleigh, Devon 1650-60, and Vicar of Axminster 1660 (ejected). Inventory on decease lists books to the value of £20.
  DNB. Calamy revised.

Jacob Asselin fl. ca.1690
  Used an early cypher bookplate, made ca.1690.
  Lee, British, 21.

William Assheton 1642-1711
  DNB. Alston Inventory.

Sir Samuel Astry 1631?-1704
  Clerk of the Crown in King’s Bench. A late 17th c bookplate is attributed to him.
  Lee, British, 8.
Ambrose Atfield -1684?
Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford; prebendary of St Pauls, incumbent of several London livings. Library auctioned in London, 25.5.1686.
M&C.

Gilbert Atkinson -1709
Rector of Methley, Yorkshire; prebendary of York. Library sold at auction in London, together with that of Isaac Barrow, 31.10.1710.
M&C.

John Atkinson -1622
Of Darlington. Inventory at death lists “his librarie”, valued at £6, although the books are not listed out.

Peter Atkinson 1602/3-1677
Curate of Ellel, Lancashire 1646; ejected at the Restoration, licensed to preach at Cockerham 1672. Inventory on decease lists “his liberal”, valued at £10.
Calamy revised.

Sir Robert Atkyns 1621-1709
Baron of the Exchequer, speaker of the House of Lords. Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of “another gentleman lately deceased”, 13.7.1717.
DNB. Alston Inventory.

John Aubrey 1626-97
Scientist. Bequeathed many of his books to the Ashmolean Museum (hence now in the Bodleian), but also gave books to Gloucester Hall – there are now ca. 40 vols at Worcester College previously owned by Aubrey.

Sir John Aubrey, 2nd Bart. -1700
Of Lantrithyd, Glamorgan. Used an engraved bookplate dated 1698.
Lee, British, 24.

Samuel Austin 1605/6-1671
Vicar of Menheniot, Cornwall 1646 (ejected 1660), apparently lived and preached in Plymouth thereafter (briefly imprisoned). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £25 3s 6d.
Calamy revised.

Sir William Avery d.ca.1707
Library sold by auction in London, 15.10.1707.
Alston Inventory.

Philip Ayres 1638-1712
Poet and miscellaneous writer; tutor to the Drake family, of Agmondesham, Buckinghamshire. Library sold in London, 10.11.1713.
DNB. M&C. Christie’s 23.6.1977 (Evelyn sale)/262; Ayres books are also recorded in Cambridge UL, Shrewsbury School.
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Francis Baber
Chancellor of Gloucester 1627-. Gave books to Gloucester Cathedral Library in 1661.

Gervase Babington 1550-1610
Bishop of Worcester. Many of his books are in Worcester Cathedral Library, given by his son John after his death.

Humfrey Babington 1615-91
Vice-Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Library sold at auction in Cambridge, 12.7.1692.

Nicholas Backhouse
Astrologer. His books were purchased by Elias Ashmole in 1651.

Francis Bacon 1561-1626
Lord Chancellor. Numerous books survive with his armorial stamp.

Francis Bacon
Library auctioned in London, 19.5.1686.
M&C.

Sir Nathaniel Bacon 1549-1622
Of Stiffkey, Norfolk. His will divided a collection of 286 books amongst his family; his English books to his wife and daughters, his French law books to his grandson Roger Townshend, and his Latin books to his grandson Henry Gawdy.

Philip Bacon -1665
Pembroke College Donors’ Book

Sir James Bagge 1590-
Of Plymouth. A rubbing of his armorial stamp is known from the Clements Collection.
Morris.

William Bagshaw ca.1623-57
President of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. Bequeathed books, largely medical, to Caius; many had pastedowns made from cut-up letters to Bagge.

William Bagshaw 1628-1702
Vicar of Glossop, Derbyshire 1651 (ejected 1662); afterwards lived on his estate at Ford Hall, Chapel en le Frith.
Inventory on decease lists books valued at £152 10s.
Calamy revised.
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Reginald Bainbrigge 1545-c.1613
Headmaster of Appleby Grammar School. Bequeathed his library of ca.295 vols to the School (now in Newcastle UL).

Baker
Of Highgate. His library was purchased by John Williams, early 17th c, and given to Westminster Abbey.
RBDirectory.

William Baldwyn -1668

John Bancroft 1574-1640
Bishop of Oxford. Gave 4 mss and 31 printed books to University College, Oxford in 1632. Directed in his will that his books should be sold, with half the proceeds given to aid repair work at St Paul’s Cathedral.
DNB. Sears Jayne. Pearson, Bishops.

Richard Bancroft 1544-1610
Archbishop of Canterbury. Bequeathed his library (>6000 vols) for the use of his successors at Lambeth Palace. 22 items with Bancroft’s armorial are in Canterbury Cathedral Library, given as Lambeth duplicates by Archbishop Sancroft.

Henry Banister -1617
Vice-Provost of King’s College, Cambridge. Bequeathed books and maps to the College.
*A list of the incunabula in the Library of King’s College, Cambridge*, 1908.

Richard Banister -1612
Gave books in his lifetime, and bequeathed money to buy books, to Stamford parish library.

Bankes family
Sir John Bankes, Attorney General (1589-1644); Mary Bankes, his wife (1598-1661); their sons John (1626-56) and Ralph (1631?-77); Ralph’s son John (1665-1714)
Of Corfe Castle and subsequently Kingston Lacy, Dorset. Their books form the foundation of the collection now at Kingston Lacy (National Trust). Few of Sir John’s books appear to have survived Civil War dispersal. Mary, John and Ralph were all actively acquiring books throughout the Interregnum and Restoration decades and many remain today, although some books were certainly dispersed after Ralph’s death, and probably later.

John Barcham 1572?-1642
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford; canon of St Paul’s. Gave 1 ms and 60 printed books to the Bodleian Library in 1602; books from his collection can be found at Corpus, and elsewhere.
Sears Jayne
Andrew Barker 1630?-
Of Fairford, Gloucestershire. Used a bookplate, made ca.1680. Benefactor to Fairford Church.
Lee, British, 15.

Clement Barksdale 1609-87
Vicar of Hereford, author. Gave books to Hereford Vicars Choral Library, and gave/sold books to Gloucester
Cathedral Library in the 1670s.
DNB. S. Eward, No fine but a glass of wine, 1985, 263-4.

Barnaby Barlow -1657
Rector of Barton in Fabis, Nottingahmshire 1637 (ejected 1646); prebendary of York and Southwell. Will referes
to the sale of his books for the benefit of the poor at Barton.
Walker revised.

Thomas Barlow 1607-1691
Bishop of Lincoln. Bequeathed his large collections to the Bodleian, with the proviso that books already in that
library should go to Queen’s, Oxford.

William Barlow -1613
Bishop of Lincoln. Bequeathed a few books to Trinity Hall, and the rest of his books (?)how many) to his nephew.
DNB. Pearson, Bishops.

Barnardiston family
Of Kedlington, Suffolk. Sir Nathaniel Barnardiston (d.1653), Sir Samuel Barnardiston (d.1707), and others.
Samuel used an engraved bookplate, which was later adapted for the 5th Bart, and dated 1728.
Blatchly.

Sir John Barneby 1620-1701
Of Worcester; MP for Weobley. Probate inventory lists “six hundred books of severall volumes” in his closet,
valued at £12.

Joshua Barnes 1654-1712
Professor of Greek at Cambridge. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1700.

Sir Thomas Barrington -1644
Bookseller’s bill with 112 entries survives in Barrington mss at Hatfield Broad Oak. Several books are kown with
his armorial stamp.
Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-
000010052&ImageId=ImageId=44631&Copyright=BL.

Isaac Barrow 1630-77
Mathematician, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Gave ca 60 vols to Trinity during his lifetime, 10 more
were bought after his death. A catalogue of his library, 1099 vols, is in Bodleian Library ms Rawl.D.878, fos.39-
59. The library of an Isaac Barrow was sold at auction in London, 31.10.1710 - ?is it the same man?
DNB. Gaskell/TCC 131. M&C.

Vincent Barry
Chaplain general of the fleet. Library sold at auction in London, 1709.
M&C.
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Walter Bartlett -1640
Of Stopham, Sussex; MP for Bramber. Books are known with his armorial stamp. Morris.

Nathaniel Barton 1615/16-1673
Curate of Cauldwell, Derbyshire (ejected 1662); served in the parliamentary army during the Civil War. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £60. Calamy revised.

Isaac Basire 1607-76
Archdeacon of Northumberland. Library sold at auction in London, 5.2.1710. DNB. M&C.

Edward Bassett
A catalogue of books in his library, ca.1702, is in BL Sloane ms 2392, fos.23-52. Alston Handlist.

William Bassett 1645?-96

William Bates 1625-1699
Vicar of St Dunstan’s in the West, London ca.1654-62 (ejected). Said to have lost £200 worth of books in the Great Fire of London, 1666. His library was bought after his death by Daniel Williams for £500, and became the nucleus of what is now Dr Williams’ Library. DNB; Calamy revised.

Christian Bathurst
Physician (?the Christopher Bathurst, MD Padua 1653, who practised in Lincolnshire?). Library auctioned in London, 24.3.1684. M&C.

Ralph Bathurst 1620-1704
Physician, and President of Trinity College, Oxford. Gave books to Trinity; also gave books to the Bodleian Library in 1657. Gave ca.30 vols to Wells Cathedral Library (of which he was Dean). DNB. Morgan. C. Church, Notes on the … Library of the Dean and Chapter … of Wells, Archaeologia 57 (1901), 201-228. Christie’s 23.6.1977/325; 30.11.1977/496; 16.3.1978/1310 (all Evelyn sales).

John Batteley 1647-1708
Archdeacon of Canterbury. Bequeathed books to Canterbury Cathedral Library. Wanley, on behalf of Edward Harley, conducted lengthy negotiations with Batteley’s nephew John, via several booksellers, for the purchase of his library, 1715-25. 72 mss were subsequently acquired by Harley. Wanley, Diary, v.1 p.15ff. http://ccl-history.referata.com/wiki/John_Batteley.

Mr Baulgy -1697?
Headmaster of the Free School, Sheffield. Library sold by auction there 26.5.1697. Alston Inventory.

Richard Baxter 1615-91
Presbyterian divine. His surviving library catalogue shows him to have had a collection of ca.1500 vols.
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Calamy revised. CHL II 179-80.

Stephen Baxter 1620/1-1682
Rector of Harvington, Worcestershire 1654 (ejected 1662); afterwards practised as a physician. Inventory on
decease includes books valued at £20.
Calamy revised.

Richard Baylie 1585-1667
President of St John’s College, Oxford 1633 (ejected 1648, restored 1660). Compounded for delinquency in 1647
when his books (with other goods) were valued at £100.
DNB. Walker revised.

Thomas Bayley -1706
President of Magdalen College, Oxford. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 29.10.1706.
M&C.

Roger Beare -1637
Rector of Morchard Bishop, Devon. Probate inventory lists “his bookes” valued at £20.
M. Cash (ed), Devon inventories of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, 1966, 53.

Anscel Beaumont
Lawyer, of Middle Temple (admitted 1664, son of John Beaumont, of Apsley Guise, Bedfordshire). Library sold
at auction in London, 21.3.1687.
M&C.

Henry Beaumont -1627
Dean of Windsor. Bequeathed ca.80 vols to St George’s Windsor.
RBDirectory.

Thomas Beconsall 1664?-1709
Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford; Vicar of Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire. Library sold at auction in Oxford,
20.10.1709.
M&C.

Bedingfeld family
Henry Bedingfeld, 1587-1657; Sir Henry Bedingfeld, 1st Bart, 1613-1685; Sir Henry, 2nd Bart, 1636-1704. Of
Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk. A small number of 17th century books survive in the library at Oxburgh Hall today, which
are likely to have belonged to these family members. A book with the armorial stamp of the first Henry (?) is in the
Clements Collection. Much of the library of Oxburgh Hall was sold at Sothebys, 26.7.1922/561-612, with a
further sale (over 2500 vols), 31.10.1951.
Bedingfeld, Oxburgh Hall, the first 500 years, 1987.

Richard Bell 1615/16-1686
Vicar of Polesworth, Warwickshire 1654 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Walsall, 1672. Inventory on decease
includes a library valued at £80.
Calamy revised.

Edward Bellamy 1678/9-ca.1710
Lawyer, of Gray’s Inn. Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of “another learned gentleman
deceas’d”, 16.2.1711.
Venn. Alston Inventory.
Roger Belwood
Of the Middle Temple (admitted 1665, son of Josiah Belwood, of Leathly, Yorkshire). Library sold at auction in London, 4.2.1695.

Sir Thomas Bendish 1607-1674
Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire during the Interregnum. Bequeathed ca.50 vols to St John’s College, Cambridge.

Edward Benlowes 1603-1676
Poet. Gave books to St John’s College, Cambridge. Books with his armorial survive in other collections.
DNB. Morris.

Bennet
Of Winwick, Lincolnshire. Library sold at auction in London, 18.5.1694.
M&C.

Henry Bennet, 1st Earl of Arlington 1620?-1685
MP for Callington, and Secretary of State. Books with his armorial stamp survive. John Evelyn described his library at Euston Hall as “full of excellent books”.

John Bennet 1658?-86
Of Christ Church, Oxford. Several books with his armorial stamp survive in Christ Church Library.
Morris.

Hans Willem Bentinck, 5th Earl of Portland 1649-1709
Soldier and statesman, of Bulstrode Park, Buckinghamshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1704 (Franks 2257/*113).
DNB.

Samuel Beresford -1697
Vicar of St Werburgh’s, Derby 1657 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach in Shrewsbury, 1672. Bequeathed half the proceeds of the sale of his books, after his death, to benefit the poor in his native parish of St Alkmund’s, Shrewsbury.
Calamy revised.

George Berkeley, 1st Earl Berkeley 1628-98
Governor of the Levant Company. A binding with his armorial survives in Cambridge UL. Inherited a collection of books made by Sir Robert Coke (1587-1653, who married his aunt); gave 555 vols to Sion College in 1681, and bequeathed the remainder to the College.
DNB. Morris. RBDirectory. E. Pearce, Sion College and Library, 1913, 258-60.

Sir Henry Berkeley 1566-1638?
Of Wymondham, Leicestershire. Several books with his armorial stamp survive.
Morris.

Charles Bernard 1650-1711
Sergeant-surgeon to Queen Anne. Library sold at auction in London, 22.3.1711, ca. 2900 vols.
DNB. Thornton. M&C.
Edward Bernard 1638-96
Savile Professor of Astronomy at Oxford. A significant proportion of his library was purchased from his widow, after his death, by the Bodleian Library (£140 for printed books, £200 for mss); the remainder were sold by auction in Oxford (25.10.1697, 1462 lots).

Francis Bernard 1627-98
Physician. His library, “the most extensive to be sold at auction in the 17th century”, ran to ca.15000 lots; sold at auction in London, 4.10.1698.

Samuel Bernard
Clerk. Catalogue of ca.300 mss/books, ca.1625, in BL ms Sloane 520.
Sears Jayne.

Daniel Berry -1653
Vicar of Knowstone and Molland, Devon 1626 (ejected 1646); reported that when sequestrated, all his books (9 horse-loads) were seized.
Walker revised.

Charles Bertie, Earl of Lindsey -1701
MP for Stamford. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
Harthan.

Charles Bertie 1641-1711
Of Uffington, Lincolnshire; diplomat, MP for Stamford between 1677 and 1689. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 2375/*374).
DNB.

James Bertie, 1st Earl of Abingdon 1653-1699
Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire 1674-87, 1689-97. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 2370/*43).
Complete peerage.

Robert Bertie, 3rd Earl of Lindsey 1630?–1701
Books with his armorial stamp survive. Part of the Bertie family library was sold at Sotheby’s 23.7.1900 (property of Montagu Bertie, 12th earl).
Morris.

Robert Bertie 1676-1710
Barrister at law (Middle Temple), 1699; MP for Westbury, Wiltshire 1695-1708. 4th son of James Bertie, 1st Earl of Abingdon. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks 2382).
Foster.

Thomas Betterton 1635?–1710
DNB. M&C.

John Betts -1695
Physician in ordinary to Charles II. Library sold at auction in London, 3.6.1695.
M&C. Munk.
Stuart Bickerstaffe 1661-1703?
Student at the Inner Temple, 1680. Travelled extensively in Europe, during which time he acquired many books. A book with his armorial stamp survives in Cambridge UL.

Michael Biddulph -1658

Bigge

John Bill 1576-1630
Printer. Gave books during his lifetime to Christ Church, Oxford, and Westminster Abbey. His books passed to Sir Thomas Bludder, who married his widow, and whose goods were sequestered in 1643. DNB. Sears Jayne. J. Lievsay & R. Davis, A cavalier library – 1643, Studies in Bibliography 6, 141-60.

John Bingham 1616/17-1689
Vicar of Marston upon Dove, Derbyshire 1656 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £13 6s 8d.
Calamy revised.

Sir John Birkenhead 1615-1679
Poet, MP for Wilton, licenser of the press and compiler of the royalist newsbook Mercurius Aulicus during the Civil War. Had a noteworthy collection of Civil War tracts; his library was reputedly sold for £200 after his death, and his mss for £900. DNB. Aubrey, Brief lives.

Peter Birch 1651/2-1710
Vicar of St Bride’s, Fleet Street; prebendary of Westminster. Library sold by auction in London, together with that of Samuel Wells, 16.10.1710. DNB. Alston Inventory.

Philip Bisse 1541?-1613
Archdeacon of Taunton. Gave his library (ca. 2000 vols) to Wadham College, Oxford. DNB. Morgan.

John Blakey d.ca.1715
The library of “the Reverend Mr John Blakey, deceas’d” was sold by auction in London, 3.12.1715. Alston Inventory.

Anthony Blencowe -1617

Matthew Blewit 1653?-93?
Sir Henry Blount  1602-1682  
Of Tittenhangar, Hertfordshire; travel writer. “When he was young, he was a great collector of books, as his son is now” – Aubrey, *Brief lives.*  
DNB.

John Bohun  
Of Finham. His library passed via his daughter Mary, who married George Lucy in 1697, to the Lucy family library at Charlecote Park, Warwick.  
RBDirectory.

John Booker -1667?  
Astrologer. His books were bought from his widow by Elias Ashmole in 1667, for £140.  

Henry Booth, 1st Earl of Warrington  1652-94  
Statesman, custos rotulorum for the county of Chester. Although the family house and library at Dunham Massey were substantially enhanced by his son George, the 2nd Earl (1675-1758), it is clear that many of the 17th century books in the library today were acquired by Henry, whose posthumously-published works make it clear that he had a substantial private library.  

Robert Booth -1615  
Bequeathed books to the parish of Tankersley, Yorkshire, for the use of the rector and his successors; 37 vols (now in Sheffield University Library) remain today.  
Perkin.

Thomas Boothby 1641-1696  
Morris.

Sir William Boothby, 2nd Bart.  1638?-1707  
Of Ashbourne Hall, Derbyshire. His diary and letterbooks, now in the British Library (Add Mss 71689-71692) record his active interest in book buying during the 1680s; his library, evidently extensive, was dispersed sometime after his death.  
P. Beal, ‘My books are the great joy of my life’, *BC* 46 (1997), 350-78.  
CHL II 173-4.  
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009012&ImageId=44111&Copyright=BL.

Sir John Borlase -1689  
Of Bockmore Medmenham, Buckinghamshire. Probate inventory lists “one chest of drawers thirty four books a nest of drawers [and other furniture]”, in the closet adjoining the parlour, valued at £6 4s 0d.  

Richard Boss -1678  
Vicar of Sevenoaks. Probate inventory lists in the study “the library of bookes”, valued at £ 73 13s 4d; this was bequeathed to his two eldest sons, on condition that they take their degrees and enter the ministry (if not, the books were to be sold). Part of the collection was inherited from his father Richard (d.1665), also Vicar of Sevenoaks.  
William Boswell  1596?-1678
Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford; Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry. Gave 28 books to Balliol College, 1633; gave 29 books to Sion College Library. Books of his are found in several Oxford colleges.
Sears Jayne.

Edward Boucher  -1715
Rector of Churchill by Kidderminster, Worcestershire from 1655 or earlier (ejected 1661); licensed to preach at Shuttington, Warwickshire 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £10.
Calamy revised.

John Bourne  1654-1714
Of Acton Hall in Ombersley, Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists “plate, books and other things” in the closet, valued together at £40.

Sir Ralph Bovey, 1st Bart  d.1679
Attorney in the Court of Common Pleas, Sherriff of Warwickshire 1652; of Stowe Hall, Long Stowe, Cambridgeshire. Had libraries of several hundred volumes each in his houses at Stowe Hall, and in Holborn.

Sir John Bowyer, 3rd Bart  1677?-1701
Of Knipersley, Staffordshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 3334).
Complete baronetage.

Lionel Boyle, 3rd Earl of Orrery  1670-1703
MP for East Grinstead and landowner. Library sold by retail sale in London, 5.10.1703.
Alston Inventory.

Robert Boyle  1627-91
Scientist. Possessed an extensive library, which was sold after his death partly by auction (1695) and partly by dispersal through the trade.
DNB. Thornton & Tully.

John Boys  1571-1625
Dean of Canterbury. Depicted in his study of books in the frontispiece to his Works, 1622; he died there. He “must have been one of the great book collectors of his time” (DNB, based on the range of works quoted in his writings).
DNB.

John Bradford  -1685
M&C.

John Bradshaw  1602-59
Judge, regicide, President of the Council of State. Bequeathed all his law books, and selected other books, to his nephew Henry Bradshaw (d.1698); the collection appears to have been dispersed in, or at least by, the early 19th c.
DNB. Maggs 1324 (2002)/76.

Thomas Brady
M&C.
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Richard Brace  -1642
Physician, of Bristol. Probate inventory lists, “in the study”, “one hundred and twenty several books of several volumes”; in various formats, valued together at £6.
E. George (ed), Bristol probate inventories 1542-1650, 2002, 125.

George Bramston  -1710
Venn. Alston Inventory.

William Branthwaite  -1619
Master of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. Bequeathed ca.1750 books/mss to Caius, and ca.20 books to Emmanuel College.

Sir William Brereton 1604-1661
Of Hanford, Cheshire; MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Harthan. Morris.

William Brereton, 3rd Baron Brereton  1631-80
Library sold at auction in London, 8.6.1697.
M&C.

John Breton  -1676
Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Bequeathed books to Emmanuel.
Munby.

Henry Brett  fl.1674
?of Sandywell Park. Gave books, including incunabula and medieval mss, to Gloucester Cathedral Library in 1674.
S. Eward, No fine but a glass of wine, 1985, p.266.

Francis Durant de Brevall  -1707
Chaplain to Charles II, minister of the French Church in the Savoy, prebendary of Westminster. Library sold by retail sale in London, 10.5.1708.
DNB (see entry for his son, John Durant Breval). Alston Inventory.

William Brewster 1665-1715
Physician, of Hereford. Bequeathed his books to St John’s, Oxford (ca.200 vols), the Bodleian, and All Saints’ Church, Hereford (ca.300 vols). A catalogue of his library, made by him in 1706, is in Bodleian Library ms Eng.misc.c.405.

William Bridge  1600/01-1671
Town preacher at Yarmouth, Norfolk 1641 (ejected 1661). Bequeathed his library (and £300) to his son Samuel (b.1643).
DNB. Calamy revised.

John Bridgman  d.ca.1715
Lawyer. Library sold by retail sale in London, 14.7.1715.
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Henry Briggs 1561-1630
Mathematician, Savile Professor at Oxford. Books of his are found in the Bodleian, and in Halifax Parish Library. DNB. Robinson catalogue 83 (1953)/Copernicus.

George Bright -1696
Rector of Loughborough, 1669-96; Dean of St Asaph. Library sold by retail sale in London, July 1697, although no catalogue survives. Venn. Alston Inventory.

Timothy Bright 1551?-1615
Physician to St Bartholomew’s Hospital, and developer of shorthand. His will refers to books in Italian, Greek, Latin and other languages, divided between his brother and son. DNB. G. Keynes, Dr. Timothie Bright, 1962.

Michael Briscoe 1625/6-1685
Curate and preacher at Walmsley, Lancashire from ca.1648, subsequently spent some time in Ireland; licensed to preach at Toxteth Park, 1672. Incentory on decease lists books valued at £100. Calamy revised.

Thomas Britton 1654-1714

Job Brockett ca.1644-1705
Vicar of Royston. Bequeathed a theological collection to Dulwich College. RBDirectory.

Richard Brocklerby
Of Stamford. Library sold at auction in Stamford, 1714. M&C.

Benjamin Broechhuysen

Sir Thomas Brograve, 3rd bart 1670-1707
Library sold by auction in London, 28.8.1712. Alston Inventory.

Sir Thomas Bromley ca.1580-1641

Thomas Bromley
Library sold at auction in London, 26.8.1691. M&C.
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Henry Brooke, 11th Baron Cobham  -1619
Warden of the Cinque ports, imprisoned in his later years for involvement in the plot to place Arabella Stuart on the throne. Records show he had a personal library of 722 volumes.

Ralph Brooke ca.1553-1625
York Herald. Gathered a significant collection of mss, now scattered between the College of Arms, the British Library, and elsewhere. His executrix seems to have sold some of his mss in 1629; some were acquired by Sir Edward Dering.
Fontes Harleianae.

Samuel Brooke
Library auctioned in London, 21.3.1681.
M&C.

Sir Thomas Brooke -1636
Of Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire. Lists of books (ca.285 ca.1615) in Brooke mss in Northants Record Office.
Sears Jayne.

Thomas Brooks 1608-72
Nonconformist divine. Library auctioned in London, 30.5.1681.
DNB. M&C.

Peter Brown (-1692) and Edward Brown (his son) (-1711?)
Of Langley, Kent, successively Rector there. Library sold at auction in London, 10.5.1710(?)
M&C.

Nathaniel Brown d.ca.1702
Lawyer, of Worcester. Library sold by auction in London, 18.2.1702.
Alston Inventory.

Browne family
George Browne (1596-1689), George Browne (1626-1703). Of Townend, Troutbeck. Developed the foundations of the Browne family library which continued to be developed through the 18th century.

John Browne 1608-91
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Sir Richard Browne 1605-1683
Diplomat, clerk to the Privy Council. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 4009). Father in law of John Evelyn, to whom he bequeathed his library.

Sir Thomas Browne 1605-82/Edward Browne 1642-1708
Physicians, father and son (the father the author of Religio medici, etc, the son President of the RCP). An auction catalogue of their joint collection, 8.1.1711 lists 2377 lots.
DNB. Thornton. J. Finch, A catalogue of the libraries of Sir Thomas Browne and Dr Edward Browne, his son. A facsimile reproduction with introduction, Leiden, 1986. G. Richmond, Sir Thomas Browne’s library, ABMR 4
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Walter Browne -1613
Of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Probate inventory lists ca.535 books.

William Browne 1590?-1643/5?
Antiquary, of Tavistock.

Thomas Browning -1705?
Rector of Wickham Bishops, Essex 1661-89. Involved in the Civil War as a royalist chaplain, sequestrated in 1646 when he was said to have £40 worth of books in his chamber at Cambridge. Walker revised.

Brownlowe family
Richard Brownlowe (1553-1638), Chief Protonothary of the Court of Common Pleas; Sir John Brownlowe (1594-1679); Sir William Brownlowe (1595-1666); Sir Richard Brownlowe (1628-68); Sir John Brownlowe (1659-97); and other members of the family
Of Belton, Lincolnshire. The Library at Belton House, continuously developed from the time of the first Richard, contains books associated with many generations of the family.

Robert Bruce, Earl of Ailesbury -1685

John Bruch
Dr., of Windsor. Library sold in London, 12.12.1715. M&C. Alston Inventory.

John Brudenell 1584-1647
Younger brother of Thomas, 1st earl of Cardigan. Books with his armorial stamp survive.

Thomas Brudenell, 1st earl of Cardigan 1578-1663
Of Deene. Married the daughter of Sir Thomas Tresham (1547-1605) and thereby inherited his library (ca. 1700 vols), to which he steadily added. Many of his books survive today at Deene Park, Northamptonshire (despite the temporary sequestration of the library during the Civil War).

John Bryan -1676
Vicar of Holy Trinity, Coventry 1644 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Coventry, 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £60. DNB. Calamy revised.

John Brydall 1635-1706?
Lawyer. A collection of pamphlets assembled by him is now in Lincoln’s Inn Library.
Francis Brydges  -1714  
Herefordshire bookplates, 11.  

James Brydges, 8th Baron Chandos  1642-1714  
Ambassador of the Turkey Company at Constantinople 1680-86. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *75).  
*Complete peerage.*  

Richard Buckenham  ca.1565-1628  
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge; prebendary of Chichester. Instrumental in organising William Smarte’s gift of mss to Pembroke. Bequeathed his books to his son Richard, on condition that he could sell them if necessary to fund his studies at Cambridge.  
J. Blatchly, *Ipswich town library*, p.3.  

John Buckeridge  1562?-1631  
DNB. Pearson, Bishops. Sears Jayne  

Sir Owen Buckingham  1650-1713  
Sheriff of London 1695, Lord Mayor 1704; MP for Reading 1698-1701, 1702-08. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1705 (Franks *431).  
Woodhead.  

William Bucknell  d.ca.1707?  
Library sold by retail sale in London, along with that of Robert Evelyn, 27.10.1707.  
Alston Inventory.  

James Buller  1678?-1711  
Of Shillingham, Cornwall; MP for Saltash and Cornwall between 1699 and 1710. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 4293).  
Foster.  

Seth Buncle  
Library sold at auction in London, 9.4.1695.  
M&C.  

William Burdet  
Of Sonning, Berkshire. Gave 34 mss to the Bodleian Library in 1608.  
Sears Jayne. Macray p.36.  

Thomas Burdsell  -1642  
Minister of Stockport, Cheshire. Probate inventory lists books valued at £40 17s 10d. In his will, he left his library to the ministers of Stockport in perpetuity, giving directions for their housing in the little parlour of the house, with a door to be made into the street.  

John Burgess  d.ca.1709  
Alston Inventory.
William Burkitt  -1703
   Rector of Milden, Suffolk.  Bequeathed ca.2000 vols to found a parish library for Milden.

Gilbert Burnet  1643-1715
   Bishop of Salisbury.  Library auctioned in London, 19.3.1716.  Some books from his collection are now in the Library Company of Philadelphia; also at Shrewsbury School.  Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 4460).

Timothy Burrell  d.ca.1712
   Vicar of Slaugham, Sussex.  Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of Edward Villiers, 1st earl of Jersey, 25.11.1712.
   Venn.  Alston Inventory.

Robert Burscough  1651-1709
   Prebendary of Exeter.  Bequeathed several hundred vols to Exeter Cathedral Library.  His collection of mss, listed in CMA, was purchased for the Harleian Library in 1715.

Edward Burton  1596-1661
   Rector of Seddlescombe, Sussex.  A book with his armorial stamp survives in Cambridge UL.
   Morris.

Robert Burton 1577-1640
   Bequeathed his books to the Bodleian Library, on condition that any duplicates should be given to Christ Church.  His books include a small number with the inscription of his father, Ralfe Burton (d.1620), and of his brother William Burton (d.1645).

William Burton  1575-1645
   Antiquary, brother of Robert Burton.  Gave the ms of Leland’s Itinerary to the Bodleian in 1632.

Henry Bury  -1636
   Founder of the school at Bury, Lancashire; during his lifetime, gave ca.600 books to found a parish library for Bury, and bequeathed other books, globes, maps and papers to members of his family.

Richard Busby  1606-95
   Headmaster of Westminster School; Treasurer of Wells Cathedral; Rector of Cudworth, Somerset.  Bequeathed his books to Westminster School (ca. 450 vols; 350 survive today) and to found a parish library for Cudworth.  Also bequeathed some vols to the parish of Martock, Somerset, and to Willen, Bucks (ca.150 vols).  Gave books to Wells Cathedral Library during his lifetime.
   Perkin.  RBDirectory.  C. Church, Notes on the … Library of the Dean and Chapter … of Wells, Archaeologia 57 (1901), 201-228.
Richard Butler  -1612
   Archdeacon of Northampton. Gave 19 mss and 2 printed books to St John’s College, Oxford in 1613. An
   incunable of his is in Cambridge UL.
   Sears Jayne.

William Butler  1535?-1618
   Fellow of Clare Hall; physician. Bequeathed the bulk of his books to Clare Hall.

Swithin Butterfield  -1611?
   Of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Gave ca.60 mss/books to Pembroke, 1612. At least one book of his is in the
   Harsnett Library.
   Sears Jayne. Pembroke College Donors’ Book.

Ralph Button  -1680
   Puritan divine. Library auctioned in London, 7.11.1681.
   DNB. M&C.

John Buxton  1608-1680
   Of Channonz Hall, Norfolk; Sheriff of Norfolk, 1638-9. The library he assembled was bequeathed in trust for his
   sons and largely descended through the family (who moved to Shadwell Park, Norfolk) before being dispersed by
   sale in the late 19th century. A notebook recording his expenditure 1627-31 includes detailed accounts of book
   purchases.

Sir Edward Byde  -1704
   MP for Hertford. Several books with his armorial stamp survive.
   Morris.

Robert Byerley  -1714
   Of Goldesborough Hall, Yorkshire. Used an engraved bookplate dated 1702. Inherited property from the Hutton
   family.
   Young 35.

Sir Edward Bysshe 1615-1679
   Clarenceux King of Arms. Library sold at auction in London, 15.11.1679, 4.7.1681. MS inventory of his library
   in BL Harl. MS 813 valued it at £300, and listed ca.2500 vols.
   M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions. T. Birrell, Reading as pastime: the place of light literature in some 17th-century

Sir Julius Caesar 1558-1636

Anthony Calcott  d.1708?
   Alston Inventory.
Cornelius Callow

? the man of this name admitted a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, April 1687? Library sold at auction in London, 21.11.1687.
M&C.

Stephen Camborne -1704

Rector of Lawshall, Suffolk. Bequeathed his books (ca.140 vols) to found a parish library for Lawshall. Some of his books were previously owned by his father Thomas, Rector of Campsen Ashe.

William Camden 1551-1623

Antiquary. Bequeathed ca.180 books to Westminster Abbey, and 4 mss to the Bodleian Library.

Sir Henry Cambell 1663-99

Of Clay Hall, Barking. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
Morris.

Algernon Capell, 2nd Earl of Essex 1670-1710

Soldier. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1701 (Franks 5079, 5080).
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-00000124&ImageId=ImageId=39667&Copyright=BL.

Arthur Capell, 1st Earl of Essex 1631-83

Statesman. Formed a large library at his house at Cashiobury, described by John Evelyn as “very nobly furnished, and all the books richly bound”. A ms catalogue of the library, made by William Stanley 1681-83, is now in the Grolier Club Library.

Peter Cardonnel

Library sold at auction in London, 6.6.1681; included a number of medieval mss.

Robert Carel -1701

Rector of Uplowman, Devon ca.1660 (ejected 1661), subsequently became a nonconformist preacher in Devon. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £50.
Calamy revised.

George Carew, 1st earl of Totnes 1555-1629

Soldier, MP and antiquary. Numerous books with his armorial stamp survive. Bequeathed his books to Sir Thomas Stafford, from whom they passed to William Laud.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000010058&ImageId=ImageId=44634&Copyright=BL.
Richard Carew  1555-1620
Antiquary, author of the *Survey of Cornwall*. A letter from Carew to Thomas James, ca.1610, commenting on the nature of Carew’s private library and the difficulty of obtaining books is printed in *BLQ* 5 (1926), 3-4 (the original letter is Bodleian MS Ballard 44).

Anthony Carey, 5th Viscount Falkland  1656-1694
MP, Treasurer of the Navy 1681-89, First Lord of the Admiralty 1693. Library sold by retail sale in London (presumably prompted by the death of his widow in 1709), 20.7.1710.
Alston Inventory.

Valentine Carey  -1626
Bishop of Exeter. Bequeathed his books to members of his family, and left £50 to St John’s College, Cambridge, for the purchase of books.
DNB.  Pearson, Bishops.

Sir Robert Carr  1637-82
MP for Lincolnshire. A book with his armorial is in the Harry Ransom HRC in Texas.
Morris.

Francis Carswell  -1709
Vicar of Bray, Berkshire. Library sold at auction in London, 9.1.1709.
M&C.

Edward Carter  -1687
Master of St Albans Grammar School, Rector of St Albans, prebendary of St Pauls. Library sold at auction in St Albans, 5.8.1689.
M&C.

Sir George Carteret 1610?-80
Royalist soldier; MP for Portsmouth. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB.  Morris.  http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009966&ImageId=ImageId=44588&Copyright=BL.

William Cartwright  1610?-87
Bequeathed his library to Dulwich College, including a number of ms playscripts (the collection was never received in its entirety).
DNB.  RBDirectory.

Edward Cary  -1711
Roman Catholic priest, chaplain to Sir George Cary at Torre Abbey, Devon, appointed chaplain-general to the army by James II, fled abroad after 1689. Maintained a library for the English Catholic clergy, the books being marked E. C. CL[ericorum] Ang[lorum].

Henry Cary, Viscount Falkland  -1633
MP for Hertfordshire. Reputed author of *The history of ... King Edward II*. His son was said by Anthony Wood to have sold his father’s incomparable library for a horse and a mare.
DNB.  Morris.

John Caryll  1625-1711
Recusant; diplomat, political servant of James II. A rubbing of his armorial is in the Duff collection in Cambridge UL.
DNB.  Morris.
Isaac Casaubon 1559-1614
Classical scholar, prebendary of Canterbury. 61 vols of his adversaria (largely notes on Greek criticism) were bequeathed to the Bodleian by his son Meric in 1671. A MS diary of his is in Canterbury Cathedral Library. There are numerous books from his collection in Marsh’s Library, Dublin. DNB. Sears Jayne. T. Birrell, The reconstruction of the library of Isaac Casaubon, Hellinga festschrift, Amsterdam, 1980, 59-68. Macray p.136. H. Craster, Casaubon’s Greek mss, BLQ 5 (1926), 97-100. A. Grafton and J. Weinberg, Isaac Casaubon’s library of Hebrew books, in G. Mandelbrote and B. Taylor (eds), Libraries within the library, 2009, 24-42.

Meric Casaubon 1599-1671
Son of Isaac; prebendary of Canterbury. Edward Stillingfleet bought many of his books, which are now in Archbishop Marsh’s Library, Dublin. Some other volumes from his library came into Canterbury Cathedral Library through gifts to William Somner. DNB. http://www.djshaw.co.uk/cantlibs/cath_Somner_Casaubon.htm.

Samuel Case -1699

Edmund Castell 1606-85

Thomas Castell
M&C.

William Cave 1637-1713
Canon of Windsor. His library was purchased after his death by St George’s Chapel, Windsor, for £645. Some of his books came from the collection of John Cave (d.1657). A sale of duplicates from St George’s Chapel Library, “some of which were the late Dr Cave’s”, was held in London, 10.1.1715. DNB. RBDirectory. Alston Inventory.

Cavendish family, Dukes of Newcastle
Catherine Cavendish, Baroness Ogle (1569-1629); William Cavendish, 1st Duke (1592-1676); Henry Cavendish, 2nd Duke (1630-91); John Holles, 3rd Duke (1662-1711). The libraries of these three Dukes were sold at fixed price in London, 1719. Books with the armorial stamp of Catherine Cavendish (mother of 1st Duke) survive. DNB. Morris.

William Cavendish, 2nd Earl of Devonshire 1590-1628
Books with his armorial stamp survive. DNB. Morris.

John Cawley 1632?-1709
Rector of Henley on Thames, Archdeacon of Lincoln. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 27.5.1712. M&C.
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Thomas Cawton 1636?-77
Orientalist, independent minister at Westminster. Library auctioned in London, 29.11.1680. DNB. M&C.

Cecil family

Richard Chace
Library auctioned in London, 24.3.1684. M&C.

Edward Chamberlayne 1616-1703
Of Odington, Gloucestershire, author of *Angliae notitia*. His library was sold, together with that of his son, in London, 11.3.1724. 33 mss were purchased by Harley. M&C. Fontes Harleianae.

James Chamberlaine 1635?-84
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Library auctioned at Stourbridge Fair, 8.9.1686. M&C.

Thomas Chambers
Library sold at auction in London, 28.5.1689. M&C.

Daniel Chamier 1661-1698

Sir John Chardin 1643-1713
Jeweller and traveller, born in Paris, moved to England 1681. Library sold by auction in London, 23.7.1713, 23.11.1713, 30.11.1713. DNB. Alston Inventory.

William Chark -1617
Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge; puritan preacher. His books appear to have been dispersed soon after his death and are found in numerous collections formed in the 17th c. DNB.

Charles I 1600-1649

Charles II 1630-1685
Nicholas Charles  -1613
Leicester Herald. His mss were apparently bought by William Camden. A number of Harleian mss were previously owned or copied by Charles.
Fontes Harleianae.

Stephen Charnock  1628-80
Puritan divine. Library sold at auction in London, 4.10.1680.

Francis Cherry 1667-1713
Nonjuror, antiquary. His mss were presented to the Bodleian Library by his widow.
DNB. Macray 207. Morris.

Sir Walter Chetwynd 1620?-1693
MP for Stafford, antiquary, FRS. Numerous books with his armorial stamp survive. The Chetwynd family library was sold at auction (Evans), 1821.

Sir Josiah Child  1630-99
MP, Director of the East India Company. Founded the library at Wanstead House (estate purchased, 1673), which was developed by succeeding generations until being sold in 1822.

Edward Chilton  d.ca.1710
Attorney General of Barbados. Library sold by auction in London, together with that of “another gentleman deceas’d”, 6.3.1710.
Alston Inventory.

Henry Chitting 1580-1638
Chester Herald. BL Stowe MS 601 has his armorial stamp.
DNB. Blatchly. Morris.

Thomas Cholmondeley  1627-1702
Of Vale Royal, Cheshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 5809).

Godfrey Clarke  -1670
Lawyer, of Somersall, near Chesterfield. His “Library in the study” was valued for probate at £30.
CHL II 176.

Peter Clarke  d.1703?
Alston Inventory.

Samuel Clarke  1626-1701
Rector of Grendon Underwood, Buckinghamshire 1657 (ejected 1662). Library sold at auction in High Wycombe, 10.6.1701.
DNB. M&C. Calamy revised.
Sir Simon Clarke -1651
Of Brome Court, Salford; antiquary, friend of Dugdale. A book with his armorial stamp survives in Cambridge UL.
Morris.

Sir William Clarke 1623?-1666
Civil servant, secretary to General Monck and Secretary at War 1661-66. His extensive collection of Civil War pamphlets was bequeathed, with other books, to Worcester College, Oxford by his son George (1661-1736). DNB. M. Mendle, Preserving the ephemeral in J. Andersen (ed), Books and readers in early modern England, 2002, 201-16, p.209-10. CHL II 40.

Sir Robert Clayton 1629-1707

Sir Thomas Clayton -1693

Andrew Clench -1692

Anne Clifford, Baroness de Clifford 1590-1676

Alexander Clugh -1621
Graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists 61 vols, valued at £1 19s 3d. BCI, 193.

John Cock -1701
Vicar of St. Oswald's, Durham. Bequeathed his books (>1500 vols) to form a parish library for St. Oswald's (dispersed ca.1930). Perkin.

Christopher Codrington 1668-1710
Governor of the Leeward Islands. Bequeathed his books (>12,000 vols) and £10,000 to All Souls. DNB. Morgan. E. Craster, The history of All Souls College Library, 1971.

Nathaniel Coga 1637?-93

Sir Thomas Coghill -1659
Sheriff of Oxfordshire. Several books survive bearing an armorial stamp which is either his, or that of his elder brother Henry (1589-1672). Morris.
Cary and Edward Coke - 1707
Husband and wife, parents of Thomas Coke, 1st Earl of Leicester; died within months of each other in 1707. Each had an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1701 (Franks 6316/6317). Blatchly. Manuscripts and printed books from the Holkham Hall Library, Brit Mus Q 17(2) (1952). W. Hassall, The Holkham Library: illuminations and illustrations in the manuscript library, 1970.

Sir Edward Coke 1552-1634

Sir Robert Coke 1587-1653
Of Holkham, Norfolk. His collection passed to his nephew George Berkeley (1628-98), who gave his books to Sion College. RBDirectory.

Lady Theophyla Coke 1596-1643

Richard Colchester 1600-1643
Of Grays Inn, one of the Six Clerks in Chancery. His surviving account book for the late 1630s/early 1640s (Gloucester Record Office, D36 A1) records the purchase and binding of a number of books.

Abraham Colfe 1580-1657
Vicar of Lewisham. Founded Colfe’s Grammar School, Lewisham, in 1652 and bequeathed his library to it (the surviving books are now housed in Leathersellers’ Hall). RBDirectory.

Richard Colfe - 1613

Sir John Colladon
Library sold at auction in London, including books begun to be collected by Sir Theodore de Mayerne, 2.2.1713. M&C.

Hugh Collins
Rector of Compton Pauncefoot, Somerset 1589; ejected 1646, when his library was valued at £16 10s 8d. Walker revised.

John Collins - 1634

John Collins
Lawyer, of Gray’s Inn. Library auctioned in London, 2.7.1683. M&C.
Henry Colman  -1715
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge and squire of Brent Eleigh, Suffolk. Bequeathed his library (ca.1500 vols) to found a parish library for Brent Eleigh. The mss from the library were sold at Sotheby’s in 1887, the printed books were dispersed sometime thereafter.

Francis Combe 1583-1641
Of Hemel Hempstead. Bequeathed his library to be divided between Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and Trinity College, Oxford.

Thomas Comber 1645-1699
Dean of Durham. The *Autobiographies and letters* published by the Surtees Society contain numerous references to the acquiring and reading of books. In his will, he bequeathed all his books to his eldest son, if he entered the Church, on condition that his second son first be allowed books to the value of £60; if neither son was ordained, the library was to be divided among the sons and daughters.

Henry Compton 1632-1713
Bishop of London. Used an engraved armorial bookplate, dated 1701 (Franks 6576). Bequeathed ca.1900 vols to St Paul’s Cathedral Library; also bequeathed books to Sion College. In 1707, gave to Sion College a collection of Bibles and lexicons, bequeathed to him by Edmund Castell (1606-85). A list of books given, or intended to be given, by Castell to Henry Compton in 1684 is in BL Add.ms.22905, fo.99.

Sir Spencer Compton -1659
Book with his armorial stamp in the Clements Collection.
Morris.

Christopher Constantine d.ca.1714?
Lawyer, of the Inner Temple. Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of another owner, 11.6.1714.
Alston Inventory.

Edward Conway, 2nd Viscount Conway 1594-1655
MP and soldier. Numerous books survive with his armorial stamp; 50 books, together with a ms catalogue of his library listing ca.9900 titles, are in Armagh Public Library. His library was sequestered by the Long Parliament, but bought back by him in 1647; it descended through his daughter to the Marquis of Hastings and was eventually sold at auction in 1868.

Alexander Cooke 1564-1632
Vicar of Leeds.
J. Barnard, A puritan controversialist and his books: the will of Alexander Cooke, *PBSA* 86 (1992), 82-86.

Henry Cook 1642-1700
M&C. Alston Inventory.
Sir John Cooke 1666-1710
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Cooper family
Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury (1621-83), politician; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 2nd Earl of 
Shaftesbury (1652-99), MP; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury (1671-1713), MP and philosopher. 
The 1st earl inherited a house and estate at St Giles, Wimborne, from his mother Anne Ashley; an inventory of the 
estate made in 1639 lists “the books that were in the study next to the white room most of them now being 
removed by Sir Anthony”, valued at £10. The probate inventory of the 2nd Earl, made in 1699, lists “Books in 
several volumes bought by my late Lord (the great Library being the present Earl’s)”. 

Cooper d.ca.1708
The library of “the Reverend Mr Cooper, late of Epping in Essex” was sold by retail sale in London, 19.4.1708. 
Alston Inventory.

John Cooth
M&C.

Sir Walter Cope -1614
Gave 46 mss to the Bodleian Library in 1602. 

Sir Godfrey Copley ca.1653-1709
MP, FRS. Collected a library at Sprotborough Hall, Doncaster, which was increased by his descendents until sold 
at Sotheby’s, 23.11.1925; his estate passed on his death to his cousin Lionel Copley (d.1740), of Wadworth, 
Yorkshire. Used an engraved bookplate. 

Jeremiah Copping
M&C.

Thomas Copping -1704
M&C.

Henry Corbet 1624-1680
Physician in Hull and Lincoln. Probate inventory lists “his library” in the red chamber, valued at £30. 

William Corker -1702
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Bequeathed his books to Trinity (listed in TCC ms.Add.150a). 

H. Cornwall
Library sold at auction in London, 22.4.1700. ?the H. Cornwal, LL.D., Rector of Clapton, Northampton, who 
inscribed Peterhouse F.11.14 (1668)? 
M&C.
Charles Cornwallis, 2nd Baron Cornwallis 1632-73
MP, Surveyor of the Customs. Books with his armorial stamp survive. The library of Charles Cornwallis, 2nd Marquis, was sold in 1823. Morris.

Thomas Cory -1656
Chief Protonotary of the Court of Common Pleas. A book with his armorial stamp is in the Clements Collection. Morris.

John Cosin 1594-1672
Bishop of Durham. Bequeathed ca.5500 vols to found a diocesan library for Durham; also bequeathed books to Peterhouse, Cambridge.

Sir Charles Lodowick Cotterell 1654-1710
Courtier, Master of the Ceremonies. Library sold at auction in London, 8.1.1711. His father, Sir Charles Cotterell (1615-1701) was a donor to the library of St Martin-in-the-Fields, founded by Archbishop Tenison.
DNB. M&C. Perkin.

Edward Cotton -1672
Treasurer of Exeter Cathedral. Bequeathed 1200 volumes to the Cathedral.
CHL II 125.

Sir John Cotton 1621-1701
Grandson of Robert.
Maggs 1075 (1987)/57.

Robert Cotton 1571-1631
Mss collection, given to the nation by his grandson in 1700, forms one of the foundation collections of the British Library.

Edward Courthop -1666
Surgeon, of Sevenoaks. Probate inventory lists “the library of books in the shop”, together with 180 other books (listed only by size, twenty books in folio etc), valued at a little under £15.

Henry Coventry 1619-86, and Sir William Coventry 1628?-86
Brothers, and both Restoration period politicians. Their books were sold at auction in London, 9.5.1687.

Thomas Coventry, 2nd Earl of Coventry -1711
Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1705 (Franks *108).
Complete peerage.
Sir Walter Covert  1549?-1632

John Cowell  1564-1611
Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; lawyer. Bequeathed 48 books to King’s College, Cambridge. DNB. Sears Jayne.

Thomas Craddock  -1684

Andrew Cranston  -1708
Vicar of Reigate. Founded the parish library of Reigate in 1701, to which he gave ca.160 books. Perkin.

Edward Crashawe  -1621

William Crashawe 1572-1626

William Craven, Earl of Craven   1608-1697
Soldier and statesman. Library sold in London by retail sale, 16.10.1697. His books apparently included the library of Prince Rupert of the Rhone, inherited on his death in 1682. DNB. Alston Inventory.

William Craven, 2nd Baron Craven  1668-1711
Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 7271/7272/*74). Complete peerage.

Thomas Creech  1659-1700
Fellow of All Souls; Classical translator. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 20.11.1700. DNB. M&C.

William Creed -1711
Bequeathed books to Corpus Christi College, Oxford (collection strong in medicine). Morgan.

Robert Creighton  1593-1672
James Creswick  1616-1692  
Rector of Freshwater, Isle of Wight 1654 (ejected 1662). “Had a very noble library, which he shipped off at the Isle of Wight in casks for Yorkshire. By mistake these casks were delivered at a wrong port, where he heard nothing more of them, till all or most of the books were spoilt or rotten”. Calamy revised.

P. Croke  -1634  
Lawyer. Probate inventory lists 5 mss and 51 pr books, bequeathed to his son in law (BL Egerton ms 2983 fo.28v). Sears Jayne.

Robert Croke -1681/2?  
Lawyer, of the Inner Temple. His library, together with that of “another eminent counsellor of the law”, was sold by auction by Edward Millington in London, 23 February 1682, although no catalogue survives. Alston Inventory.

Oliver Cromwell 1599-1658  
Lord Protector. DNB. Harthan. Morris.

William Croone  1633-84  

Nicholas Crouch 1641-1689  
Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford. Bequeathed to Balliol such books as the college selected. Morgan.

John Cropper  
Library sold at auction in London, 19.6.1693. M&C.

Sir Sackville Crow  1674?-1706  

Ralph Cudworth  1617-88  

Cullum family  
Of Hardwick House, Bury St Edmunds. A library was built up between 1656 and 1922 when it was bequeathed between the borough of Bury St Edmunds, Trinity College, cambridge, and Cullum relatives. RBDirectory.

Sir John Cutts -1646  
Of Chiderleigh, Cambridgeshire. A book with his armorial stamp is in Durham Cathedral Library. Morris.
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John Dalton b.1628?
Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and of St. John’s, Cambridge. 17 books of his, including a number of medical titles, can be identified in the library at Belton House.

John Daniel d.ca.1708?
“Late minister of Hartford”. Library sold by auction in London, together with the library of Edward Veel, 25.11.1708.
Alston Inventory.

Edward Davenant -1680
Said to have had a noble library, made up of his own books, those of his father, and those of his uncle John Davenant, Bishop of Salisbury (1572-1641).
Pearson, Bishops.

George Davenport -1677
Rector of Houghton-le-Spring. Gave mss and books to Cosin’s Library, Durham.

John Davis d.ca.1707?
Library sold by auction in London, 24.11.1707.
Alston Inventory.

George Day -1697
Vicar of Wiveliscombe, Somerset 1661 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach there, 1672. Later moved to London and acted as pastor to a congregation at Ratcliff, Middlesex, where he died. Bequeathed part of his library to be divided among 7 poor scholars designed for the ministry.
Calamy revised.

Richard Day -1650
Fellow of King’s College, Cambridge; Rector of Prescot, Lancashire. His will refers to a “good store of books” at King’s.

Francis Dee -1638
Bishop of Peterborough. Bequeathed choice of his books to St John’s College, Cambridge (>150 vols taken).

John Deighton -1640
Surgeon. Probate inventory lists 187 books.

Sir Theodore de Mayerne 1573-1655
Physician to the English royal family. Ms case notes in the BL. Library sold at auction in London, 2.2.1713.

Sir Edward Denton, 1st Bart 1676-1714
MP for Buckingham 1698-1708, for Buckinghamshire 1708-13. Of Hillesden, Buckinghamshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *168).
*Complete baronetage.*
Sir Cholmondeley Dering, 4th Bart 1680?-1711
MP for Kent and Saltash between 1705 and 1711; killed in a duel. Of Surrenden Dering, Kent. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *130).
Complete baronetage.

Sir Edward Dering 1598-1644
MP, antiquary. Numerous books survive with his armorial stamp. Dering family papers are in the Kent Record Office, Maidstone; the bulk of the library was sold at auction between 1811 and 1865. Mss lists of his library made between ca.1620 and 1640 are at the BL, and the Folger Library; he had at least 2000 vols.

Samuel Desmaitres -1686
Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. Bequeathed his books (including many medical ones) to Oriel.
Morgan.

Robert Devereux, 3rd Earl of Essex 1591-1646
Parliamentary general. An inventory of his books and mss, made in 1646, is in BL Add.ms.46189, fos.155-158.

Walter Devereux, 5th Viscount Hereford 1578-1657
MP, Sheriff of Worcestershire. A book with his monogram stamp is known.
Morris.

Thomas Devey 1681-1705
Curate, of Coleshill.

Paul d’Ewes
List of 122 books owned ca.1610, mainly legal, in BL MS Harl.70.
Sears Jayne.

Sir Simonds d’Ewes 1602-1650
MP for Sudbury, antiquary. His library was sold to Robert Harley in 1703.

Sir Kenelm Digby 1603-1665
Gave 233 mss to Bodleian. Books and mss from his library sold at auction in London, 19.4.1680 – the sale made £908 4s 10d..

Dudley Digges 1613-1643
Bequeathed his library to All Souls College, Oxford.
Morgan.
Benjamin Dillingham 1635?-79
M&C.

Theolophilus Dillingham 1612-1678
Master of Clare College, Cambridge. Bequeathed books, and money for the purchase of books, to Clare.
DNB.

Humphrey Ditton 1675-1715
Mathematician, Master of the Mathematical School at Christ’s Hospital. Library sold at auction in London, 9.3.1715.
DNB. M&C.

John Dodderidge
Gave 112 vols to the town of Barnstaple in 1664, as the foundation of a town library.

Roger Dodsworth 1585-1654
Antiquary. His mss collections (161 vols, compiled by Dodsworth) were bequeathed to the Bodleian Library by Thomas Lord Fairfax in 1671. A list of mss belonging to him, ca.1600(?), is in BL Harl.ms.6461, fo.15.
DNB. Macray. Alston Handlist.

John Donne 1572-1631
Poet, and Dean of St Paul’s. Over 200 vols from his collection survive.

Draper Donynge 1682?-1710
Of the Inner Temple. Library sold at auction in London, 17.1.1712.
M&C.

Doore
Several early 17th c books survive with the arms of Doore of Devon and Cornwall.
Morris.

Mary Dormer, Countess of Carnarvon 1655-1709
Second wife of Charles Dormer, 2nd earl of Carnarvon. Several books survive with her armorial stamp.

Robert Dormer, 1st Earl of Carnarvon 1610-1645
A BCP in the BL has his armorial stamp.
DNB. Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000146&ImageId=ImageId=39678&Copyright=BL.

William Dowdeswell -1684
Of Pull Court; Sheriff of Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists books in the study, valued at £10.
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William Dowsing  1596-1668
Puritan, iconoclast. A number of books from his collection are known, with characteristic cypher-like inscriptions.

Gilbert Drake -1629
Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. Bequeathed books to Wadham.

Michael Drake  1622-1696
J. Bestall (ed), Chesterfield wills and inventories 1604-1650, 2001, 100.

Richard Drake  1609-81
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge; Prebendary of Salisbury. A book given to Pembroke by him has his armorial on the side.

Sir William Drake  1606-69
Of Shardloes, Buckinghamshire. MP for Amersham. His mss commonplace books, surviving in UCL Library and elsewhere, detail the range of his reading and private library; some of his printed books have also been traced.

John Dryden  1631-1700
Poet. Bought books at the Smith sale of 1682.

William Ducie, 1st Viscount Downe  1615?-79
Of Tortworth, Gloucestershire. Library sold in London, 1680.

Richard Duckworth  d.ca.1707
Principal of St Alban Hall, Oxford. Library sold by auction in Oxford, together with the library of Anthony Lybbe, 24.3.1707.
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Jenkins Dugdale  d.ca.1715?
Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of “another gentleman lately deceas’d”, 2.5.1715.
Alston Inventory.

Sir William Dugdale 1605-1685
Herald and antiquary. Gave mss to the Ashmolean Museum. Some of his books sold at auction, 1862.

Sir Charles Duncombe  1648-1711
Goldsmith and banker; MP for various seats between 1685 and 1711, Lord Mayor of London 1708. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks *266).
DNB. Woodhead.
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John Dunstan
Library sold at auction in London, 7.8.1693.
M&C.

John Dunton
?the father of the bookseller John Dunton; 1628?-76. Library auctioned in London, 29.11.1680.
M&C.

James Duport 1606-79
Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge. Maintained three libraries, at different places of residence, at Magdalene, Peterborough, and Boxworth; he left his Magdalene library (>2100 vols) to Trinity College, Cambridge, his Peterborough library to Magdalene, and his Boxworth library to two nephews. Oates 428-9.

Du Prat
Library sold at auction in London, 2.5.1699.
M&C.

Charles Dymoke 1703
Of Scrivelsby, Lincolnshire; MP; King’s Champion at the coronation of William and Mary. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks *320).

Sir Edward Dymoke 1625
?the owner of the books carrying the Dymoke badge of a sword, found in several collections.
Morris.

Humfrey Dyson 1582-1633
Wax chandler. Many of his books were sold at the 1682 Chiswell sale of books of Richard Smith. 6 notebooks of his are among the Luttrell mss at All Souls. Alan Nelson is compiling a list of all Dyson’s books, available on the web – see http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~ahnelson/PROVENANCE/dyson.html.

Erasmus Earle 1590-1667
Of Heydon Hall, Norfolk; lawyer, Recorder of Norwich. Probate inventory on the death of his wife (1671) lists 51 books in the study.

Joseph Eccleshall 1693
Vicar of Sedgley, Staffordshire 1657 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach there, 1672. Inventory on decease lists 180 books valued at £12.
Calamy revised.

Jonathan Edwards 1629-1712
Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. Bequeathed his library to the college.
DNB. Morgan.

Thomas Edwards 1555-1634
Lawyer and MP. Several books with his armorial stamp survive.
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Egerton family
Thomas Egerton, Viscount Brackley (1540-1617) founded the Bridgewater Library, which was added to significantly by his son John Egerton, 1st earl of Bridgewater (1579-1649). John’s wife Frances (1585-1636) had her own collections of books; an inventory of 241 of “my Ladies bookes at London”, made in 1627, survives and is edited by Hackel.


John Egiecke ca.1616-1664
Of Feckenham, Worcestershire; barrister and MP for Evesham. Probate inventory lists in his chamber and study, “implementes and bookes amounting to £8”.

Sir John Eliot 1592-1632
Of Port Eliot and Cuttonbeake; MP for various west country constituencies, died in prison. Probate inventory lists books in the study valued at £40.
H. Hulme (ed), A probate inventory of ... Sir John Eliot, 1936.

Sylvius Elwes 1576-1638
Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge. Gave 184 books and 4 mss to Trinity, ca.1630.
Sears Jayne. Gaskell/TCC.

John English -1613
Fellow of St John’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory lists 518 books/mss.

Sir George Ent 1604-89
Physician. Gave his library to the Royal Society (catalogue printed, 1680).

Sir George Etheridge 1636-91
Dramatist.

John Evelyn 1620-1706
Gave 4 books to Balliol, ca.1637. Collected a celebrated library of over 5000 vols which descended through the family until being dispersed at auction in 1977. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *241).
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Robert Evelyn d.ca.1707?
Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of William Bucknall, 27.10.1707.
Alston Inventory.

Sir Hugh Everard
Library sold at auction in London, 20.10.1707.
M&C.

Caspar Fagel
Library sold at auction in London, 3.2.1690.
M&C.

Nathaniel Fairfax -1690
DNB. M&C.

Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax 1612-1671
Parliamentary general. The Clements collection in the V&A has a rubbing of his armorial. Gave 129 mss to the Bodleian; collected coins and medals.
DNB. Philip 57.

Sir Francis Fane 1612-1681
3rd son of Francis Fane, 1st earl of Westmorland; FRS. Several books survive with his armorial stamp.
Morris.

Mildmay Fane, 2nd Earl of Westmorland 1602-66
MP, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.

Anne Fanshawe 1625-80
Elder daughter of John Harrison of Balls, Herts; married Sir Richard Fanshawe (1608-66). Several books known with her armorial stamp. The Fanshawe library was sold en bloc in 1894.
Morris.

Charles Fanshawe, 4th Viscount Fanshawe 1643-1710
Soldier and statesman, MP for Michaelstow 1689. Library sold by retail sale in London, 12.6.1710.
Alston Inventory.

Roger Farbrother 1688/9-1715
Scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Library sold by auction in Oxford, together with that of Charles King, 6.3.1716.
Foster. Alston Inventory.

Andrew Farrington d.ca.1699?
Serjeant at law. Library sold by auction in London, together with the library of Sir Peter Pett, 6.7.1699.
Alston Inventory.

John Farrington d.ca.1714
Library sold at auction in London, 19.2.1715 (English books), 9.3.1715 (law books).
M&C. Alston Inventory.
John Favour c.1557-1624
Vicar of Halifax; canon of Southwell and York, precentor of York. Friend of Toby Matthew, whose library he used in writing Antiquitie triumphing over noveltie (1619). His personal library (“evidently a large one” – CHL) was bequeathed to his son John and other family members. DNB. CHL I 400-1.

George Fawler b.1607/08
Nonconformist minister in London. Library sold by auction by Edward Millington, 30.5.1681. M&C.

John Fell 1625-1686

Joseph Fenton –1634

Robert Ferguson
Library sold at auction in London, together with that of Benjamin Motte, 14.5.1711. M&C.

Henry Ferrers 1550-1633
Of Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire. His inscription is found in books associated with St Mary’s Church, Warwick; known to have had a collection which was dispersed soon after his death. E. Berry, Henry Ferrers, an early Warwickshire antiquary, 1965. P. Morgan, A 16th-century Warwickshire library, BC 22 (1973) 337-55.

Finch family
Heneage Finch, 3rd Earl of Winchilsea (1610-89); Charles Finch, his grandson, 4th Earl (1672-1712). Numerous books with the armorial stamp of 3rd Earl are known. The 4th Earl was succeeded by his uncle Heneage Finch, 5th earl, for whom family books were sold by Thomas Osborne in 1758. The 4th Earl used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 10492). DNB. Harthan. Morris.

Sir Moyle Finch 1550?-1614
Of Eastwell, Kent; MP. Books with his armorial stamp are known. Morris.

Richard Fitzgerald d.ca.1708?
Library sold by retail sale in London, 28.4.1708. Alston Inventory.

John Fitzwilliam -1699

Sir Daniel Fleming 1633-1701
Antiquary, of Rydal Hall, Ambleside.
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John Fleming 1575-1643
Of Rydal Hall. His property passed to his great nephew the antiquary Daniel Fleming (1633-1701).
Morris.

Sir Henry Fletcher 3rd Bart 1661-1712

Matthew Fletcher d.ca.1715
Of Chatham, Kent. Library, together with prints, paintings and drawings, sold by retail sale in London, 11.5.1715. Alston Inventory.

Richard Fletcher -1617
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists ca. 60 vols, valued at ca.£20.

Robert Fogg -1676
Rector of Bangor Isycoed, Flintshire 1646 (ejected 1661); licensed to preach at Nantwich, Cheshire 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £10. Calamy revised.

James Forbes 1629?-1712
Independent minister in Gloucester. Bequeathed his library of ca.1300 vols and 300 pamphlets to the Congregational Church in Gloucester (Southgate Chapel), deposited in Gloucester City Library 1954, sold to the University of Toronto ca.1968.

Richard Ford
Library sold at auction in London, 10.12.1707.
M&C.

William Ford
M&C.

Edward Fowler 1632-1714
Bishop of Gloucester. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1703 (Franks *596*).
DNB.

John Francklin 1666-1710

Mark Frank 1613-64
Pembroke College Donors’ Book.
Sir Ralph Freeman 1610?-1663
Of Betchworth, Surrey; Master of Requests. Books with his monogram stamp are known.
Morris.

Richard Freeman -1710
Of Battesford, Gloucestershire. Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 11343).

Philip Frith -1670

Francis Fulford -1700
Of Great Fulford, Devon. MP for Callington 1690, 1698. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1699 (Franks 11466).

Nicholas Fuller -1693?
The library of the “late learned Nichol. Fuller”, including common law books, history, voyages and plays, was auctioned in London 14.12.1693, although no catalogue survives. Alston Inventory.

Sir Henry Furnese 1658?-1712
MP for Sandwich. Two BCPs are known with his armorial stamp. Morris.

John Gadbury 1627-1704
Astrologer, almanac compiler. His library, together with that of John Windebanke and others, was sold by retail sale in London, 29.11.1704. DNB. Alston Inventory.

Theophilus Gale 1628-1679
Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford 1650-60 (ejected), preacher at Winchester Cathedral 1657-60, later became pastor to a Congregational church in Holborn. Bequeathed his library of ca 1000 vols to Harvard College (many were destroyed by fire in 1764). DNB. Calamy revised.

Thomas Gale 1635?-1702

John Gamlin -1715
Vicar of Faversham, Kent. Library sold by auction in London, 24.11.1715. M&C. Alston Inventory.

Hannibal Gamon 1582?-1651
Rector of St Mawgan. Ca.350 books in the library at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, bear evidence of Gamon’s previous ownership; it is not clear how and when they came there. DNB. M. Purcell, The library at Lanhydrock, BC 54 (2005) 195-230.
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Charles Gataker 1613-1680
Thomas Gataker 1574-1634
M&C.

Sir John Gayer 1590-1649
Lord Mayor of London. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

Joseph Gaylard 1657?-
M.D. Library sold at auction in London, 28.1.1708.
M&C. Munk.

Josias Geary -1689
Of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “a library of books and parchment” in the study, valued at £12.
M. Reed (ed), Buckinghamshire probate inventories 1661-1714, 1988, 223.

Michael Geddes 1647?-1713
Chancellor of Salisbury; author/translator of Spanish and Portuguese works. Library sold in London, 10.5.1714.
DNB. M&C.

John Gellibrand
Library auctioned in Tunbridge Wells, 8.8.1684.
M&C.

Richard Gerard -1614
Rector of Stockport, Cheshire; prebendary of Southwell. The will of his widow, Ursula (d.1624) bequeathed all her books and “whole library” (apart from a couple of specified titles) to their son Thomas; the books are not included in the accompanying probate inventory.

Sir Balthasar Gerbier 1592-1667
Courtier, Master of Ceremonies. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.
Morris.

William Gibson -1613
Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Inventory lists 85 vols, valued at £2 13s.
BCI, 190.

John Gidley -1711
Nonconformist minister in Exeter, ordained in 1660, licensed to preach there 1672. Bequeathed some books, and money to buy Bibles (“without the Apocrypha or Common Prayer”) to the parish of St Thomas, Exeter, and identified executors to help with the selling of other books.
Calamy revised.

Sir Richard Gipps 1659-1708
DNB. MC. Alston Inventory.
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Thomas Glasier -1628
Of the Cathedral Close, Lichfield, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “books with shelves and desks” in the study, valued at £6 13s 4d.
D. Vaisey (ed), Probate inventories of Lichfield and district 1568-1680, 1969, 55.

Thomas Gleave d.ca.1709
Alston Inventory.

Roger Goad 1538-1610
Provost of King’s College, Cambridge. Books with his armorial stamp are known.

Thomas Goad 1576-1638
Rector of Hadleigh, Suffolk. Supposed to have intended to establish a library at Hadleigh Church, and to have had an appreciable collection of his own. Bequeathed money to King’s College, Cambridge, for the purchase of books.

Francis Goddard -1652
High Sheriff of Wiltshire. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
Morris.

Jonathan Goddard 1617-1675
Physician, founder member of the Royal Society. According to Aubrey, he intended to leave his appreciable library to the Royal Society, but it was inherited instead by his nephew, as he died intestate.
DNB. Aubrey, Brief lives.

Thomas Godfrey 1584-1664
Of Hodiford, Kent; son in law of William Lambarde. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
Morris.

John Godolphin 1617-78
Judge. Library sold at auction in London, 1678.

Charles Goodall -1712
President of the Royal College of Physicians. See H. Beecham, A notebook and a collection of manuscripts: originally the property of Dr Charles Goodall, BLR 7 (1967), 312-317.

George Goodall
Rector of Padworth, Berkshire, 1683-. Library sold at auction in London, 29.11.1708.
M&C.

John Goodrich -1651
Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. Bequeathed books to Wadham.
Morgan.

Thomas Goodwin
Library sold at auction in London, 27.11.1710, 3.11.1712.
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John Goodyer 1592-1664
   Physician. Bequeathed ca.240 books/mss to Magdalen, Oxford
   Morgan.

Thomas Gore 1631-1684
   High Sheriff of Wiltshire; antiquary. Books with his armorial stamp survive; he also used several bookplates. His
   library is said to have passed to George Montagu (d.1815).
   (1873).

John Gorges 1593-1656
   MP for Somerset. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
   Morris.

Henry Gostling 1646?-1675
   Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Bequeathed his books (120 vols) to Corpus Christi.

Humphrey Gower 1638-1711
   Master of St John’s College, Cambridge; Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity. Bequeathed his library to St.
   John’s; over 1000 vols can be identified today.

Richard Graham, Viscount Preston 1648-95
   DNB. M&C.

Denis Granville 1637-1703
   Dean of Durham, ejected as a nonjuror in 1691. His library was then purchased by Sir George Wheler (1650-
   1723) for £221.
   DNB.

Thomas Greaves 1612-76
   Deputy Professor of Arabic at Oxford. 55 books and mss from his collection were purchased by the Bodleian after
   his death.
   DNB. Macray 147.

Alexander Green 1639/40-1697
   Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge 1650-60 (ejected). Bequeathed £10 or £10 worth of his books to
   Pembroke.
   Calamy revised.

William Greenhill 1591?-1671
   Vicar of Stepney, Middlesex 1652 (ejected 1660). Library auctioned in London, 18.2.1678.
   DNB. M&C. Calamy revised.

Nathaniel Greenwood
   M&C.

James Gresham 1662
   Of Haslemere, Surrey. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
   Morris.
Fulke Greville, 5th Baron Brooke 1643-1710
Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1705 (Franks *76).

Robert Greville, 4th Baron Brooke 1638?-76
Library auctioned in London, 2.12.1678.
M&C.

Nehemiah Grew 1641-1712
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Anthony Grey, 11th Earl of Kent 1645-1702
Used two engraved bookplates, dated 1702 (Franks 12827/*35); amended versions of the plate were used by later members of the family.

Elizabeth Talbot Grey, Countess of Kent 1581-1651
Daughter and coheir of Gilbert Talbot, 7th Earl of Shrewsbury. First married Henry Grey, Earl of Kent (d.1639), then apparently married John Selden, to whom much of her property passed, including books. Some, but not all of these went to the Bodleian. Books with her armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Harthan. Morris. CHL I 321.

Henry Grey, 8th Earl of Kent 1583-1639
Books in the Bodleian Library with his armorial stamp came via the bequest of his wife’s property to John Selden.
Morris.

Thomas Grey -1692
Vicar of Dedham, Essex. Library sold at auction in London, 8.2.1694
M&C.

Jasper Griffith -1614
Vicar of Hinckley. Owned a number of important early Welsh mss.

William Griffith d.1703?
Secretary to Lord Coventry. His library, together with that of “an eminent practitioner of the law deceas’d”, was sold by retail sale in London, 28.6.1703.
Alston Inventory.

Sir Samuel Grimston 1643-1700
MP for St Albans. A woodcut bookplate is found in books given by him to St Albans Grammar School.
Lee, British, 20.

Richard Grosvenor 1583-1619
Of Eaton Hall, Cheshire. Inventory on decease records 38 titles.

Robert Grove 1634-96
Bishop of Chichester. Library sold at auction in London, 27.4.1697.
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Randal Guest -1681
Rector of Pulford, Cheshire 1648 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £30 7s 2d.
Calamy revised.

Theodore Gulston -1632
Physician, fellow of Merton College, Oxford. Many of his books given to Merton by his widow.
Morgan.

William Gulston -1684
Bishop of Bristol. Library sold at auction in London, 11.6.1688, 3.4.1689.

Peter Gunning 1614-84
Bishop of Ely. Bequeathed half his library to St John’s College, Cambridge; bequeathed £100 to Canterbury Cathedral, with which books were purchased.

Jasper Gunter
M&C.

Henry Guy 1631-1711
MP for Hedon. A BCP with his armorial stamp is known. Left a large fortune estimated at £40,000.
DNB. Morris.

Edward Gwynn -1649
Lawyer. Numerous books of his survive, with his name tooled on the covers. Bequeathed his books to his legal friend Alexander Chorley; the collection appears to have been dispersed later in the 17th c.

John Hacket 1592-1670
Bishop of Lichfield. Bequeathed his books (ca.1000 vols?) to Cambridge UL; also provided funds to Trinity College Library (for which an armorial stamp was made).

Sir Richard Haddock c.1629-1715
Controller of the Navy. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks *269).
DNB.

Sir Matthew Hale 1609-76
Judge. A list of mss and books given by him to Lincoln’s Inn, 1676, is is BL Stowe ms 1056, fós.86-88.
DNB. Alston Handlist. CHL I 453.
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John Hales 1584-1656
Fellow of Eton 1613-50 (ejected); subsequently sold his library for ca.$600, though it was said to have cost him £2500.
DNB. Walker revised. Aubrey, Brief lives.

John Hall 1633-1710
Bishop of Bristol and Master of Pembroke College, Oxford. Bequeathed his books to Pembroke.
DNB. Morgan.

John Hall 1647?-1656
Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. 30+ books of his are now in the library at Belton House.

Thomas Hall 1610-65
Rector of King’s Norton, Warwickshire (ejected, 1662). Left books to found a parish library for King’s Norton, and one for Birmingham. Had a library of ca.1000 vols.

Timothy Halton 1632?-1704
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Henry Hammond 1605-60
Chaplain to Charles I. 138 vols from his collection passed to Richard Allestree, and hence into his library left to Oxford (held at Christ Church) for the use of the Regius Professor of Divinity.
DNB. Morgan.

Hampden
Library sold at auction in London, 13.2.1699 – sale made £284 18s 8d.
M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions.

Walter Hanford 1679
Of Woolles Hall, Eckington, Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists books in his study, together with some jewellery, plate and furniture, valued together at £15.

William Harborne 1550?-1617
Ambassador to Turkey. Books with his armorial stamp are known.
DNB. Morris.

John Harborough 1679
Of Norfolk, admitted Emmanuel, Cambridge 1679, MD 1683. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 13656/*296).
Venn.

William Hardesty 1653?-1712
Master of the Free School at Ashbourne, Derbyshire; rector of Fenny Bentley. Library sold by auction in London, 20.2.1716.
Venn. Alston Inventory.
Michael Harding 1649?-97  
Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 8.11.1697.  
M&C.

Henry Hare, 2nd Baron Coleraine 1636-1708  
MP for Old Sarum; antiquary. Numerous books with his armorial stamp are known. When his grandson, 3rd Earl, died without heirs in 1749, the family books were sold in London, 1754.  
DNB. Morris.

Nicholas Hare 1582-1622  
Wealthy dilettante and minor poet. A number of his books were acquired by John Morris (d.1658).  

Sir Ralph Hare 1623-1672  
Of Stow Bardolph, Norfolk. Probate inventory lists books to the value of £20 in his closet (ca. 200 vols). A parcel of books in his wife’s closet is also listed.  

Christian Harel -ca.1714  
M&C.

Sir John Harington 1561-1612  
Sothebys 9.7.1951/184.

John Harington, 1st Baron Harington -1613  
The parish library of Oakham was founded with ca.120 vols given in 1616 by Anne, widow of John Harington.  

John Harington, 2nd Baron Harington 1592-1614  
His books appear to have been given to Sidney Sussex College in 1628 by his sister and widow.  
DNB. Morris.

Thomas Harriot 1560-1621  

Harrison  
M.D., of Colchester. Library sold at auction in London, 28.2.1706.  
M&C.

John Harrison -1642  
Head Master of Eton. Bequeathed to the College his books, sextant and dials; the books constitute “one of the earliest English scientific libraries which is still kept together” (Birley).  

John Harrison d.ca.1706?  
Physician of Colchester, FRCP 1687. Library sold by auction in London, 5.3.1706.  
Venn. Munk. Alston Inventory.
Richard Harrison 1611-1676
Vicar of St Mary's, Lichfield, and Chancellor of Lichfield Cathedral. Probate inventory lists “a Bible a stand and Book of Martyrs” in the hall, valued at 14s 0d, and “books” in the study, valued at £50.
D. Vaisey (ed), Probate inventories of Lichfield and district 1568-1680, 1969, 252.

Samuel Harsnett 1561-1631
Archbishop of York. Bequeathed his library to Colchester, to be a town library.

Gabriel Harvey 1545?-1631
Poet and lawyer. Ca.180 vols from his collection survive today, in numerous collections, often distinguished by their extensive annotations.

William Harvey 1578-1657
Physician. Amassed a considerable library which he bequeathed to the Royal College of Physicians, which was largely destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666.

John Haslewood
Library sold at auction in London, 8.11.1708.
M&C.

Henry Hastings, 5th Earl of Huntingdon 1586-1643
Books with his armorial stamp survive. The Hastings mss in the Huntington Library include a list of 17 books purchased by him 1638-40.
Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000010044&ImageId=ImageId=44627&Copyright=BL.

Theophilus Hastings, 7th Earl of Huntingdon 1650-1701
Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000007744&ImageId=ImageId=43477&Copyright=BL.

Thomas Hatcher 1589?-1677
Parliamentary soldier and MP. A book with his armorial stamp survives in Cambridge UL.
DNB. Morris.

Sir Christopher Hatton -1619
Cousin of the Lord Chancellor of the same name (d.1591). Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009478&ImageId=ImageId=44344&Copyright=BL.

Christopher Hatton, 1st Baron Hatton 1605-1670
Royalist politician, and antiquary. 112 mss from his celebrated collections were bought by the Bodleian Library after his death. Numerous monastic cartularies owned by him are now among the Cotton mss in the BL. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
William Hawkins
Library sold in London, 13.4.1685.
M&C.

William Haydock  1647/8-1713
Venn.  Alston Inventory.

Thomas Hayne  1582-1645
Schoolmaster.  Bequeathed his books (?ca.400-600 vols) to Leicester Town Library.

John Hayward
A number of mid 17th c books survive bearing an armorial stamp of the Hayward family; JM suggests John Hayward, of Tandridge Hall, Surrey, Duff suggested Sir William Hayward (d.1665).  Morris.  http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000162&ImageId=ImageId=39686&Copyright=BL.

William Hayworth  d.ca.1707?
Library sold by auction in London, 17.3.1707.
Alston Inventory.

Francis Heath  -1683
A catalogue of his books is in BL Egerton ms 2983, fos.155-6.
Alston handlist.

Sir Robert Heath  1575-1649
MP and judge.  Presented books to St John’s College, Cambridge in 1630; an armorial stamp is recorded from these books.  A catalogue of the books belonging to his wife Margaret, made ca.1647, is in BL Egerton ms 2983, fo.79.
DNB.  Alston Handlist.

Sir Charles Hedges  1650-1714

Humphrey Henchman 1592-1675
DNB.  M&C.

Sir Andrew Henley 1622-1675
MP and lawyer.  A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection in the V&A.  His library was sold at auction in London, 1700.
M&C.  Morris.

Arthur Henley  d.ca.1715?
Library sold by retail sale in London, 7.4.1715.
Alston Inventory.
Sir Robert Henley -1692  
Master of the King’s Bench. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.  
Morris.

Hugh Henshaw  1629/30-1682  
Curate at various parishes in Lancashire and Cheshire from 1646, ejected 1662. Licensed to preach at Knutsford 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £60.  
Calamy revised.

Edward Herbert, Baron Herbert of Cherbury 1583-1648  
Bequeathed his Latin and Greek books to Jesus College, Oxford – ca.900 vols.  

George Herbert -1713  
Of Eton, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “one hundred and six old books” in the closet, valued at £5.  
M. Reed (ed), Buckinghamshire probate inventories 1661-1714, 1988, 309.

William Herbert, 3rd Earl of Pembroke 1580-1630  
Chancellor of Oxford University. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Bought the Barocci mss in 1629, most of which he gave to the Bodleian.  
DNB. Macray. Morris.

Sir Thomas Hervey (1625-94) and Isabella Hervey  
Of Ickworth Manor. A number of the books at Ickworth House (the successor, rebuilt from 1710 onwards) are inscribed”Tho: & Isabella Hervey”.  

Henry Hesketh  1637-1710  
DNB. Alston Inventory.

William Hewer  1642-1715  
Of Clapham, Surrey; Commissioner of the Navy, MP for Yarmouth (Isle of Wight), Master of the Clothworkers’ Company. Friend of Samuel Pepys, who lived in his house (and housed his own library there) towards the end of his life. Used a bookpile monogram bookplate dated 1699 (Franks 14623).  
DNB. B. N. Lee, Bookpile bookplates, 1992, no.73.

Peter Heylyn  1599-1662  
Rector of Alresford 1633, sequestrated 1644, subsequently retired to Lacy’s Court, Berkshire. The goods seized from him in 1643 included his library, valued at £1000, which was sent to Portsmouth and never recovered by him.  
DNB. Walker revised.

Gaspar Hickes  1604/5-1677  
Vicar of Landrake, Cornwall 1632 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach there, 1672. Inventory on decease lists his library, valued at £80.  
Calamy revised.

George Hickes  1642-1715  
Nonjuror, scholar. Library sold at auction in London, 15.3.1716.  
Henry Hickman 1629-1693  
Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford 1649 and Rector of St Aldate’s, Oxford 1657 (ejected 1661). Subsequently moved to Holland and became pastor of the English church at Leiden. Built a library at Stourbridge Grammar School, and presented books, ca.1665. 
DNB. Calamy revised.

William Higden 1663/4-1715  
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Anthony Higgin -1623  
Gave over 700 books to Ripon Minster between 1615 and 1623. 

Griffin Higgs 1589-1659  
Dean of Lichfield. Bequeathed his books to Merton; left £50 for the purchase of books to St John’s, Oxford. 

John Hill 1612/13-1682  
Rector of Newton Ferrers, Devon 1652 (ejected 1660); licensed to preach at Exeter, 1672. His will refers to “all my French books”. 
Calamy revised.

Thomas Hill 1648-1686  
Rector of North Crawley, Buckinghamshire. Probate inventory lists “his study of books”, valued at £20. 

John Hinckley 1618-95  
Rector of Northfield, Worcestershire. Bequeathed “half my books or £40 at his choice” to his son Walter. 

Robert Hitchcock -1663  
Vicar of Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire. Probate inventory lists books in his study and elsewhere, valued at £30. 

Sir John Hobart -1683  

Nicholas Hobart -1657  
Fellow of King’s College, Cambridge; agent for the Levant Company. Bequeathed money to several libraries, and gave books, collected in Constantinople, to Cambridge UL. 

Thomas Hobbes 1648-1698  
Surgeon and physician in London. Library sold by retail sale in London, 3.4.1712. 
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William Hodges  1668?-
Rector of St Swithin’s, London. Library sold at auction in London, 23.2.1702.
M&C.

Hodgson
Schoolmaster. Library sold in London, 29.4.1698.
M&C.

Humphrey Hody  1659-1707
Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford; Archdeacon of Oxford, classical scholar. Bequeathed his library to the University of Oxford to have first choice, and after that to the fellows’ library at Wadham College.
DNB.

Thomas Holbech  1603?-1680
Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Bequeathed books to the College, along with bequests of other parts of his library to relatives; at least 20 vols survive in the College today.
Walker revised.

Richard Holdsworth  -1649
Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His library of ca.10,000 vols was possibly the largest private collection of its generation. It was bequeathed to the University of Cambridge under complex conditions which eventually meant that the books went to the University Library, once the Lambeth Palace books were returned from there to Lambeth.
DNB. Oates, 314-348. CHL I 313-5.
http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/pix/provenance/houldsworth/holdsworth.htm

Sir William Holford, 1st Bart  1663-1709
Of Welham, Leicestershire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *163).
Complete baronetage.

Thomas Holland  1623-1675
Curate of Blackley, Manchester, ejected after the Restoration; subsequently lived near Newton Heath. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £15.
Calamy revised.

Sir Francis Holles, 2nd Baron Holles 1627-1690
MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

Gervase Holles 1606-1675
MP and royalist soldier. Collected materials relating to the history of Lincolnshire; some of these mss now in the BL. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB.

John Holles, 2nd Earl of Clare  1595-1666
The Portland mss (University of Nottingham) include a 1654 “Note of my books at Haughton in my upper closet and in an ould truk”, listing 200 books, and a 1658 “ancient note of my books”, listing 403 books.
DNB. University of Nottingham, Portland mss Pw V 4 pp.195-200, 185-192.

John Holles, 1st Duke of Newcastle  1662-1711
Statesman. Used several engraved armorial bookplates (Franks 15108/15109/*20). Library sold at auction in London, 2.3.1719.
DNB. M&C. Alston Inventory.
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Sir John Holt 1642-1710
Recorder of London 1686, Chief Justice of King's Bench 1689; MP for Beeralston, 1689. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks 15179). Library sold by auction in London, 29.5.1729.
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Michael Honywood 1597-1681
Dean of Lincoln. Organised and paid for the building of Lincoln Cathedral Library, and bequeathed his books.

Richard Hook -1715
Rector of St George's, Southwark, and of Great Stanmore, Middlesex. Library sold by retail sale in London, 6.4.1715.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Robert Hooke 1635-1703
Scientist. Library (more than 3000 vols) sold at auction in London, 29.4.1703.

Edward Hooker  d.ca.1708?
The library of “Dr Edward Hooker” was dispersed in a series of sale in London in 1708 (continuation sale advertised 10.5.1708, subsequent sale 8.7.1708).
Alston Inventory.

Anthony Horneck 1641-97
Prebendary of Westminster. Library sold at auction in London, 15.4.1697.
DNB. M&C.

John Horsham 1595/6-1664
Vicar of Staverton, Devon 1630 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £65.
Calamy revised.

Mr Horsnell  d.ca.1698
Surgeon, of London. His library, together with that of “an eminent physician”, was sold by retail sale in London, 16.6.1698.
Alston Inventory.

William Hopkins 1647-1700
Prebendary of Worcester. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 10.2.1701.
DNB. M&C.

John Hopkinson 1610-1680
Lawyer and antiquary, of Yorkshire; accumulated mss collections relating to Yorkshire.

Thomas Hopper -1624
Gave ca.400 books (medical) to New College Oxford, 1623.
Sears Jayne. Morgan.
Ralph Hough  1649?-
Of the Inner Temple; ?examiner in the Court of Chancery, 1692-1700 (Foster). Library sold at auction in London, 1699?.
M&C.

Charles Howard, 1st Earl of Northampton 1536-1624
Lord Admiral under Elizabeth I. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Presented books/mss to the Bodleian Library.
DNB. Macray. Morris.

Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton 1540-1614
Books with his armorial stamp survive. His library remained at Arundel House after his death and passed to Henry Howard, 6th Duke of Norfolk, and thence to the Royal Society via the gift of 1667.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009930&ImageId=ImageId=44570&Copyright=BL.

Thomas Howard, 2nd Earl of Arundel 1586-1646
Collections partly dispersd after his death. His printed books were given to the Royal Society in 1666 by his grandson Henry Howard, 6th Duke of Norfolk.

Lord William Howard 1563-1640
Of Naworth Castle; antiquary. His collection of ca.250 vols was kept at Naworth until sold at Sotheby’s, 15.12.1992; it was bought en bloc by Durham University Library.

Emanuel Scrope Howe  c.1663-1709
Colonel of the 15th foot; MP for Morpeth 1701; envoy to Hanover 1704. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 15546).
DNB.

William Howell
Library auctioned in London, 7.11.1681.
M&C.

Samuel Howlett  -1671?
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Bequeathed ca.80 vols to St John’s, mostly in European languages.

Roger Howman  1640-1705
Physician, of Norwich. Used an engraved bookplate (Franks 15569), also used in adapted form by his son and grandson.
Blatchly.

John Hoyle  -1692
James Hulker  1657/8-ca.1714?
    Lawyer, of the Middle Temple.  Library sold by retail sale in London, 17.6.1714.
    Venn.  Alston Inventory.

Peter Hume  d.ca.1708
    Of the Wardrobe.  Library sold by retail sale in London, 22.3.1708.
    Alston Inventory.

John Humphrey  -1679
    Vicar of Rothwell, Northamptonshire.  Library sold at auction in London, 4.12.1682; included 70 medieval mss.

Sir Edward Hungerford 1596-1648
    MP and Parliamentary soldier.  A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection, V&A.
    DNB.  Morris.

Sir George Hungerford 163?-1712
    MP for Cricklade, and Wiltshire.  Books with his monogram stamp survive.  Library sold by retail sale in London,
    8.4.1713.
    Harthan.  Morris.  Alston Inventory.

Sir Henry Hunloke, 2nd Bart.  1645-1715
    Of Wingerworth, Derbyshire.  Sheriff of Derbyshire 1687.  Used an engraved armorial bookplate, made ca.1680
    (Franks 15732).

Stephen Hunt  1657/8-1714?
    Physician, of Canterbury.  Gave (bequeathed?) his library to Canterbury Cathedral in 1714, “in wch were a great
    many curiosities purposely purchased … a little before his death”.

Robert Huntington  1637-1701
    Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, Chaplain to the English Factory at Aleppo, Bishop of Raphoe; gave Oriental
    books to Merton, Oriental mss purchased by Bodleian after his death.  Remainder of library sold at auction in
    London, 27.1.1702, 16.5.1702.
    DNB.  Morgan.  M&C.  Alston Inventory.

Peter Hushar
    M&C.

William Hutchings  -1647
    Vice-Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford.  Bequeathed books to the College.
    Morgan.

Henry Hutton  c.1609-1655
    Canon of Carlisle Cathedral; Rector of Long Marton.  His library of ca.240 vols was bequeathed to Arthur Savage,
    also a Canon of Carlise, who gave them to Carlisle Cathedral in 1691.
    D. Weston, Carlisle Cathedral history, 2000, 123.
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Anne Hyde, Duchess of York 1637-71
DNB. Morris.

Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon 1609-74
Lord Chancellor. Books with his armorial stamp survive. The collection of mss of the first 3 Earls of Clarendon was sold in London, 1764.

Henry Hyde, 2nd Earl of Clarendon 1638-1709
Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1699 (Franks *59). Books were sold anonymously as “The library of a person of honour” at auction in London, 1709.
DNB. M&C.

Laurence Hyde, 1st Earl of Rochester 1642-1711
Statesman. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *106).
DNB.

Richard Inglett 1632-1673
Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford 1652 (ejected 1662); afterwards moved to Plymouth, where he practised medicine. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £10.
Calamy revised.

Isham family
Thomas Isham (1565- ); Sir John Isham, 1st Bart; Sir Justinian Isham, 2nd Bart. (1611-75); Sir Thomas Isham, 3rd Bart. (1657-81); Sir Justinian Isham, 4th Bart. (1658 -1730). Developed the library at Lamport Hall, largely dispersed in the late 19th c.

Thomas Jacomb 1624?-87
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, nonconformist divine. Library sold at auction in London, 31.10.1687 – sale made £1114 12s 6d.
M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions.

James I 1566-1625
Gave 228 books to St Andrews University, 1612.

Thomas James 1573?-1629
Bodley’s librarian. His books were valued at his death at £40. Books survive with his inscription and motto “Non quaero mihi utile est sed quod utilis”.
DNB. Pearson, Provenance research.

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Thomas James -1711  
Bookseller and printer in London. Grandson of Thomas James, Bodley’s Librarian. He bequeathed his collection of ca.3000 vols to public uses; in 1711 it was decided that they should be offered to, and accepted by, Sion College.  
E. Pearce, Sion College and Library, 1913, 197, 266. Plomer.

Brian Jarson d.1700?  
The library of Brian Jarson, Esq., deceased was sold by auction in London, 25.7.1700.  
Alston Inventory.

Samuel Jeake 1623-90  
Lawyer, preacher, political activist. The contents of his private library of ca.2100 vols are known from his ms catalogue, now in the Jeake mss at Rye Museum.  

James Jeffreys -1689  

Sir Leoline Jenkins 1625-1685  
Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, lawyer. Bequeathed his library to the college.  

Sir Thomas Jenner 1637-1707  
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Jennings  
Library auctioned in London, 17.11.1684.  
M&C.

Sir Kenelm Jenoure -1629  
Morris.

Henry Jermyn, Earl of St Albans 1604?-84  
DNB. Morris.

Sir Thomas Jermyn 1572-1645  
MP, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk. Books with his armorial stamp survive.  
Morris.

Thomas Jessop  
M&C.

Frances Jodrell -1631  
Of Stockport, spinster. Probate inventory lists “in the presse” two boxes containing 57 books, “most of them old historie books”, valued at 4s 8d, together with a few other books elsewhere.  
Henry Jones 1708
Vicar of Sunningwell. Bequeathed 60 ms vols, mainly 16th/17th c, to the Bodleian Library; some had previously belonged to John Fell. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 7.7.1710. Macray 177-8. M&C.

Inigo Jones 1573-1652
Architect and designer; Surveyor to James I and Charles I. 46 books from his collection have been identified; his marginalia extend the known range of his reading. DNB. C. Anderson, Inigo Jones’s library and the language of architectural classicism in England, Ph.D. Massachusetts Inst of Technology, 1993. R. Handa, Authorship of The most notable antiquity (1655); Inigo Jones and early printed books, PBSA 100 (2006), 357-78.

Ben Jonson 1574-1637

Francis Junius 1589-1677
Antiquary; librarian to the earl of Arundel. Bequeathed his books and writings, including 122 mss, to the Bodleian. DNB. Philip 57-8.

William Juxon 1582-1663
Archbishop of Canterbury. His books were given to St John’s, Oxford by his son. DNB. Morgan. Harthan. Morris. Maggs 1156 (1993)/88.

Sir John Kederminster -1631

Robert Kellum
A catalogue of books on chemistry in his library, made ca.1680, is BL Sloane ms 3798. Alston Handlist.

Joseph Kelsey -1710

Sir Robert Kemp -1647

Thomas Ken 1637-1711
Bishop of Bath & Wells (deprived). Bequeathed his books firstly to Viscount Weymouth of Longleat, with duplicates to go to Wells Cathedral (ca.450 vols); and all his French, Italian and Spanish books to Bath Abbey Library. DNB. Wells Cathedral Library, Wells, 1982.
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Joseph Kentish d.1705?
“Late of Bristol, minister”. Library sold by auction in London, 19.11.1705.
Alston Inventory.

John Ker
M.D. Library sold at auction in London, 19.4.1714.
M&C.

Ralph Kettell 1563-1643
President of Trinity College, Oxford. Gave books to Trinity.
DNB. Morgan.

Timothy Key -1676
Schoolmaster, of Lichfield. Probate inventory lists “books in his study”, valued at £2.

Richard Kidder 1633-1703
Bishop of Bath & Wells. Described as a man of many books; none were left to Wells Cathedral, but the Library there has a ms catalogue of ca.500 vols owned by him. The collection appears to have passed to Nathaniel Brydges, Chancellor of Wells.
DNB. C. Church, Notes on the … Library of the Dean and Chapter … of Wells, Archaeologia 57 (1901), 201-228.

Thomas Kidner -1676
M&C.

Richard Kilbye -1620
Of Lincoln College, Oxford. Inventory on decease includes 41 books.
Sears Jayne.

Sir Peter Killigrew, 2nd Bart c.1634-1705
Of Arwennack, Cornwall. MP for Camelford 1660. Used an engraved bookplate made ca.1700 (Franks 17142).

Thomas Killigrew 1612-83
Dramatist. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

Sir William Killigrew 1579-1622
Cornish MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB.

King family
John King 1559?-1621, Bishop of London; Henry King 1592-1669, Bishop of Chichester; John King -1671
Henry King inherited books from his father John and developed a sizeable library, much of which was lost when Chichester Cathedral was seized in 1642; what remained passed to his son John who in turn bequeathed many to the diocese of Chichester. Bp John King gave money for books to Christ Church, Oxford.
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Charles King  1663/4-1715
   Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, MD. Library sold by auction in Oxford, together with that of Roger Farbrother, 6.3.1716.
   Foster. Alston Inventory.

Sir Edmund King  1629-1709
   Physician. Library sold at auction in London, 28.11.1709.
   DNB. M&C.

Richard Kingston  1635?-1707?
   Chaplain in ordinary to Charles, author of controversial pamphlets. Library sold by auction in London, 17.4.1707.
   DNB. Alston Inventory.

Sir Norton Knatchbull 1602-85
   MP for Kent and New Romney. Library sold by auction in London, 22.6.1698, with an appendix of mss apparently owned by someone else, unnamed.

John Knight  1600-80
   Sergeant surgeon to Charles II. Bequeathed heraldic and genealogical mss to Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge.
   Munby. Venn, Caius.

Richard Knight  -1639
   Vicar of Temple, Bristol. Probate inventory lists “his books” valued at “20 nobles or thereabouts”.

John Knightbridge  -1677
   Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Ca. 400 vols from his collection were given by his brother after his death to found a parish library at Chelmsford.
   DNB. Perkin.

Sir Thomas Knyvett  -1618
   Of Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk. His library of ca 70 mss and 1400 printed books descended through his family in the 17th c until the bulk of it was acquired by John Moore, and thence passed to Cambridge University Library.

Sir Francis Kynaston  1587-1642
   Poet. Founded an “academy of learning” in 1635, at his house in London, furnished with books, manuscripts, instruments, etc, for the nobility and gentry.
   DNB. Maggs 1324 (2002)/1.

Arthur Lake 1569-1626
   Bishop of Bath & Wells. Bequeathed a large portion of his library to New College, Oxford (>400 vols); also left books to Wells Cathedral, and to family members. Founded the church library of Bath, ca.1619.

Edward Lake  1641-1704
   Archdeacon of Exeter. Library sold at auction in London, 15.5.1704, 25.5.1704.
   DNB. M&C.
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John Lake 1624-89
Bishop of Chichester. Library sold at auction in London, 27.4.1691.
DNB. M&C.

Sir John Lambe 1566?-1647
Dean of the Arches. Gave 21 mss to William Laud in 1632, which Laud passed on to the Bodleian Library.

Thomas Lamplugh 1615-1691
Archbishop of York. Library sold by auction in London (at least the Greek and Latin books), 8.2.1704.
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Lane fl.1695
Lawyer, bursar of Merton College, Oxford; a recusant who was wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of the Boyne. Library sold at auction in London, 5.2.1710.
DNB. M&C.

Gerard Langbaine 1609-1658
Provost of Queen’s, Oxford. Gave books to Queen’s and to the Bodleian.

John Langford -1674
Vicar of Gwennap, Cornwall ca.1653 (ejected 1660); licensed to preach at Falmouth, 1672. Will refers to “my history notes and heraldry manuscripts”; inventory on decease lists books and other goods in his study valued at £40.
Calamy revised.

Sir James Langham, 2nd bart 1621-1699
Of Cottesbrooke, Northamptonshire. Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of “an eminent lawyer deceas’d”, 26.1.1714.
Alston Inventory.

Thomas Larkham 1602-1669
Vivar of Tavistock, Devon ca.1648 (ejected 1660). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £20.
DNB; Calamy revised.

William Latton 1653-
Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. A number of books survive bearing an armorial stamp which can be attributed to Latton or other members of the family.
Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009928&ImageId=ImageId=44569&Copyright=BL.

William Laud 1573-1645
Archbishop of Canterbury. Gave major donations of mss to the Bodleian Library between 1635 and 1640. Gave books/mss to St John’s, Oxford.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000024848&ImageId=ImageId=40847&Copyright=BL.
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John Laughton -1712
Cambridge University Librarian. “Left behind him a good collection not only of books but also of coyns &c” (Heame). Gave ca.2000 books to Trinity College, Cambridge during his lifetime; most of his collection was dispersed at his death. The English part of his library was sold by auction in Sheffield, 9.12.1713.

Ralph Launder -1638
Surgeon, of Chesterfield. Probate inventory lists “one Bible, 35 other books great and small”, valued with instruments and other objects at £2.

Thomas Lawrence
M&C.

John Lawson -1705
Physician in London, President of the Royal College of Physicians. Bequeathed 1100 vols to Sion College.

George Lawson
Of Shrewsbury. Library auctioned in London, 30.5.1681.

John Ledgard -1683
Fellow of University College, Oxford. Left books to University College.
Morgan.

Richard Lee 1657?-83
Rector of Bishop Hatfield, Hertfordshire. Library auctioned in Hatfield, 28.4.1685.
M&C.

Edmund Leigh -1641(?)
Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford. Gave books to the college.
Morgan

Sir Thomas Leigh, 1st Baron Leigh 1596-1672
MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
Morris.

Thomas Leigh -1686
Of Bishops Stortford. Books from his collection were acquired by Ralph Freman (d.1774), fellow of All Souls, Oxford, who bequeathed them (with his other books) to All Souls.

Stephen Le Moyne
Library sold at auction in London, 3.2.1690.
M&C.

Sir William Le Neve 1600?-61
Clarenceux King of Arms. His library was sold after his death to Sir Edward Walker, Garter King of Arms; the original deed of sale (1663) is BL Add.Ch.71076.
*Fontes Harleianae.*
Sampson Lennard 1633

Soldier and Herald. Some of his heraldic mss are in the Harleian Collection at the BL; some have his armorial stamp.  
DNB. Fontes Harleianae. Morris.

Scipio Le Squyer 1579-1659


Sir Nicholas Le Strange, 3rd Bart 1669

Of Hunstanton Hall, Norfolk. Probate inventory of 1676 lists a library valued at £120. A catalogue of books in the library made ca.1700, during the lifetime of Sir Nicholas, 4th Bart, lists 2659 printed books and 37 mss. 

John Leverston-Gower, 1st Baron Gower 1675-1709

MP for Newcastle under Lyme 1692, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1702. Used several engraved armorial bookplates (Franks 12390/*119/*137).  
DNB.

Robert Levet 1658

Vicar of Wood Ditton, Cambridgeshire 1618; ejected 1644. Will refers to books at Exning. 
Walker revised.

William Levinz 1625-98

President of St John’s College, Oxford. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 29.6.1698. 

Edward Lewis 1677

Vicar of Chirbury, Shropshire. Bequeathed his books (ca 200 vols) to form a parish library for Chirbury. 
Perkin.

Sir James Ley, 1st Earl of Marlborough 1552-1629

MP and judge. Books with his armorial stamp survive. 
DNB. Morris.

Sir Peter Leycester  1614-1678

Antiquary, of Tabley Hall, Cheshire. Known to have had a library of ca.1330 volumes.  

Edward Lhuyd 1660-1709

Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum.  

Edward Lightfoot 1635?

Of London; graduate of St John’s College, Cambridge. Bequeathed over 30 books to St John’s. 
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William Lilly 1602-81
Astrologer. His books were bought after his death for £50 by Elias Ashmole. 146 books in the Ashmolean collection can be identified as being Lilly’s.

Augustine Lindsell -1634
Bishop of Hereford. The fate of his library, which is reputed to have been large, is unclear.
DNB. Pearson, Bishops.

William Lindwood
Library sold at auction in London, 7.2.1715.
M&C.

John Lister  fl.1693
John Lister, who “lodges at Mrs Unwin in Great St Ann’s Lane … Westminster”, advertised “to sell all his books” beginning 18.12.1693, although no catalogue survives.
Alston Inventory.

Martin Lister 1638?-1712
Zoologist. His books went originally to the Ashmolean Museum and are now in the Bodleian Library.
DNB.

Adam Littleton 1627-94
Canon of Westminster, Rector of Chelsea. Library sold at auction in London, 15.4.1695.
M&C.

Sir Edward Littleton 1589-1645
Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. A large engraved armorial plate is known to have been used somethimes as a bookplate.

Sir Thomas Littleton, 3rd Bart 1647-1710
Treasurer of the Navy 1699-1710; MP for various constituencies, 1689-1710; Speaker of the House of Commons 1698-1700. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks 18416).
DNB.

John Lloyd

John Lloyd 1638-87
Bishop of St David’s. Library sold at auction in London, 6.2.1699.
DNB. M&C.

Nicholas Lloyd 1630-80
DNB. M&C.

John Locke 1632-1704
Physician and philosopher. Library ran to ca.3700 vols.
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Francis Lodwick 1619-1694
London merchant, linguistic scholar; FRS. Shelf-lists of his two library collections, each containing ca.2500 volumes, are in BL mss Sloane 855, 859. These collections were apparently dispersed after his death; many books are now in the Bodleian, where they can be identified from their distinctive numbering.

George London
Chief Gardener to Queen Anne. Library sold in London, 22.3.1714.
M&C.

Andrew Lortie d.ca.1702?
Huguenot theologian and author, who lived in London from ca.1675. Library sold in London by retail sale, 6.3.1702.
Alston Inventory.

John Lovelace, 4th Baron Lovelace -1709
Soldier; Governor of New York, 1708. Of Hurley, Buckinghamshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1704 (Franks *87).
DNB.

Sir Richard Lovelace, Baron Lovelace 1586?-1634
Gave 27 vols to create a parish library at Hurley, Berkshire (all now lost).
Perkin.

Isaac Lowden -1612
Perpetual Curate of Darlington. Inventory at death listed ca.70 books, valued at £5 16s.

Henry Lucas -1663
MP and administrator. Bequeathed his library of ca.4000 vols to Cambridge UL.
Oates, 349-367.

Lucy family
Of Charlecote Park, Warwickshire. Sir Thomas Lucy III (1585-1640) and his wife Alice (d.1648) are both known to have been active book-lovers who established a significant collection. It was further developed by subsequent owners of Charlecote, particularly Richard Lucy (ca.1619-77), William Lucy (d.1723) and later members of the family. Some books from the 17th-century collection survive at Charlecote today, interspersed among later acquisitions, although much of the original has been lost.

Richard Lumley -1694
Vicar of Stainton, Yorkshire. Bequeathed ca.300 vols to found a parish library for Stainton.
Perkin.

Anthony Lybbe -1703
Rector of Checkenden, Oxfordshire. Library sold by auction in Oxford, together with the library of Richard Duckworth, 24.3.1707.
Foster. Alston Inventory.

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John Lydston 1613-1671
Chaplain in the Parliamentary army; Rector of St Mellion, Cornwall 1648 (ejected 1662); subsequently moved to Saltash. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £30. Calamy revised.

Thomas Lye 1621?-84
Rector of All Hallows, Lombard Street, London 1658 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach in Clapham, 1672. Library auctioned in London, 17.11.1684. DNB. M&C. Calamy revised.

William Lygon ca.1613-1680

John Machin 1624-1664

Arthur Mainwaring 1668-1712
MP, Auditor of Imprests. Library sold in London, 4.2.1713. DNB. M&C.

George Mainwaring -1670
Rector of Malpas, Cheshire ca.1648 (ejected 1660); subsequently lived in Chorlton, Lancashire. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £20. Calamy revised.

John Maitland, 2nd Earl and 1st Duke of Lauderdale 1616-1682

Richard Maitland, 4th Earl of Lauderdale 1653-95

John Malden 1621/2-1681
Curate of Newport, Shropshire 1656 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Whitchurch, 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £10. Calamy revised.

Thomas Man 1655?-90
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge 1676-90. Gave ca.80 mss, many from northern English monasteries, to Jesus. Munby.
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Roger Mander -1704
Master of Balliol College, Oxford. Bequeathed his books to the college.
Morgan.

Venterus Mandey
M&C. Alston Inventory.

Francis Manners, 7th Earl of Rutland 1578-1632
Stuart courtier. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009004&ImageId=ImageId=44107&Copyright=BL.

John Manners, 1st Duke of Rutland 1638-1711
MP for Leicestershire 1661-79, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire 1677. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 19636).
DNB. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-00002432&ImageId=ImageId=40821&Copyright=BL.

Francis Mansell 1579-1665
Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. Gave his library, ca.600 vols, to the college.
DNB. Morgan.

Thomas Manton 1620-77
Presbyterian divine. Library auctioned in London, 25.3.1678.
DNB. M&C.

Sir Peter Manwood 1571-1625
Kent MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.

Robert Mapleton 1609-1677
Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge; Dean of Ely. Bequeathed his library, and £100 for book purchase and library furnishing, to Ely Cathedral.

Sir Samuel Marrow 1652/53-1699
Alston Inventory.

Thomas Marshall 1621-1685
Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, and Dean of Gloucester. Bequeathed his library to the Bodleian, and Lincoln College.
DNB. Morgan. Philip 58.

Sir John Marsham 1602-85
Of Whome's Place, Kent. Known to have used two bookplates.
Lee, British, 8.
Henry Marston  -1643
Parish clerk of St Stephen, Bristol. Probate inventory lists several bibles and dictionaries, and “one old cradle full of books”, valued together at £1 5s 10d.

Edmund Marten 1659?-1709
M&C.

Samuel Martyn  -1693
Nonconformist minister, pastor to a congregation at Liskeard, Cornwall in 1690. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £35.
Calamy revised.

Anna Margaretta Mason fl.1701
Lee, British, 37.

Henry Mason -1647
Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford. Gave books to the college valued at £1000; also gave a library to Wigan Grammar School, during his lifetime.

Philip Mason
Library sold at auction in London, 8.6.1691.
M&C.

John Massey 1614/15-1668
Rector of Patney, Wiltshire 1647 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £20.
Calamy revised.

Toby Matthew 1546-1628
Archbishop of York. Library given to York Minster by his widow (ca.3000 vols); he also gave books to other institutions.

John Maynard
M&C.

Sir John Maynard 1604-1690
Serjeant-at-law, MP. Possessed a large library.
DNB. CHL I 453.

Anthony Maxey -1648
Dean of Windsor. Bequeathed ca. 80 vols to the Chapter Library of St George’s, Windsor.
RBDirectory.

Richard Meggot -1692
Dean of Winchester. Library sold at auction in London, 6.11.1693.
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Roger Meredith  d.ca.1704?
   Master in Chancery. His library, together with that of "an eminent merchant lately deceas'd", was sold by retail sale in London, 14.7.1704.
   Alston Inventory.

Sir Thomas Meres  1634-1715
   Of Lincoln. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1705 (Franks *467).

Christopher Merrett  1614-1695
   Botanist, physician, FRS. Library sold by auction in London 20.9.1695, although no catalogue survives.
   DNB. Alston Inventory.

John Merry  1650/1-1703?
   Rector of Steepleton Iwerne, Dorset. Library sold by retail sale in London, 5.10.1703.
   Foster. Alston Inventory.

Henry Meux  1659/60-1709
   Curate of Woodstock, Oxfordshire. Library sold by auction in Oxford, 30.10.1710.
   Foster. Alston Inventory.

Paul Micklethwaite  1589?-1639
   Master of the Temple Church, London; previously fellow of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Gave 74 Hebrew books to Sidney, 1640.
   DNB. Sears Jayne.

William Milbourne
   Mathematician. His collection of books and mathematical instruments was bought by Elias Ashmole in 1650.

John Mill  1644/5-1707
   Principal of St Edmund Hall, Oxford. His library was sold, after his death, to Henry Penton of New College for 200 guineas.
   DNB. Hearne, Collections vol.2, 74.

John Milner  1628-1703
   Nonjuror, of St John’s College, Cambridge. Library sold at auction in London, together with that of “an eminent counsellor”, 4.4.1715.
   DNB. M&C.

John Milton  1608-74
   Poet.

John Milward  1619/20-1683
   Rector of Darfield, Yorkshire 1655 (ejected 1661); licensed to preach at Farncombe, Somerset 1672. Bequeathed books to John James and John King, fellow nonconformists, and money to Corpus Christi College, Oxford and the Bodleian to buy books.
   DNB. Calamy revised.

Thomas Moett
   A catalogue of books in his library, with prices, made in 1659, is in BL Sloane ms 269 fos. 1-23.
   Alston Handlist.
Henry Molle  c.1597-1658
Public orator at Cambridge. Books from his collection are found at Balliol College, Oxford, and elsewhere.

William Molyneux  1656-98
His library forms part of the Pitt Collection, given to the town of Southampton in 1831, now in Southampton Central Library.
RBDirectory.

Christopher Monck, 2nd Duke of Albemarle 1650-1688
Son of George Monck, the parliamentary general; Governor of Jamaica. Books with his armorial stamp, probably also used by his father, survive. The library passed through his wife’s second marriage to the Dukes of Montague.

Charles Montagu, 1st Earl of Halifax 1661-1715
Chancellor of the Exchequer. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Used engraved armorial bookplates dated 1702 (Franks 20877, 20878).
DNB. Morris.

James Montagu 1568-1618
Bishop of Winchester. Bequeathed his books to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
DNB. Pearson, Bishops.

Ralph Montagu, 1st Duke of Montagu 1638-1709
Politician and diplomat. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1705 (Franks *11).
DNB.

Richard Montagu 1577-1641
Bishop of Norwich. A few scattered books with his inscription survive; his letters to John Cosin include numerous references to the obtaining of books.
DNB. Pearson, Bishops.

John Montfort -1651
Rector of Anstey and Therfield, Hertfordshire 1640 (sequestrated 1643); prebendary of Ely. His library was valued in 1643 at £1000.
Walker revised.

Edmund Moor -1689
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge (ejected 1662); nonconformist minister at Mortlake. Library sold at auction in London, 29.7.1689.
M&C.

Giles Moore  1617-1679

John Moore 1646-1714
Bishop of Ely. His collection of ca.30000 books, the largest private library of his generation, was bought by George I for presentation to Cambridge UL, where it became the Royal Library. His household goods were sold by auction in London, 16.3.1715.
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Sir Jonas Moore 1617-1679
Mathematician. Intended to bequeath his books to the Royal Society, but died intestate and his library was sold by auction (1560 lots), 3.11.1684 – sale made £402 16s 10d.
DNB. Thornton & Tully. M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions.

Robert Moore -1704
Curate of Brampton, Derbyshire from ca.1658 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach there 1672. Inventory on decease lists 405 books valued at £30.
Calamy revised.

William Moore 1590-1659
Fellow of Gonville & Caius; Cambridge University Librarian. Bequeathed his collection of ca.150 mss, including many of English monastic provenance, to Caius; a contemporary catalogue of these mss is in CUL ms Dd.4.36.
DNB. Munby. Oates.

Henry Mordaunt, 2nd Earl of Peterborough 1624?-1697
Royalist soldier and politician. Bought books at the Richard Smith sale of 1682.
DNB. Birrell, Books and buyers.

John Mordaunt, Viscount Mordaunt 1626-1675
Governor of Windsor Castle. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

John More -1641
Physician. A number of medical and scientific books with an armorial stamp of a cross, from Cambridge UL and elsewhere, are identified by Morris as having been More’s.
Morris.

Richard More 1627-98
Gave ca.350 vols from his collection to the parish of More, Shropshire, in 1680.

Sylvanus Morgan 1620-93
DNB. M&C. Alston Inventory.

George Morley 1597-1684
Bishop of Winchester. Bequeathed his books (ca.2000 vols) to Winchester Cathedral Library.

John Morris 1595-1648
Canon of Christ Church and Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford; Rector of Pirton, Oxfordshire. Several books survive with his inscription and Greek motto.
Pearson, Provenance research.
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John Morris ca.1580-1658
Watermill owner. His library of ca.1500 vols was acquired by the Royal Library after his death, and is now mainly in the British Library.
T. Birrell, The library of John Morris (1976)

Philip Morris
Of Pensax, Worcestershire. A list of books owned by him is in BL Add.ms.7137, fos.55-57.
Alston Handlist.

Thomas Morton 1564-1659
Bishop of Durham. Gave ca.170 books to St John’s College, Cambridge ca.1620
DNB. Sears Jayne.

Sir Thomas Mostyn 1651-92
Welsh antiquary, founder of the Mostyn family collection.

Benjamin Motte
Library sold at auction in London, together with that of Robert Ferguson, 14.5.1711.
M&C.

Harry Mullins
Library sold at auction in London, 1715?
M&C.

Edward Munday -1706?
Alston Inventory.

James Nalton d.ca.1706?
Minster in Hampstead. Library sold by retail sale in London, 4.9.1706.
Alston Inventory.

Sir Robert Naunton 1563-1635
MP, Secretary of State. A number of books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Blatchly. Morris.

Walter Needham 1632-1691
Physician to the Charterhouse, FRS. Library sold by auction in London, 25.10.1708.
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Richard Neile 1562-1640
Archbishop of York. At least 20 books from his collection survive in York Minster Library; others are found elsewhere.
DNB. Pearson, Bishops. A. Cambers, Print, manuscript and godly cultures in the north of England c.1600-1650,

Thomas Neville -1615
Dean of Canterbury. Bequeathed 125 mss and 75 printed books to Trinity College, Cambridge
DNB. Sears Jayne. Gaskell/TCC.
Sir Richard Newdigate 1644-1710
MP for Warwickshire, 1681 and 1689-90. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 21722).
HoC 1660-1690.

John Newte -1715/16
Rector of Tiverton, Devon. Bequeathed ca.250 vols to found a parish library for Tiverton; many had previously belonged to his father, Richard Newte (1612-78).

Robert Nicholas 1595-1667
MP; judge of the Upper Bench and Baron of the Exchequer during the Interregnum. Gave books to Queen’s College, Oxford. Ca.25 legal mss from his collections – mostly 17th c copies of law reports, for use in his legal practice – survive in the “Royal Library” (John Moore’s collection) in Cambridge University Library. His library may have been dispersed during the time of his grandson, the MP Oliver Nicholas (1651-1716).

William Nichols 1665?-1712
Fellow of Merton College, Oxford; Rector of Selsey, Sussex, canon of Chichester. Library sold at auction in London, 1.12.1712.
M&C.

John Nidd -1659
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Bequeathed 125 vols to Trinity (largely medical), with other books left to friends and family. Nidd’s probate inventory lists ca.300 vols; many of the books not left to Trinity were bequeathed to William Lynnet (also a fellow of Trinity), who in turn bequeathed then to the College.

Baptist Noel, 3rd Earl of Gainsborough 1684-1714
Both he and his wife Dorothy used a series of engraved armorial bookplates (Franks 21939-42, *39). Complete peerage.

Norton, Mr
M&C.

Timothy Nourse -1699
Fellow of University College, Oxford. Bequeathed books to University College, and his coins to the Bodleian.
DNB. Morgan.

John Oakes -1688
Vicar of Boreham, Essex 1657-62 (ejected); subsequently a minister at Little Baddow, and in London. Library sold by auction in London 20.5.1689.
Alston Inventory.

Mr Oately d.ca.1703
The library of “the learned and reverend Mr Oately, deceased” was sold by retail sale in London, 9.2.1703.
Alston Inventory.
John Okes  -1710
  Vicar of Wotton-under-Edge. Left 300 vols to form a parish library there.
  Morgan. Perkin.

Henry Oldenburg  1615?-77
  Secretary of the Royal Society. A catalogue of his books, arranged by subject and date, is in BL Add.ms.4255, fos.228-238.
  DNB. Alston Handlist.

Humphrey Oldfield  -1690
  Bequeathed his books to the parish of Salford, to found a parish library.

Robert Orme
  The Wilberforce papers in the West Sussex Record Office include a catalogue of books belonging to Orme, with notes, sketches and Latin exercises, dated 1684 (ref Wilberforce/54).

Daniel Osborne  1669?-1710
  M&C.

Thomas Osborne, Duke of Leeds  1632-1712
  Lord President of the Council. Used engraved armorial bookplates dated 1701(Franks 22435/*14/*21). A catalogue of his library, made in 1686, is in BL Egerton ms 3394.

William Outram  1626-79
  DNB. M&C.

John Overall 1561-1619
  Bishop of Norwich. A few of his books are now scattered around various libraries but he is likely to have had an appreciable collection.
  DNB. Pearson, Bishops.

John Owen  1616-83
  Nonconformist divine, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford during the Interregnum. Library auctioned in London, 26.5.1684.
  DNB. M&C.

Thankfull Owen  1620-81
  Nonconformist divine, President of St John’s College, Oxford during the Interregnum. Library auctioned in London, 7.11.1681.
  DNB. M&C.

Henry Oxinden 1608-70
  Of Barham, Kent. His library (over 200 vols at his death), noteworthy for an extensive holding of early drama texts, passed via his daughter Katherine Warly to Lee Warly (d.1807), who left his books to found a parish library for Elham. Some remain with the parish library today (now in Canterbury Cathedral), others have been dispersed. S. Hingley, Elham Parish Library in P. Isaac (ed.), The reach of print, 1998, 175-90; G. Dawson, An early list of Elizabethan plays, The Library 4th ser 15 (1934) 445-56; D. Gardiner, The Oxinden letters 1607-42, 1933.
Josiah Packwood 1601/02-1666
Vicar of Hampton in Arden, Warwickshire 1647 (ejected 1660). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £20. Calamy revised.

Sir William Paddy 1554-1634
Physician. Gave ca.800 books to St John’s College, Oxford.

Nathan Paget 1615-79
Physician. His library was auctioned after his death (2178 lots) in London, 24.10.1681.
DNB. Thornton. M&C.

William Paget, 4th Baron Paget 1572-1629
Catalogue of ca.1550 books/mss from his library, ca.1617, in BL MS Harl.3267.

William Paget, 6th Baron Paget 1637-1713
English envoy in Vienna and Adrianople, 1689-1703; Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire. Used engraved armorial bookplates (Franks *90*/117).
DNB.

Thomas Pakeman
Library sold at auction in London, 30.3.1715.
M&C.

Sir John Pakington, Bart. -1689
Of Westwood, Worcestershire; MP for Worcestershire, 1685. Probate inventory lists books valued at £20 in the “Old Ladyes Closett”.

Palmer
Of Bristol. Library sold at auction in London, 5.4.1694.
M&C.

Anthony Palmer 1613-1693
Rector of Bratton Fleming, Devon from ca.1650 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Barnstaple, 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £50. Calamy revised.

Edward Palmer
Library auctioned in London, 14.2.1681.
M&C.

Joshua Palmer -1708

Thomas Palmer -1640
Vicar of St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. Probate inventory lists his study of books, valued at £60.
E. George (ed), Bristol probate inventories 1542-1650, 2002, 117.
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Henry Paman  ca.1623-1695
Professor of Physic at Gresham College, 1679-89, Master of the Faculties at Cambridge University. Bequeathed his library (with an additional £50 to buy books) to St John’s College, Cambridge.  

Henry Parker
M&C.

John Parker  1548-1619
Son of Archbishop Matthew Parker.  
S. Strongman, John Parker’s manuscripts, *TCBS* 7 (1977), 1-27.

Henry Parkhurst
M&C.

Richard Parr -1708
Rector of Ibstone, Oxfordshire.  Library sold by retail sale in Oxford, 7.6.1708.  
Foster.  Alston Inventory.

Sir Thomas Parry -1616
MP and courtier.  Books with his armorial stamp survive.  
DNB.  Morris.

John Parsons
Lawyer, of the Middle Temple.  Library auctioned in London, 30.11.1682.  
M&C.

James Partridge
M&C.

John Partridge  1644-1715
DNB.  M&C.  Alston Inventory.

Edward Paston  1550-1630
Of Appleton Hall, Norfolk.  His will demonstrates that he had an extensive library, particularly noteworthy for its holdings of printed and manuscript music; many of the mus mss survive today in the BL, Royal College of Music, and elsewhere.  

Sir William Paston -1663
Of Oxmead Hall, Norfolk.  Began the development of the family collection which was dispersed by sale in 1734 (1513 lots, ca. 4500 vols).  

John Patrick  1632-95
Precentor of Chichester; brother of Simon Patrick, Bishop of Ely, to whom he left “a noble library, which cost him above £1000”.  
DNB.
Simon Patrick 1626-1707
Bishop of Ely. Inherited books from his brother, as well as collecting his own. Bequeathed books to Ely Cathedral Library. Other books from his library were sold by retail sale in London, 13.4.1713.  

Lewis Pau
M.D. Library sold at auction in London., 10.10.1709.  
M&C.

John Paulet

William Payne 1650-96
M&C.  Alston Inventory.

Robert Peade -1691
Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Rector of Horton, Buckinghamshire. Library sold at auction in London, 20.2.1693.  
M&C.

Samuel Pepys 1633-1703
Secretary to the Admiralty. His entire collection (ca.2750 books, 250 mss) is preserved intact in its original bookcases at Magdalene College, Cambridge, where they were received under the terms of his will.  

Henry Percy, 13th Earl of Northumberland 1564-1632
Gave £100 to the Bodleian in 1603. Books including ones from his ownership sold at Sotheby's, 23-24.4.1928.  
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000012688&ImageId=ImageId=45949&Copyright=BL.

William Percy 1575-1648
E. Miller, A collection of Elizabethan and Jacobean plays at Petworth, National Trust Yearbook 1975-6, 62-4.

Richard Pernham 1583?-1628
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; Vicar of Stowmarket. “Probably” the donor of 40 medieval mss from the monastery of Elbing, to Corpus Christi, in the early 17th c.  
Munby.

Charles Perrott -1686
Lawyer. Bequeathed books to St John’s College, Oxford.  
Morgan.

Hugh Peter 1598-1660
Independent minister in England and America. Chaplain to Parliamentary armies. Executed as a regicide. Was given books from William Laud’s library, after Laud’s execution, valued at £140.  
DNB. CHL I 393.

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Thomas Peter -1618
Rector of St Mawgan. Numerous books at Lanhydrock previously belonged to him; his collection may have passed to Hannibal Gamon, his successor in the rectory.
M. Purcell, The library at Lanhydrock, BC 54 (2005), 195-230.

William Petre, 2nd Baron Petre 1575-1637
The Petre family accounts in Folger Library ms 1772 include a note of 35 books purchased.

Sir Peter Pett 1630-1699
Lawyer, author, FRS. Library sold at auction in London, together with that of Andrew Farrington, 6.7.1699.
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Sir John Pettus 1613-90
Deputy Governor of the Royal Mines, author of works on mining. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

William Petyt 1636-1707
Antiquary, Keeper of the Public Records. Gave books to the Middle Temple in 1698; left mss to be kept in trust as a collection (now in the Inner Temple). A list of his mss, ca.1700, is in BL Lansdowne ms 989, fos.99-101.

Sir Thomas Peyton 1613?-1684
MP for Sandwich. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
Morris.

Edward Phelipps 1613-1679
Of Montacute, Somerset. Books with his armorial stamp survive (although this stamp was evidently used by subsequent members of the family also).
Morris.

John Philipot 1587?-1645
Somerset Herald. 130 heraldic mss of his are now in the College of Arms.
DNB. Harthan. Morris.

Owen Phillips
Library auctioned in London, 11.11.1678.
M&C.

Robert Pierce
Library sold at auction in Oxford, 22.6.1709.
M&C.

Thomas Pierce -1643
Rector of St Martin Outwich, London 1634. His goods were seized in 1643, when his books were valued at £14 17s.
Walker revised.

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William Pierce 1641/2-1707
Rector of Malton and Heslerton, Yorkshire. Library sold by auction in London, together with that of others, 8.7.1708.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Pierrepont family
Of Thoresby House, Nottinghamshire. The family library which was described in *Catalogus Bibliothecae Kingstonianae* (1727), the first English printed catalogue of a private library, began to be assembled in the 17th c. Henry Pierrepont (1606-80), 2nd Earl of Kingston, left a library valued at £4000 to the Royal College of Physicians. The estate passed from Henry to William Pierrepont (d.1690) and thence to Evelyn, 5th Earl (1665?-1726). Thoresby House and most of its contents burnt down in 1745.

Thomas Pierson -1633

John Pigott d.ca.1713?
The Library of “the Reverend Mr John Pigott, deceas’d” was sold by auction in London, 8.6.1713.
Alston Inventory.

Sir Paul Pindar 1565?-1650
Gave 19 oriental mss to the Bodleian Library in 1611, and 15 mss to Sion College in 1629.
Sears Jayne.

Sir Paul Pindar, 3rd Bart ca.1680-1705
Of Idenshaw, Cheshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 23639).
*Complete baronetage*.

William Pindar -1678
Fellow of University College, Oxford; bequeathed books to the College.
Morgan.

Robert Pinke -1647
Warden of New College, Oxford. Bequeathed ca.170 books to New College.
Morgan.

William Platt -1637

Leonard Plukenet 1642-1706
DNB. M&C.

Thomas Plume -1704
Of Maldon, Essex. Bequeathed ca.5000 vols to found a town library for Maldon.
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Edward Pococke  1604-91
  Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford. 420 oriental mss from his collection were bought by the Bodleian after his death. Remainder of his library sold by auction in London, 11.4.1692.  
  DNB. Philip 59-60. M&C.

Thomas Pocock
  Library sold at auction in Oxford, 28.2.1711.  
  M&C.

Sir John Pole, 3rd Bart  1649-1708
  Of Shute, Devon. MP for Lyme Regis and several other west country constituencies between 1689 and 1708. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *125).  
  HoC 1660-1690.  Complete baronetage.

Edmund Poley  1655-1714
  Of Badley, Suffolk. Used a series of engraved armorial bookplates dated 1707 (Franks 23671ff).  
  Sotheby’s 26.10.2006/2627.

Henry Poley  c.1653-1707
  Lawyer; MP for Eye, West Looe and Ipswich between 1689 and 1707. Of Badley, Suffolk. Used engraved armorial bookplates dated 1703 (Franks 23764, *254).  
  HoC 1660-1690.  Quaritch list 2010/14/61.

Walton Poole  1655?-
  Rector of Doulting, Somerset. ?the “Poole” whose books and goods are listed in an inventory dated 1682 in Bodleian Library ms. Wood 50.

William Popple  d.ca.1711
  Library sold by retail sale in London, 2.3.1711.  
  Alston Inventory.

John Postlethwaite  1651/2-1713
  High Master of St Paul’s School, London. Library sold by auction in London, 13.4.1714.  
  Foster.  Alston Inventory.

John Potter  -1648
  Of Newton St Petroc, Devon, Clerk. Probate inventory lists books valued at £10.  
  M. Cash (ed),  Devon inventories of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, 1966, 103.

Povey family
  The library at Dyrham Park (now partly dispersed) began to be built up in earnest by William Blathwayt (1649?-1717), who acquired some books from his ancestors on his mother’s side, including ones owned by his uncle Thomas Povey and his maternal grandfather Justinian Povey.  

Griffith Powell 1561-1620
  Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. Bequeathed ca.100 vols to the college, largely law.  
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Henry Power 1623-68  
Physician, FRS. A catalogue of his library, mostly scientific, made in 1664, is in BL Sloane ms 1346, fos.1-16.  
DNB. Alston Handlist.

Henry Powle 1630-92  
Master of the Rolls. A catalogue of mss probably belonging to him is in BL Add.ms.11754.  
DNB. Alston Handlist.

Sir John Powell 1645-1713  
MP for Gloucester 1685; serjeant-at-law 1689, judge in the Court of Common Pleas 1695, in the Court of Queen’s Bench 1701. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks *262).  
DNB. HoC 1660-1690.

Benjamin Pratt 1677/8-1715  
Curate of St Botolph, Aldgate. Library sold by auction in London, 16.5.1717.  
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Sir Roger Pratt 1620-1685  
Of Ryston Hall, Norfolk; architect. Known to have designed a library closet capable of holding ca. 400 vols. Family papers refer to a number of book purchases in the 1650s and 60s. 69 vols survive at Ryston today. These are now in later (18th c) bindings, annotated with distinctive marginal pencil marks. Some books were sold at Sothebys, 1966.  

Walter Prat d.1703?  
Of Thavies Inn. Library sold by auction on London, 22.11.1703.  
Alston Inventory.

Thomas Preston -1697  
Of Holker; bequeathed books to form Cartmel parish library.  
Perkin. Morris.

John Prestwich -1679  
Fellow of All Souls. Gave books to the town of Manchester during his lifetime, and bequeathed “all my folios quartos and larger octavos bound up either in leather or parchment” to Manchester.  

Sir Thomas Prestwich -1689  
Of Holme, Lancashire. Books with his armorial crest (a porcupine) survive.  
Morris.

Daniel Price -1706  
Dean of St Asaph. Library sold by auction in London, 24.1.1709.  
Venn. Alston Inventory.

John Prideaux 1578-1650  
Bishop of Worcester. Many of his books survive today in Worcester Cathedral Library.  
DNB. RBDirectory.
William Prynne 1600-69
   Puritan. Donated books to Lincoln’s Inn Library; bequeathed any of his books they wanted to Oriel College, Oxford.
   DNB. RBDirectory.

Elizabeth (1621/2-89) and Sir Henry (-1701) Puckering
   Of Warwick. Assembled a considerable library, some of it inherited from Sir John Puckering (1544-96) and other ancestors, with some of the books associated with Elizabeth. Gave the collection to Trinity College, Cambridge between ca.1690 and 1701.

Timothy Puller -1693
   Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge; Rector of St Mary-le-Bow. Library sold at auction in London, 10.12.1695.
   DNB. M&C.

Octavian Pulleyn
   Library sold in London, 823.2.1714.
   M&C: BL 996.a.8.

Thomas Pury 1619?-66
   Helped refound Gloucester Cathedral Library in the 1640s; gave £145 and “many books”.

Sir John Pye 1626-1697
   Books with his armorial stamp survive.
   Morris. [http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009226&ImageId=ImageId=44218&Copyright=BL](http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009226&ImageId=ImageId=44218&Copyright=BL).

Sir Robert Pye 1585-1662
   Remembrancer of the Exchequer, MP for Woodstock. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
   DNB. Morris.

Thomas Pyke 1610/11-1676
   Rector of Radcliffe, Lancashire from at least 1646 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Blackley, 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £20.
   Calamy revised.

John Quick 1636-1706
   Nonconformist minister. Library sold at auction in London, 10 March 1707.
   ESTC t222440. Alston Inventory.

Edward Radcliffe, 2nd Earl of Derwentwater 1655-1705
   Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks 24441).

Samuel Radcliffe -1648
   Principal of Brasenose. Bequeathed his books to the college.
   Morgan.
Richard Rainsford -1631
Of Ipswich, clerk. Probate inventory lists “the lybrarye of bookees” in the study, valued at £10.
M. Reed (ed), The Ipswich probate inventories 1583-1631, 1981, 110.

Sir Walter Raleigh 1552?-1618
List of nearly 500 books of his, probably part of his library in the Tower of London, in a ms once owned by Phillipps. Gave £50 to the Bodleian Library ca.1603.

John Randolph -1684
Vicar of Chicheley, Buckinghamshire. Probate inventory lists “a cabinet and books” in the closet, valued at £2, and “a table a chest and books” in the study, valued at £50.
M. Reed (ed), Buckinghamshire probate inventories 1661-1714, 1988, 183.

Robert Ratcliffe, 5th Earl of Sussex 1569?-1629
Soldier and courtier. A book with his armorial stamp is in the BL.
DNB. Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009480&ImageId=ImageId=44345&Copyright=BL.

Seth Ratcliff d.ca.1708
Household goods, including “a fine library of books”, sold by auction in London, 12.3.1708.
Alston Inventory.

Thomas Ravenscroft -1708
Of St Giles in the Fields. Library sold at auction in London, 7.11.1709.
M&C.

Marmaduke Rawdon 1609-1668
Of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. Made ms collections; his autobiography is BL Add ms 34206.
DNB. Morris.

John Rawlins d.1707?
Of Sheen, Surrey. Library sold by retail sale in London, 1707; the continuation of the sale was advertised to begin 19.6.1707.
Alston Inventory.

Daniel Rawlinson
Vintner, of London, but a native of Hawkshead. Gave a number of books to Hawkshead Grammar School, ca.1670-80.
R. Christie, The old church and school libraries of Lancashire, 1885, 143.

John Ray 1627-1705
Naturalist. Library (ca.1350 vols) sold at auction, 11.3.1708.

Henry Raymond -1666
Vicar of Denford with Ringstead, Northamptonshire 1647 (ejected 1660). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £14.
Calamy revised.
Sir Thomas Raymond  1627?-83  
DNB.  M&C.

Walter Rea

M&C.

Edward Reynolds  1599-1676  
Bishop of Norwich.  Books from his collections survive in various libraries, and a book with his armorial stamp is  
in Balliol College.  
DNB.  Morris.

John Reynolds  -1692  
Vicar of St Thomas’s, Exeter; canon of Exeter.  Library sold at auction in London, 6.12.1693.  
M&C.

Rice  d.ca.1711  
Lawyer, of Furnival’s Inn.  Library sold by auction in London, together with that of Henry Trinder, 22.2.1712.  
Alston Inventory.

Robert Rich, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Earl of Warwick 1587-1658  
Admiral of the Parliamentary fleet.  Books with his armorial stamp survive.  
DNB.  Morris.

Anthony Richardson  -1665  
Rector of West Camel, Somerset 1614, sequestrated 1646, restored 1660.  At the time of his sequestration, books  
worth £10 were alleged to be taken from him but subsequently restored.  
Walker revised.

John Richardson  -1625  
Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.  Bequeathed books to Emmanuel, Cambridge (Munby) although  
Rasmussen/Bush describe this as a bequest of £120 to buy books.  

John Richardson  d.ca.1709  
Lawyer, of the Inner Temple.  Library sold by auction in London, 30.5.1709.  
Alston Inventory.

William Richardson  -1667  
Of North Bierley, Yorkshire.  Probate inventory lists books in the study, valued at £25.  

Humphrey Ridley  1653-1708  
DNB.  Alston Inventory.

John Riland  -1673  
Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford 1640, later Rector of Exhall, Warwickshire.  During the Civil War he  
complained that his study in Oxford was broken up, with the loss of all his books and papers – these were  
allegedly later sold.  
Walker revised.
Sir John Rivers 1579-1651
Of Chafford, Kent. Numerous books with his armorial stamp survive; many of his books are Italian ones of the early 17th c.

Robartes family
Sir Richard Robartes (ca.1580-1634); John Robartes, earl of Radnor (1606-85). Of Lanhydrock, Cornwall; John was the major figure in the building up of the library there in the 17th c.

Sir Thomas Roe (1581?-1644)
Gave ca. 30 Greek mss to the Bodleian Library, 1628.
Sears Jayne.

William Roebey d.1707?
Alston Inventory.

Daniel Rogers 1610?-80
M&C.

Sir George Rooke ca.1650-1709
Admiral of the fleet. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks *366).
DNB.

John Rosewell -1684
Head Master of Eton. Bequeathed his books to Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
Morgan.

Paul Rotier
Library sold in London, 24.3.1715.
M&C.

Francis Rous 1579-1659
Puritan MP; Provost of Eton College. A collection of ca.800 pamphlets and broadsheets of the early Civil War period, in Eton College Library, is thought to have been his.

Isaac Row
Library (mathematical books) sold at auction in London, 27.7.1693.
M&C.

Thomas Rowe 1657-1705
DNB. Alston Inventory.
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George Royse  -1708
Provost of Oriel College, Oxford. Bequeathed books to Oriel. Other books from his library were sold by auction in Oxford, 13.3.1710.
Morgan. Alston Inventory.

George Ruggle 1575-1622
Fellow of Clare Hall, and author of the controversial Latin comedy *Ignoramus*. Gave a collection of Italian plays to Clare.
DNB. Munby.

John Rushworth 1612?-90

Edward Russell, 3<sup>rd</sup> earl of Bedford 1572-1627
A number of books with his armorial stamp survive. There is a connection with the Harington family collections through Russell’s marriage with Lucy Harrington, heir of John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Harington.
Morris.

George Russell  -1684
Of Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire, Esquire. Probate inventory lists “books”, in the little parlour and elsewhere, valued at £5.

Robert Russell ca.1644-1703
Younger son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Bedford; MP for Tavistock 1689. Library sold in London by retail sale, 14.10.1703.
HoC 1660-1690. Alston Inventory.

Simon Rutland 1659?-82
Physician, of Brentwood. His “medical library” auctioned in London, 23.4.1682.
M&C.

Thomas Rymer 1641-1713
Historian and archaeologist. Library sold by retail sale in London, 10.3.1714.
DNB. M&C. Alston Inventory.

Charles Sackville, 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dorset 1643-1706
Politician, poet and literary patron. Used engraved armorial bookplates made ca.1700 (Franks 25914, 25915).
DNB. Lee, British, 28.

Edward Sackville, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dorset 1590-1652
Soldier and courtier. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

Charles Sagar 1636-1698
Master of Blackburn School, Lancashire 1656 (ejected 1666); subsequently became a nonconformist minister, licensed to preach at Blackburn 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £40.
Calamy revised.
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William St Barbe -1619
Canon of Hereford Cathedral. Gave 22 books to Hereford ca.1619
Sears Jayne.

Sir Richard St George -1635
Clarenceux King of Arms. His books passed down the family – both his son and grandsons were heralds – and were eventually sold by Thomas Osborne in London, 1738. Books with his armorial stamp survive.

Oliver St John, 1st Earl of Bolingbroke 1584?-1646
MP. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.
DNB. Morris.

James Sale -1682
Of Bledlowridge, Buckinghamshire, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “books of all sorts” in his study, valued at £13.
M. Reed (ed), Buckinghamshire probate inventories 1661-1714, 1988, 165.

John Salmon -1714
M&C.

William Salmon 1644-1713
Medic. Library sold at auction in London, 16.11.1713, 10.3.1714 (more than 3500 books).
DNB. Thornton. M&C.

Richard Samwayes 1625?-1669
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Bequeathed his library to the college.
Morgan.

William Sancroft 1617-1693
Archbishop of Canterbury. Gave to Emmanuel College his library of ca. 5000 vols. Gave some books to Canterbury Cathedral in the 1660s, and later gave Lambeth Palace duplicates to Canterbury. Two ms catalogues of his collection, made by him, are in the Bodleian Library (mss Sancroft 122, Sancroft 146).

Robert Sanderson 1587-1663
Bishop of Lincoln. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

Thomas Sanderson 1570?-1642?
Of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.
Morris.

Gabriel Sangar 1608?-78
M&C.
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George Sandys  1578-1644
  Traveller and poet. Books with his armorial stamp survive.

Clement Sankey  1633?-1707
  Rector of Whitchurch, Shropshire; canon of York. His books were bought by Jane, Dowager Countess of Bridgewater in 1707, for £305, and given to the parish of Whitchurch.
  Perkin.

Humphrey Saunders  1604/05-1672
  Rector of Holsworthy, Devon 1632 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £70.
  Calamy revised.

Thomas Savage  ca.1622-1699
  Of Great Malvern and Elmley Castle, Worcestershire; Sheriff of Worcestershire 1682-83. Probate inventory lists books in the study at Great Malvern, valued at £30, and “bookes of all sorts” in the closet at Elmley Castle, valued at £10 10s.

Sir Henry Savile 1549-1622
  Warden of Merton College, Oxford, Provost of Eton. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Part of his library, and that of his elder brother Sir John Savile, was sold at Sotheby’s in 1860-61. A catalogue of mss and books bequeathed by him to Oxford University, made by Gerard Langbaine, is in Bodleian Library ms Savile 107.

Henry Savile, of Banke 1568-1617
  Acquired a significant collection of medieval mss, many of which were subsequently bought by Cotton.

William Savile, 2nd Marquis of Halifax  1664/5-1701
  DNB. Alston Inventory.

John Sayer  -1712
  Of Hounslow, Middlesex. Murdered by John Notley, an attorney. Used an early armorial bookplate dated 1700.
  Lee, British, 26.

John Scambler  1646?-1706
  M&C.

Sir Charles Scarburgh  1616-94
  Physician. His collection, described as “a fine mathematical library”, 1097 lots, was sold at auction, 8.2.1695, 18.2.1695, 1.3.1695.

Anthony Scattergood  -1687
  DNB. M&C.
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Jeremiah Scholes  1629-1685
Vicar of Norton, Derbyshire 1657 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Chorlton 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £44. Calamy revised.

John Scott  1639-95
Canon of St Paul’s. Library sold at auction in London, 23.5.1695.
DNB. M&C.

Peter Scott  -1689
Prebendary of Windsor. Library sold at auction in London, 28.4.1690.

Sir John Scudamore, 1st Viscount Scudamore 1601-1671
Books with his armorial stamp survive. Gave books to Hereford Cathedral.
DNB. Morris.

Lazarus Seaman  -1675
Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge during the Interregnum. Library sold at auction in London, 31.10.1676; the first English auction with a surviving catalogue.
DNB. M&C.

Sir Peter Seaman 1662-1715
Of Norwich, brewer and alderman. Used an engraved bookplate, probably made at the end of the 17th century.
Blatchly.

Obadiah Sedgwick  -1685
Rector of Rampton. Library auctioned in Trumpington, 29.3.1686.
Venn. M&C.

Sir Charles Sedley 1639?-1701
Dramatist. Library sold at auction in London, 23.3.1703.
DNB. M&C.

John Selden 1584-1654
Lawyer and author. His library of ca.8000 vols was given to the Bodleian after his death. A number of duplicates were given to Gloucester Cathedral Library.

Percival Serjeant  d.ca.1715
Alston Inventory.

Sir Edward Seymour, 1st earl of Hertford 1537-1621
Courtier. Books with his armorial stamp and inscription survive.
DNB. Morris.
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William Seymour, 2nd Duke of Somerset 1587-1660
Statesman, royalist army officer. Books with his armorial stamp survive. His library was given to Lichfield Cathedral by his widow Frances in 1673.
DNB. Harthan. Morris. CHL II 125.

John Sharp 1644-1714
Archbishop of York. Began the Sharp family collection which became the Bamburgh Castle Library.

Robert Sharrock 1630-84
Prebendary of Winchester. The joint libraries of Sharrock and his son (also Robert) were sold at auction in London, 26.2.1711(?).
DNB. M&C.

Shaw
Rev. Mr, of Hornchurch, Essex. Library sold at auction in London, 4.5.1698.
M&C.

Sir Henry Sheeres -1710
Military engineer, FRS. Library sold in London, 14.6.1713.
DNB. M&C.

Gilbert Sheldon 1598-1677
DNB. Harthan. Morris.

Ralph Sheldon 1623-1684
Antiquary. Ca.20 mss, largely heraldic, of his now in Jesus College, Oxford. Numerous books with his armorial stamp survive; he also used 3 bookplates (which often have ms shelfmarks added). His library was dispersed by sale in 1781. A list of books and mss given by him to the College of Arms in 1684 is in BL Add.ms.47979, fos.151-3. Anthony Wood helped to organise his library; Wood wrote about its size and magnificence.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargelImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009992&ImageId=ImageId=44601&Copyright=BL.

Daniel Shelmerdine 1637-1699
Vicar of Barrow on Trent, Derbyshire 1657 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Twyford 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £10.
Calamy revised.

Nathaniel Shepheard 1670?
Merchant, of London. Library sold by auction in London, 7.1.1709.
Alston Inventory.

William Sheppard 1651/2-1705
Rector of Hollington, Sussex. Library sold by auction in London, along with the library of "Mr Brookes gent.", 13.3.1706.
Foster. Alston Inventory.
Robert Sherborn 1635-1670
Curate of Cawood, Yorkshire ca.1660 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £16. Calamy revised.

Sir Edward Sherburne 1616-1702
Chief Clerk of the Ordnance at the Tower of London. Two ms catalogues of his library survive, one ca.1670, listing ca.1000 titles (BL ms Sloane 857), and a later one dated 1681, listing ca.2000 titles (Bodleian ms Rawl.Q.b.3). He claimed to have lost an earlier library of 2000 volumes during the Civil War. T. Birrell, The library of Sir Edward Sherburne, in A. Hunt et al (eds.), The book trade and its customers, 1997, 189-204.

Thomas Sherley 1638-1678
London physician. Library auctioned in London, 2.6.1679. DNB. M&C.

Ferrers Shirley -1710
Second son of Robert Shirley (d.1699), the son of Robert Shirley, Earl Ferrers (1650-1717). Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 26802).

Sir Robert Shirley, 4th bart. 1629-1656
Books with his armorial stamp survive. The family library is said to have been founded by his grandfather Sir George Shirley, 1st Bart.; books were sold at Sotheby's in 1929, but there were earlier dispersals also. DNB. Maggs 1075 (1987)/53; 1212 (1996)/32. See also Quaritch 1345 (2007)/15 (Sir George Shirley).

Sir Thomas Shirley 1590?-1654
Recusant antiquary. Many of his mss collections are in the BL, and Queen's College, Oxford. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Harthan. Morris.

William Shorte -1617

Sir John Shorter 1625-1688
Goldsmith and merchant; Lord Mayor of London 1687-88. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1687 (Franks *469). Woodhead.

Sir John Shurley -1631

Sir William Sidley 1553?-1618
Of Aylesford, Kent. Books with an armorial stamp survive, apparently cut for him and possibly used by later members of the family; the books of Sir Charles Sidley, 6th Bart (d.1701) were sold by auction in London 23.3.1703. Morris.

Robert Sidney, 1st Earl of Leicester 1563-1626
Soldier and politician. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection, V&A. Gave £100 to the Bodleian in 1603; the presence of the armorial stamp used on those books on others with Sidney's signature, not part of the gift, suggests that it was also used as a personal mark of ownership. DNB. Harthan. Macray. Morris. G. Warkentin & P. Hoare, Sophisticated Shakespeare, PBSA 100 (2006), 313-56.
William Sill  -1687
Prebendary of Carlisle, and of St Paul’s; Rector of St Augustine’s, Watling Street, London. Library sold at auction in London, 21, 29.11.1687.
M&C.

Josiah Simcox  1645-1682
Vicar of Stratford-upon-Avon. Probate inventory lists, in his study, “a desk and his bookes”, valued at £20.

Thomas Simmons
Library auctioned in Tunbridge Wells, 8.8.1684.
M&C.

Skelton
Library sold at auction in London, 13.11.1704.
M&C.

Skinner
Library sold at auction in London, 13.2.1699 – sale made £334 17s 4d.
M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions.

Stephen Skinner -1712
Rector of Buckland, Hertfordshire. Library sold by retail sale in London, 30.5.1712.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Matthew Smallwood  1615?-83
Dean of Lichfield. Library auctioned in London, 2.5.1684.
M&C.

Smart  d.ca.1711
“Late schoolmaster at the Two White Balls in Marylebone-Street”. Library sold by retail sale in London, 22.12.1711.
Alston Inventory.

Humfrey Smith  1655?-1709
Prebendary of Exeter. Bequeathed several hundred vols to Exeter Cathedral Library.
P. Thomas, Medicine and science at Exeter Cathedral Library, Exeter, 2003

John Smith  1618-1652
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge; mathematician, and philosopher. Bequeathed his library of ca. 600 vols to Queens’, where a contemporary inventory survives.

John Smith  1667/8-1708
Vicar of West Ham. Library sold by auction in London, 23.5.1709.
Foster. Alston Inventory.

Richard Smith  1590-1675
Secondary of the Poultry Counter. Assembled a library of ca.20,000 books, sold at auction in London, 15.5.1682 – sale made £1414 12s 11d. His collection included a number of 16/17th c plays previously owned by Humfrey
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Dyson; many of these passed into the Harley library, and thence to David Garrick, who bequeathed them to the BM as part of the Garrick Collection.


Thomas Smith 1615-1702

Bishop of Carlisle. Bequeathed his library to Carlisle Cathedral.


Thomas Smith 1638-1710

Nonjuror, Librarian of the Cotton Library. Gave oriental mss to the Bodleian, bequeathed mss to Thomas Hearne, on condition that they subsequently passed to the Bodleian.

DNB. Macray.

Walter Smith -1667

Of Sevenoaks, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “one press and in it a library of bookes”, valued at £5.


William Smith 1556?-1615

Provost of King’s College, Cambridge. Gave ca.90 books to King’s, ca.1615

Sears Jayne.

Sir Thomas Smyth, 1st Bart. –1668

Of Hill Hall, Essex. Books with his armorial stamp survive.

Morris.

Walter Snell -1677

Chaplain to the Robartes family at Lanhydrock, Cornwall. Books at Lanhydrock previously belonged to him; it is possible that Hannibal Gamon’s books passed to him before coming to the house.

M. Purcell, The library at Lanhydrock, BC 54 (2005), 195-230.

Henry Somerset, 1st Duke of Beaufort 1629-1700

Of Badminton House, Gloucestershire.

Maggs 1293 (2000)/60.

Henry Somerset, 2nd Duke of Beaufort 1684-1714

Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and Gloucestershire. Used engraved armorial bookplates dated 1705, 1706 (Franks 27572-3); a bookplate dated 1706 was also made for his wife Rachel (d.1709) (Franks *4).

DNB.

William Somner 1598-1669

Antiquary, Registrar of the Diocese of Canterbury. Catalogue of 275 books, dated 1639, in Burney ms 368. He and his brother John gave books to Canterbury Cathedral Library ca.1665, and books/mss from his library were acquired by Canterbury Cathedral after his death.


James Sotheby

His late 17th c collection of books and mss was preserved at Ecton Hall, Northamptonshire until sold at Sotheby’s, 24.7.1924. De Ricci.

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Sir Robert Southwell 1635-1702
President of the Royal Society. Had a bookplate made, ca.1680.

John Spademan
M.A. Library sold at auction in London, 21.2.1709.
M&C.

Thomas Spark 1655-92
Classical scholar. Library sold at auction in London, 3.7.1693.
DNB. M&C.

Spelman family
The parish library of Swaffham (ca.400 vols) is founded on a bequest of Sir Clement Spelman of Narborough,
1679. The books had previously belonged to various members of the Spelman family, and to Spelman’s brother in
law Francis Willoughby.
Perkin. M. C. Lyons, A catalogue, history and analysis of Swaffham Parish Library, Loughborough MA thesis,
1986.

Sir Henry Spelman 1564?-1641
List of mss, made ca.1640, in BL Harl. MS 7579, fo.87-90. Amplified version of this by Wanley, listing 204
mss, in Harl. MS 7055, fo.232-8. Also lists of his printed books, compiled after his death, in Harl. MS 7579 fo.83-
86; and in Bodleian MS Rawlinson D.1376. Bodley ms Tanner, fo.211, is a note by Spelman concerning the
disposition of some of his books in Paris. Many of his books went to Swaffham Church in 1684.
the seventeenth century: Sir Henry Spelman and Sir William Dugdale, in L. Fox (ed), English historical
Henry Spelman, Brit Mus Q 11 (1937), 63-5.

John Spencer 1559-1614
President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Bequeathed books to Corpus.
Morgan.

John Spencer ca.1610-80
Librarian of Sion College. Donated several hundred books to Sion College, 1631-58.
RBDirectory. E. Pearce, Sion College and Library, 1913, ch.XIII.

Robert Spencer, Viscount Teviot 1629-94
Friend of John Evelyn. Books with his armorial stamp survive. His books passed to his elder brother the 1st Earl
of Sunderland and hence to the Althorp Library.
Morris.

Richard Spranger 1658/9-1711?
Clergyman in Hertfordshire. Library sold by auction in London, 13.2.1712.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Richard Squibb 1639/40-1692
Rector of West Coker, Somerset. Probably the R. Squibb whose library, together with that of “an eminent divine
deceased”, was sold by auction in London 14.12.1696, although no catalogue survives.
Venn. Alston Inventory.
John Squier, Vicar of St Leonard, Shoreditch 1612, ejected 1643; confined in Newgate Prison 1643-46 during which time he built up a collection of ca. 260 pamphlets, many of which subsequently passed to Edward Waddington (ca. 1670-1732), who bequeathed his library to Eton College.


Samuel Stancliffe  1631-1706
Rector of Great Stamnore, Middlesex 1658; ejected 1662. Later a nonconformist minister at Rotherhithe, Surrey.
Library sold by auction in London, 6.3.1706.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Anne Stanhope, dowager Countess of Clare  -1651
The Portland mss in the University of Nottingham include “A note of my mothers book[s] writ with her own hand”, dated 1649, listing 164 books.
University of Nottingham, Portland mss Pw V 4 pp.192-194.

Philip Stanhope, 1st Earl of Chesterfield 1584-1656
Gave 55 books to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, ca.1630. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Sears Jayne. Morris.

Philip Stanhope, 2nd Earl of Chesterfield 1634-1713
Books with his armorial stamp survive. The books of Philip, 4th Earl, were sold at Christie’s in 1782.
DNB. Morris.

Timothy Staniforth  1628/9-1684
Curate of Allestree, Derbyshire 1657 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach at Chaddesden 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £20.
Calamy revised.

Stanley family, Earls of Derby
James Stanley, 7th Earl (1607-51); Charles Stanley, 8th Earl (1628-1672); William Stanley, 9th Earl (1655-1702). Books with their armorial stamps are known. The library of the 9th earl was sold by auction in Liverpool, 9.6.1707. The library of the Earls of Derby at Knowsley was largely sold at auction at Christie’s, 1953-54. Morris. Maggs 1075 (1987)/73, 82. Alston Inventory.

Henry Stanley  fl. 1635-67
Physician. A number of books with his armorial stamp survive. His library was sold in London, 12.2.1723.
Morris.

Thomas Stanley  1625-78
Poet and author of classical and philosophical works. Books with his armorial stamp are known. His mss were bought by John Moore and passed to Cambridge UL.
DNB. Morris.

John Starkey  1627?-94
Lecturer at Grantham, Lincolnshire 1655 (ejected); licensed to preach at Ormskirk, 1672. Library sold at auction in London, 11.10.1694.
M&C. Calamy revised.

John Stawell, Baron Stawell  1669?-92
Library sold at auction in London, 3.12.1695, 4.2.1696.
M&C.
Joseph Stennett 1663-1713
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Alban Stepneth -1634
Gave 23 books to St John’s College, Oxford ca.1634. Also gave books (or money?) to St John’s in 1603.
Sears Jayne.

Richard Sterne 1596?-1683
Archbishop of York. His son Simon (d.1703) gave books to Halifax parish church, including a number which had
belonged to his father, and uncle William (these books now in York UL).
RBDirectory. A. Cambers, Pastoral Laudianism? Religious politics in the 1630s: a Leicestershire rector’s
annotations, Midland History 27 (2002), 38-51.

Sterry
Library sold in London, 13.3.1701.
M&C.

Richard Steward 1595-1651
Dean of Chichester 1643-42, Provost of Eton 1639-44 (ejected), subsequently went to the continent with the exiled
English court. His books were seized in 1643, when they were valued at £110.
DNB. Walker revised.

Edward Stillingfleet 1635-99
Bishop of Worcester. His library (ca.10000 vols) was bought by Narcissus Marsh in 1705, for £2500, and is one of
the major components of Marsh’s Library in Dublin. A list of mss and books owned by him is in BL
Add.ms.6261, fo.69; list of his mss in BL Harl.ms.7055, fos.73-79, and in Harl.ms.7644.

Joseph Stillington 1669?-1707
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge; Vicar of Hinxton, Cambridgeshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate
dated 1700 (Franks *538).
Venn.

Owen Stockdon 1630?-80
Of Colchester. Presbyterian minister and author; fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. Library
auctioned in London, 30.5.1681. Also left books to Caius.
M&C.

David Stokes 1591?-1669
Canon of Windsor; held various ecclesiastical livings. Library auctioned in London, 1.12.1685.
M&C.

William Stone 1615-85
Vicar of Wimborne (ejected but later restored). Bequeathed ca.90 books from his collection in Oxford to refound
Wimborne Minster Library, 1686.
Perkin. Walker revised.

Robert Streater -1711
DNB (see entry for his father, also Robert, d.1679). M&C. Alston Inventory.
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Richard Stretton 1632/3-1710
Foster. Alston Inventory.

Henry Stubb
Library sold at auction in London, 29.11.1680. ?is this the elder (d.1678) or younger (d.1676) HS? (see DNB)
M&C.

Stubbs
The catalogue of the library of an unidentified “Dr Stubbs”, ca.1680, is BL Sloane ms 35.
Alston Handlist.

Matthew Sutcliffe 1549/50-1629
Dean of Exeter; first Provost of Chelsea College. Bequeathed his books to the College.
DNB. CHL I 390.

Sir Robert Talbor 1643?-81
Physician to Charles II; medical author. Library auctioned in London (medical books), 12.4.1686.
DNB. M&C.

Gilbert Talbot, 7th Earl of Shrewsbury 1552-1616
Courtier. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection, V&A.
DNB. Harthan.

John Talbot -1659
Of Thorneton, Yorkshire; Royalist Colonel. Used a bookplate, at least one book is known (Soc of Antiqs) containing it.
Lee, British, 5.

Jordan Tancred 1666?-1703?
Rector of Barwick in Elmet, Yorkshire 1695-1703. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1701 (Franks 28876).
Foster.

John Tayer fl.1627
Shoemaker and glover, of Gloucestershire. A list of the books he owned in 1627 is preserved in his account book.
CHL I 523.

Nathaniel Taylor -1702
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Sir Thomas Tempest -1692

Sir Richard Temple 1634-97
Politician. An active collector who assembled a library of ca.2400 books.
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Thomas Tenison 1636-1715
Archbishop of Canterbury. Deposited a sizeable part of his library (ca.3-4000 vols) in St Martin in the Fields in 1684, to found a parish library there (dispersed 1861), but withdrew some of them on appointment as Archbishop, and kept them at Lambeth. The 1500 vols in his study at his death were bequeathed to Lambeth palace; other books of his were bequeathed to Edmund Gibson, from whom they subsequently passed to Lambeth. Gave a set of Erasmus's works to Canterbury Cathedral.

Christopher Terne 1620-73
Physician, FRS. Library auctioned in London, 12.4.1686.
DNB. M&C.

Thomas Thackham 1619/20-1691?
Rector of Nuffield, Oxfordshire 1668. Library sold in London by retail sale, 2.2.1704.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

John Theyer 1597-1673
Antiquary. His library, including ca.300 mss, was sold after his death to Robert Scot, who in turn sold them to the Royal Library (hence many now in the BL). List of his mss in BL ms.Royal App.70.

Christopher Thomas
Library sold at auction in London, 1.4.1689.
M&C.

Daniel Thomas d.ca.1711
Alston Inventory.

George Thomason 1600?-1666
Bookseller; assembled the collection of Civil War pamphlets now known as the Thomason Tracts. These were eventually purchased for the BM by George III in 1761.

Francis Thompson 1639/40-1715
President of Sion College; rector of St Matthew, Friday Street. Library sold by retail sale in London, 7.3.1716.
Venn. M&C. Alston Inventory.

Sir John Thompson, 1st Baron Haversham 1647-1710
DNB. M&C.

John Thornton d.1705
Tutor and chaplain to the Duke of Bedford. Library sold by auction in London, 11.7.1705.
Venn. Alston Inventory.
Thomas Thornton  c.1541-1629
  Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University; canon of Hereford and custos of the Cathedral Library 1595-7, 1610-17. Reformed and remodelled the Library, partly at his own expense; bequeathed 1 ms and 28 printed books to Hereford.
  CHL I 394-5.

William Thornton  1641?-1707
  Principal of Hart Hall, Oxford. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 10.11.1707.
  M&C.

Sir Robert Thorold, 3rd Bart.  -1706
  Of The Haugh, Lincolnshire. Library sold at auction in London, 7.1.1707.
  M&C.

Sir William Thorold, 1st Bart.  1591-1677
  Of Marston, Lincolnshire. MP for Grantham after the Restoration. Books with his armorial stamp are known. The Thorold library at Syston Park, largely developed by Sir John, 10th Bart. (d.1830), was sold at Sotheby’s in 1884 and 1899.
  Morris.

Robert Thoroton  1623-78
  Author of the Antiquities of Nottinghamshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 29403).
  DNB. Maggs 1121 (1990)/48.

Arthur Throckmorton 1557-1626
  Ambassador to France. Gave ca.350 books to Magdalen Coll Oxf, 1626, mostly continental – “his widow kept the English books she liked best”.

William Throgmorton  fl.ca.1640
  Clerk to the Long Parliament. Library sold by retail sale in London, 3.7.1707, 11.5.1710 (tracts and pamphlets).
  Alston Inventory.

Thomas Thurlin  -1714
  Rector of Gaywood. Bequeathed ca.440 books to the parish of King’s Lynn.

Samuel Thurnor
  Munk.

Timothy Thurscross  -1671
  Archdeacon of Cleveland. Directed in his will that his study of books should be distributed to three Yorkshire churches.
  Perkin.

Edward Thwaites  1667-1711
  Regius professor of Greek at Oxford; Anglo-Saxon scholar. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 27.5.1712.
  DNB. M&C.
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Thynne family
Owners of Longleat. Thomas Thynne (1640-1714), Viscount Weymouth, who inherited Longleat in 1682, used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1704 (Franks 29448), as did his son Henry who predeceased him (1675-1708; Franks *217).

John Tillotson 1630-94
DNB. M&C.

Tollemache family
Of Helmingham Hall, Suffolk. Acquisitions of mss of East Anglian monastic provenance go back to the 16th c. Some of the books/mss of John Maitland, 1st Duke of Lauderdale (d.1682) came into the family’s possession through Maitland’s marriage to Elizabeth Dysart, widow of Sir Lionel Tollemache (d.1669). Much of the family library was dispersed at Sotheby’s in a series of sales 1961-69.

John Tolly -1655
Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge; Rector of Little Gransden, Cambridgeshire 1643 (ejected 1645). Will refers to books held at Peterhouse and at Haddon, Derbyshire.
Walker revised.

John Tolson 1576?-1644
Provost of Oriel College, Oxford. Gave 21 books to Oriel, ca.1640.
Sears Jayne.

John Tomkys -1703
Vicar of Snitterfield, Warwickshire. Bequeathed his books to found a parish library at Bilston, Staffordshire.
Perkin.

George Tonstall
M&C.

Nathaniel Torperley 1564-1632
Mathematician. Gave 18 mss and 215 printed books to Sion College between 1629 and 1633.
DNB. Sears Jayne. E. Pearce, Sion College and Library, 1913, p.234. CHL I 393.

Towneley family
Of Towneley Hall, Burnley. Library begun to be developed by John Towneley (c.1528-1608); further enlarged by his son Richard (d.1628), who used an armorial stamp, and by his sons Charles (1600-44) and Christopher (1604-74). Their collections were inherited by Richard (1629-1702), who used an armorial bookplate dated 1702, and his brother Charles (1631-1712). Ms catalogues of the collection made ca.1702-07 (one in Chetham’s Library, one in Manchester UL) show that the library then contained over 2000 books. Books and mss from the Towneley family were sold at Sotheby’s in 2 sales in June 1883.

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Townshend family


Horatio Townshend, 1st Viscount Townshend 1630-1687


Sir Roger Townshend


Thomas Townsend 1701

Rector of Costock, Nottinghamshire. Bequeathed “a considerable library which he had in the parsonage house” to found a parish library for Costock. Perkin.

Walter Travers 1548-1635

Minister of the Temple. Bequeathed 149 books to Sion College, 1636. Sears Jayne. RBDirectory. CHL I 393.

John Tregonwell 1680

Gave ca.60 books to the church of Milton Abbas, Dorset, as a thankful acknowledgment of God’s mercy in preserving him when he fell from the top of the church; most of these books were destroyed in 1940 as war salvage. Perkin.

Sir John Trenchard 1649-95

MP and judge. Books with his armorial stamp are known. His library was sold at auction in London, 25.11.1695, 25.11.1695. DNB. M&C. Morris.

Sir Lewes Tresham 1575?-1639


George Trevelyan


Henry Trinder ca.1640/45-ca.1711

Serjeant-at-law. Library sold by auction in London, together with that of Mr Rice of Furnival’s Inn, 22.2.1712. Foster. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Trurant -1677

Vicar of Ovingham, Northumberland from at least 1645 (ejected 1662); licensed to preach there 1672. Inventory on decease lists books valued at £10. Calamy revised.
Anthony Tuckney 1599-1670
Master of Emmanuel College, and St John’s College, Cambridge during the Interregnum. Gave books to the parish library of Boston, Lincolnshire (of which he was Vicar), and to Emmanuel. DNB. Perkin.

Nicholas Tufton, 3rd Earl of Thanet 1631-1679

George Tullie 1653?-95

Benjamin Turner -1639

Peter Turner 1586-1652
Savilian Professor of Mathematics at Oxford. Bequeathed Greek mss to the Bodleian. DNB. Macray 108.

Thomas Turner 1645-1714
President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Bequeathed books to the college. Morgan.

Brian Twyne ca.1580-1644

Sir Roger Twysden 1597-1672

Humphrey Tyndall 1549-1614
Master of Queens’ Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 190 vols, valued at £47 2s 4d. Sears Jayne. BCI, 191.

Sir Philip Tyrwhitt 1598-1667
Of Stainfield, Lincolnshire. Books with his armorial stamp are known. Morris.

Sir Thomas Tyrrell, 2nd Bart. -1714
Of Hanslope, Buckinghamshire; student of the Inner Temple, 1686. Library sold in London, 11.11.1714. M&C.
Edward Tyson 1650-1708
   Physician. Left the bulk of his books to his nephew, though some also went to the Bodleian. 
   DNB. Thornton.

William Umfrevill 1655?-1706
   Lecturer of St Andrews, Holborn. Library sold at auction in London, 24.6.1706. 
   M&C.

James Ussher 1580-1656
   Archbishop of Armagh. His extensive library was purchased after his death by Cromwell and was subsequently 
   given to Trinity College Dublin by Charles II. 

Herman van Otten -1611
   Surgeon, of Banbury. Probate inventory lists “seven of the bigger books”, valued at 13s 4d, and “threescore and 
   five smaller books”, £1 13s 4d. 
   J. Gibson (ed), Banbury wills and inventories 1591-1620, 1985, 221.

Robert Vaughan 1592-1667
   Antiquary, of Hengwrt. 

Edward Veel 1632/3-1708
   Nonconformist minister in Dublin, and Wapping. Library sold by auction in London, together with the library of 
   John Daniel, 25.11.1708. 
   DNB. Alston Inventory.

Peter Venables, Baron Kinderton 1603-1669
   Of Kinderton, Cheshire. Numerous books with his armorial stamp are known. 

Ventry
   Library sold at auction in London (“mathematical books”), 7.3.1709. 
   M&C.

Richard Vernon 1615-1679
   Sheriff of Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists books in the study, but no value given. 

Edward Villiers, 1st Earl of Jersey 1655?-1711
   Diplomat and courtier. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *69). Library sold by retail sale in London, 
   together with that of Timothy Burrell, 25.11.1712. 
   DNB. Alston Inventory.

George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham 1592-1628
   Gave 90 books to Cambridge UL, 1628. Books with his armorial stamp survive. 
Augustine Vincent 1584?-1625
Windsor Herald. His books and mss passed to his son John (d.1671), who added to them, before bequeathing the
mss to Ralph Sheldon, who in turn left them to the College of Arms in 1684.
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Charles Vincent 1649?- Of the Middle Temple. Library sold at auction in London, 15.5.1701, 2.6.1701.
M&C. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Vincent 1634-78
Nonconformist divine. Library auctioned in London, 29.11.1680.
DNB. M&C.

Sir Robert Viner 1631-1688
Goldsmith. Books with his armorial stamp are known.
DNB. Harthan. Morris.

Thomas Wagstaffe 1645-1712
Nonjuring bishop of Ipswich. Library sold by retail sale in London, 13.4.1713.
DNB. Alston Inventory.

Sir Isaac Wake 1575-1632
Diplomat. Books with his armorial stamp are known.
DNB.

Sir Edward Walker 1611-1676
Garter King of Arms. Books with his armorial stamp are known. Bequeathed some heraldic mss to the College of
Arms, but the bulk of his library to his grandson Edward Clopton; the collection seems to have been dispersed
soon afterwards.
DNB.

Obadiah Walker 1616-99
Master of University College, Oxford. Gave books to University College, and to the Bodleian. Library sold b y
retail sale in London, 13.7.1699.
DNB. Morgan. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Walker -1665
Master of University Coll Oxford. Gave 13 mss and 52 pr book to University College ca.1640.
Sears Jayne.

Samuel Wall d.ca.1710
Alston Inventory.

Edmund Waller 1606-87
Poet and politician. His library remained with his family descendants after his death, at Hall Barn, Beaconsfield;
the collection was sold in 1832. Part of the library of Major General W. N. Waller, “collected by Edmund Waller
the poet and his descendents”, was sold at Sothebys, 12.12.1900.
DNB. Maggs 1121 (1990)/18, 60.
Robert Wallis 1601?-87
Vicar of Harston, Cambridgeshire. Library sold at auction in London, 2.4.1688.
M&C.

Richard Wallop 1616?-97
Lawyer, cursitor baron of the Exchequer. Library sold at auction in London, 22.11.1697.
M&C.

Charles Walmisley -1677
Clerk, of Chesham Magna, Buckinghamshire. Probate inventory lists “a great trunk full of books”, valued at £20.
M. Reed (ed), Buckinghamshire probate inventories 1661-1714, 1988, 131.

Robert Walpole 1650-1700
Of Houghton Hall, Norfolk; Colonel in the Norfolk militia, father of Sir Robert, the Prime Minister. Many of his books survive at Houghton; family accounts show that he actively purchased books in London and at East Anglian fairs. A catalogue of the house collection made in 1717 lists ca.850 titles.

Humphrey Walrond 1603-70?
Deputy Governor of Barbados. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.
DNB. Morris.

George Walsh -1698
Of Holt, Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists books, in the study, valued at £8.
M. Wanklyn (ed), Inventories of Worcestershire landed gentry, 1637-1786, 1998, 266.

Brian Walton 1600?-61
Bishop of Chester. Library sold at auction in London, 30.4.1683 – included many oriental mss, and a substantial quantity of 17th century pamphlets.
M&C.

Izaak Walton 1593-1683
Author of The compleat angler.

Nicholas Wanton 1544?-1618
Member of the Grocers’ Company in London, lived and died in York in the late 16th/early 17th century. A number of surviving books in American libraries with Wanton’s inscription, motto and numbering system suggest that he had a library of at least 900 volumes.
F. B. Williams, John Bodenham, Studies in philology 31 (1934) 198-214, pp213-4; information from John Lancaster.

Edward Waple -1712
Archdeacon of Taunton. Bequeathed his library (ca.1860 vols) to Sion College.
E. Pearce, Sion College and Library, 1913, 274-5.

John Ward -1681
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Samuel Ward 1572-1643

Seth Ward 1617-1689
Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford; Bishop of Salisbury. Bequeathed 300 volumes to Salisbury Cathedral Library.
DNB. CHL II 125.

Robert Waring 1614?-1658
Camden Professor of Ancient History at Oxford 1647, ejected the same year and forced to release his books to the parliamentary visitors. His will refers to books at Tew, Apley and Oldbury.
DNB. Walker revised.

John Warner 1581-1666

Sir John Warner 1640?-1705
Born at Parham, SuffolK, became a Jesuit priest in the 1660s. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.
Morris.

Christopher Wasse 1625?-1690
Classical scholar, supervisor of the University Press at Oxford. Many of his books were subsequently acquired by Francis Yarborough, Principal of Brasenose (d.1770), who bequeathed his books to that college. His ms went to Corpus Christi, Oxford. Bodleian Library ms Rawl.poet.117 contains an inventory of some of his books.
DNB. Morgan.

Edward Waterhouse 1619-1670
Author and amateur herald. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
DNB. Morris.

Stephen Watkins -1673?
Chaplain of St Saviour's, Southwark 1647 (ejected 1660). Library auctioned in London, 2.6.1679.
Calamy revised. M&C.

Thomas Watson
Library auctioned in London, 8.10.1680.
M&C.

Gilbert Watts 1590?-1657
Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford. Bequeathed £60 worth of books to the college.

William Watts ca.1590-1649
Vicar of Barwick, Norfolk 1624 (ejected 1648); Rector of St Alban, Wood Street, London 1625. His goods were ordered to be seized in 1643, when his books were valued at £94.
DNB. Walker revised.
Bartholomew Webb  -1681  
Vicar of Ogbourne St Andrew, Wiltshire 1646 (ejected 1662); subsequently continued to preach in the area.  
Inventory on decease lists books valued at £60.  
Calamy revised.

John Webster 1611-1682  
Physician and radical theologian.  

Weld family  
Sir John Weld (1582?-1623); Humphrey Weld (1613?-84). Of Lulworth, Dorset. Books with their armorial stamps survive.  
Morris.

Thomas Weld  1595-1661  
Rector of Gateshead, co Durham 1650 (ejected 1661); spent much of the 1630s in New England. His library was apparently bought for £34 for the New England colony in 1651.  
DNB. Calamy revised.

Samuel Wells  d.ca.1710?  
Minister at Ferne, Wiltshire. Library sold by auction in London, together with that of Peter Birch, 16.10.1710.  
Alston Inventory.

Sir Thomas Wendy  1613-73  
Library (more than 2000 vols) given to Balliol College, Oxford in 1677.  
Morgan.

Sir Thomas Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford 1593-1641  
Politician and statesman. Books with his armorial stamps survive.  
DNB.  Maggs 1075 (1987)/20, with the armorial and the inscription of Wentworth’s son William, Lord Raby (1626-95); 1075 (1987)/22.

Sir Thomas Wentworth, Bart. ca.1611-1675  
Royalist soldier, of Bretton, Yorkshire. Probate inventory lists “certayne books” in the store chamber, valued at £60.  

Robert Wensley  1647?-89  
Vicar of Cheshunt. Library sold at auction in Cheshunt, 17.6.1689.  
M&C.

Sir Richard Weston  1620-81  
Baron of the Exchequer. Library sold at auction in London, 24.6.1686.  

Thomas Whalley  -1637  
Fellow and Vice-Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Gave 144 books to Trinity ca.1637  
Sears Jayne.

Sir George Wharton  
Library sold in London, 20.10.1713.  
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Creswell Whateley -1682
  M&C.

Degory Wheare  1573-1647
  Camden Professor of History at Oxford, and Principal of Gloucester Hall. Some of his books were bought by the Bodleian after his death.
  DNB. Macray 107.

Thomas Whincop -1713
  Rector of St Mary Abchurch, and St Lawrence Pountney, London. In January 1720 the London bookseller Noel had Whincop’s books ready for inspection by Lord Harley, who selected a number.

Robert White  1645-1703
  Alston Inventory.

Thomas White  1550?-1624
  Canon of St George’s, Windsor and founder of Sion College. Also made bequests and gifts to Oxford colleges.
  DNB. Morris.

Thomas White  1628-98
  Bishop of Peterborough. Bequeathed ca.1300 vols to found a town library for Newark-on-Trent.
  DNB. Perkin.

William White -1678
  Rector of Pusey. Bequeathed ca.600 vols to found a town library for Marlborough, Wiltshire.
  Perkin.

Robert Whitehall
  Library sold at auction in Oxford, 11.3.1700.
  M&C.

William Whitwood
  Library auctioned at Trumpington, 17.5.1686.
  M&C.

Ralph Widdrington -1688
  Regius Professor of Greek at Cambridge. Ca. 50 books from his collection, many in plain mid 17th c Cambridge bindings, are now in Eton College Library, received as part of the bequest of Henry Godolphin (Provost from 1695, d.1731).

William Wigan -1700
  Rector of St Mary Abbots, Kensington 1672-1700, canon of St Paul’s. Library sold by retail sale in London, 31.1.1701.
  Venn. Alston Inventory.

Henry Wilkinson  1616-90
  Principal of Magdalen Hall, Oxford. Library sold at auction in London, 15.11.1694.
  DNB. M&C.
Thomas Willesby 1618-1682
Vicar of Wombourn, Staffordshire 1652 (ejected 1662). Directed in his will that his books should be sold for the benefit of ejected ministers or their widows.
Calamy revised.

John Williams 1582-1650
Archbishop of York. Catalogues of ca. 500 French books from his library at Buckden in ms in St John’s College Cambridge. Gave ca. 2250 mss/books to St John’s, 1632. Gave ca.1700 books to Westminster Abbey, 1623.
http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/pix/provenance/williams/williams.htm,
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000010046&ImageId=ImageId=44628&Copyright=BL.

Sir Joseph Williamson 1633-1702
Secretary of State. Bequeathed his library (ca.6000 vols) to Queen’s College, Oxford, where ms inventories survive.

Sir Thomas Willis, 1st bart 1612-1701
Of Fen Ditton; MP for Cambridgeshire, 1659. Library sold by auction in King’s Lynn, together with that of Matthew Dey, 10.2.1717.
HoC1660-1690. M&C. Alston Inventory.

Willoughby
M&C.

George Wilmer 1582-1626
Collector of the Petty Customs. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Gave 38 mss to Trinity College, Cambridge; the bulk of his library seems to have descended to his great-great granddaughter Anne Gossip of Thorp Arch, Yorkshire.
Gaskell/TCC. Morris.

Sir William Wilmer 1578-1646
Of Sywell, Northamptonshire. Gave books to Sidney Sussex College, ca.1613. A book with his armorial stamp is in the BL.
Morris. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009938&ImageId=ImageId=44574&Copyright=BL.

Jacobus Wilson -1713
“late of Bread Street, painter, deceased in Barbadoes”. Library (with prints, drawings and models) sold by auction in London, 19.5.1713.
Alston Inventory.

Gilbert Wimberly -1653
Rector of Englefield, Berkshire 1635; prebendary of Wells and Westminster. Goods seized in 1643, when he was said to have lost a library valued at £1000.
Walker revised.

John Windebanke 1618-1704
Physician in Guildford; FRCP. His library, together with that of John Gadbury and others, was sold by retail sale in London, 29.11.1704.
Munk. Alston Inventory.

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Windham family
Thomas Windham (d.1654), William (1647-1689) and his wife Catherine (d.1704). Of Felbrigg Hall, Norfolk. Thomas left books to his son William, which were subsequently taken by his half-brother’s widow; he was compensated with £10. William acquired books himself, though the size of his collection is unknown; he used an armorial bookplate. Catherine also used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *148), and kept records of her own books in notebooks.


Henry Winford 1642-1685
Of Astley, Worcestershire, barrister. Probate inventory lists books valued at £12.


Thomas Windsor, 6th Baron Windsor 1591-1641

Dame Mary Wintour ca.1630-1697
Wife of Sir John Wintour, of Huddington, Worcestershire (1622-58). Probate inventory lists “a parcel of bookes”, together with a table, a couch and a looking glass, valued together at £6 10s.


Wise d.ca.1714
Alston Inventory.

Frances Wolfreston 1607-77
Of Statfold House, near Tamworth; noteworthy as an early English female book owner, who regularly marked her ownership.


Laurence Womock 1612-86
Bishop of St David’s. Library sold at auction in Cambridge, 23.5.1687.
DNB. M&C.

Anthony Wood 1632-95
Antiquary. Bequeathed his library to the Ashmolean Museum (transferred to the Bodleian, 1860); over 6500 vols are in the Bodleian today. Some books and mss were also sold by him during his lifetime.


Benjamin Woodroffe 1638-1711
Principal of Gloucester Hall, Oxford. Library sold by retail sale in London, together with that of “Mr Robinson, attorney”, 9.7.1718.
DNB. M&C. Alston Inventory.

Richard Woodson -1623
Surgeon, of Bristol. Probate inventory lists “all his books belonging to chururgery” valued at 30 shillings.
Charles Woodward 1618?-1675
Graduate of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, ?Rector of Creeting All Saints, Suffolk. 60+ books with his signature or that of his father John are at Belton House.

Michael Woodward -1675
Warden of New College, Oxford. Bequeathed ca.600 books to the College.

Robert Woodward 1653?-1702
Dean of Salisbury. Library sold at auction in London, 30.11.1702.

Rowland Woodward 1573-1636?
Lawyer and diplomat; friend of John Donne. Used the Spanish motto “De juegos el mejor es con la hoja” in his books.

Benjamin Worsley
Library auctioned in London, 13.5.1678.

Sir John Worstholme 3rd bart -1708
Commissioner of customs. Library sold by retail sale in London, 13.4.1709.

Sir Henry Wotton 1568-1639
Politician, poet, Provost of Eton College. Bequeathed his mss to Eton, Italian books to Isaac Bargrave; the fate of the rest of his library is unknown.

Edward Wray ca.1627-1685

Christopher Wren 1591-1658
Dean of Windsor; father of the architect. Some annotated books of his are described in Colie’s article.
R. Colie, Dean Wren’s marginalia and early science at Oxford, BLR 6 (1960), 541-51.

Matthew Wren 1585-1667
Bishop of Ely. Gave ca 50 mss/books to Pembroke College, Cambridge between 1617 and 1641. Also gave benefactors’ book to Pembroke. Used the motto Moriendo ViVam.

Richard Wrench -1675
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge; Rector of Boldon, Durham. Gave 126 vols to StJCC ca.1640.

Michael Wright
Library, including prints and antiquities, sold at auction in London, 4.6.1694.
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Robert Wright -1642
Of Thwaite, Suffolk. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
Morris.

Samuel Wright -1683
Vicar of Heanor, Derbyshire from at least 1650 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists 145 books valued at £8.
Calamy revised.

Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton 1573-1624
Ca. 800 books given to St John’s College, Cambridge by his son Thomas, 1634.
Sears Jayne.

Sir Cyril Wyche 1632?-1707
MP and FRS; Secretary of State for Ireland. Of Hockwold Hall, Norfolk. Library sold at auction in London, 20.2.1710; the catalogue was apparently compiled from Wyche's own ms catalogue, and includes original shelfmarks - ca. 2400 titles, housed in 11 cases of 12 shelves each, plus 3 smaller cases.

John Wyrley
Library sold in London, 17.10.1715.
M&C.

Sir Robert Wyseman 1610?-84
Lawyer, Dean of the Arches, Vicar-General. Library auctioned in London, 18.2.1686.
M&C.

Henry Yelverton, 1st Viscount de Longueville 1664-1704
Many books with his “HL” stamp survive. The Yelverton family books were said by Carew Hazlitt to have been sold in London, 1784. A catalogue of his library, made in 1694, is in BL Hargrave ms 107. Used engraved armorial bookplates dated 1702 (Franks *100, *103).

William Yemans ?1553-1633
Vicar of St Philip & St Jacob, Bristol, and prebendary of Bristol Cathedral. Probate inventory lists “the remainder of the books which were not given in the deceased’s lifetime”, valued at £20.
E. George (ed), Bristol probate inventories 1542-1650, 2002, 81.

Leonard Yeo -1641
Of Huish, Devon. Probate inventory lists books in the study, valued at £12 10s. The inventory of his son (also Leonard Yeo of Huish, Esq.), d.1687, lists “all his bookes” valued at £12.
M. Cash (ed), Devon inventories of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, 1966, 57, 158.

Edward Young
?Library sold at auction in London, 29.11.1708.
M&C.

Sir Edward Zouch -1634
Of Woking. An inventory drawn up after his death identifies a library room in his recently completed house, containing ca.250 volumes.
Abbreviations used in references


Alston Inventory  R. C. Alston, *Inventory of sale catalogues 1676-1800*. St Philip, 2010

BC  *The Book Collector.*


BL  British Library


BLR  Bodleian Library Record.

BQR  Bodleian Quarterly Record.


DNB  *Dictionary of National Biography*


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Morris *Armorial of British bookbinding*, draft version, 2005  *The source used here is the CD-ROM distributed at the Rare Books Group Cambridge conference, September 2005*


TCBS  Transactions of the Cambridge Bibliographical Society.
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