

## The Booke of Mustars

The Certificate of the Musters taken the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the 37<sup>th</sup> year of the reign (1545/6) of our sovereign Lord Henry VIII<sup>th</sup>, by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in earth of the Church of England and also of Ireland the supreme head. (Assessed) by Fraunce Tanfeld esq, William Chauncy & Thomas Mallory gent, Commissioners appointed by division for the hundreds of Towcester, Norton, Sutton and Warden, within the County of Northampton, by vitue of the King's Majesties commission to them and others, directed according to such order and rate as hereafter follows.

### The Hundred of Towcester

TOWCESTER	John	Battersby	archer
	Thomas	Lamberd	archer
	William	Savadge	archer
	Mylys	Cumen	archer
	Thomas	Wood	archer
	Henry	Denyson	archer
	Thomas	Davy	gent. archer
	Richard	Almayne	archer
	Thomas	Mychell	bilman
	Henry	Smyth	bilman
	Robert	Moore	bilman
	Richard	Panton	bilman
	John	Harryson	bilman
	Nicholas	Margettes	bilman
	John	Gurnard	bilman
	William	Robynson	bilman
	Humfrey	Coppin	bilman
ABTHORPE	John	Stacy	bilman
	Thomas	Clarke	bilman
CALDECOTE	John	Maryat	bilman
	John	Lawe	bilman
COLD HIGHAM	Laurence	Wattes	bilman
	John	Denby	bilman
	John	Balgaye	bilman
PATTISHALL	John	Boughton	archer

	Henry	Pynckard	archer
	Thomas	Wynckelles	bilman
	Thomas	Pell	bilman
GAYTON	Hugh	Tomkyns	bilmen
	John	Houghton	bilmen
	John	Barber	bilmen
	William	Freman	bilmen
TIFFIELD	Robert	Jones	archer
	William	Howse	archer

### The Hundred of Norton

SILVERSTONE	John	Holman	bilman
	Raf	Hilton	
WHITTLEBURY	Robert	Smyth	archer
	William	Harryettes	archer
MORETON	Thomas	Bull	bilman
CANONS ASHBY	William	Harby	archer
	Henry	Hawten	archer
WEEDON & WESTON	Robert	Wills	bilman
PLUMPTON	Thomas	Pereson	bilman
BLAKESLEY	Richard	Major	bilman
	John	Taylour	bilman
	Richard	Wykyns	bilman
BRADDEN	Richard	Goodman	bilman
MAIDFORD	William	Reve	archer
	Thomas	Truste	bilman

### The Hundred of Sutton

CHACOMBE	John	Langley	bilman
CULWORTH	Richard	Harwood	bilman

CROUGHTON	John Richard	Right Tytons	bilman bilman
AYNH0	James William Thomas	Bughley Cowley Howse	bilman bilman bilman
BRACKLEY	George Richard Robert John	Yorke Masters Clarke Bosse	archer archer archer archer
THORPE MANDEVILLE	John John Thomas	Towsell Cartar Holdam	archer bilman bilman
NEWBOTTLE	John	Bygnell	archer
CHARWELTON	Robert	Heyring	bilman
HINTON	Robert	South	bilman
MARSTON ST. L'CE	John Cristofer	Blynckho Blynckho	archer bilman
HELMDON	Richard Richard William	Nicholles Reynoldes Mole	archer archer bilman
MIDDLETON CHENEY	William William Thomas William	Goldby Cartar Taylour Neyale	archer bilman bilman bilman
WARKWORTH	Thomas Richard Thomas	Maryat Taylor Bland	archer bilman bilman
SYRESHAM	John Adrian	Squyer Beston	bilman bilman
KINGS SUTTON	William	Wellys	archer

	Thomas	Leke	bilman
	John	Hobcrofte	bilman
EVENLEY	Thomas	Weyneman	archer
	Thomas	Cawsse	archer
	Thomas	Stuttisbery junior	Bilman

### The Hundred of Warden

CHIPPING WARDEN	Robert	Marche	archer
	Richard	Lauraunce	archer
	John	Byrche	bilman
EDGECOTE	John	Stokeley	bilman
EYDON	Robert	Teye	bilman
BODDINGTON	William	Russell	archer
BYFIELD	Thomas	Cottisbrok	archer
	George	Seleyth	archer
	William	Heynes	bilman
	Thomas	Lapworthe	bilman
WOODFORD & FARNDON	Robert	Stepull	bilman
	Richard	Norton	bilman

**“And we the said commissioners have assembled and mustered every one of ourselves and be in readiness to serve at one hours warning.**

**And those harnesses\* that we and every one of us, according to our ability can make, we have employed yet with certain money to the finding of weapons for the said harnesses, to the furnishment of the men now to set forward out of the said shire (in consideration of the disability and poverty of the common men of the said shire and the insufficiency of harness there amongst them at this present) being the year last passed charged with 8 men and 8 harnesses and having no return yet of the said harnesses.”**

*The commissioners reported that they had 37 archers, 60 Bilmen and 60 harnesses at the King's disposal*

*\*The harness signified iron implements or armour and was used of old to signify all the armour, furniture and sometimes weapons of a soldier.*

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