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

- What was a typical private library, in terms of size and content, at different points in time?
- How does the answer to that question vary according to occupation, social status, etc?
- How does the answer vary over time?

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

Our current state of knowledge is both imperfect, and fragmented. There is no comprehensive reference source on British book owners, although there are numerous studies of individual ones. There are well-known names who are regularly cited in this context, 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, during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Sears Jayne, Library Catalogues of the English Renaissance, is a standard source down 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, summarising existing scholarship, and references have been included in individual entries below where appropriate. The aim of Bookowners Online – http://bookowners.online – is to develop a directory to help to fill the gap, but it is currently at an early stage of development, and covers only seventeenth-century names.

Evidence of book ownership is manifested in many ways, which need to be brought together if we are to develop the 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 libraries 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 over the centuries. 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 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 libraries which were at least partly, if not entirely, formed by people who died between 1500 and 1715. The original version of this list, online until 2020, covered only the seventeenth century; all
those names will now be found in *Bookowners Online*, with more information in many cases, so that list is superseded; to retain a purpose for it, I have expanded it backwards to cover the sixteenth century, using the same criteria for inclusion. By adding 16th century names, the original list of ca.1350 has grown to about 1700, but there are more to be added.

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.

One of the ways in which an online resource like this can be useful is by providing quick links to images of the kinds of provenance evidence which various owners left in their books, so that identifications can be verified (is this inscription I’m looking at the man I think it is, or another owner of the same name? etc). I have been gradually adding links to other websites which include useful images like this; *Book Owners Online* is also being enriched with images. The list includes links to the database of *British Armorial Bindings*, begun by John Morris and completed by Philip Oldfield, and freely available on the web via the University of Toronto and the sponsorship of the Bibliographical Society. This major reference work contains details and images of all known armorial binding stamps used by British owners from the earliest use of such stamps in the sixteenth century through to the present day.

I am sharing this list through the Bibliographical Society’s website largely in the hope that, imperfect and incomplete though it is, it may have enough data to be useful in various kinds of ways; I would also like to stimulate ideas as to how it should be developed. 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 work forward (many thanks to everyone who has already contacted me in this way, including Bob Fehrenbach, Peter Hoare, Philip Oldfield, Ed Potten, Jeremy Potter, Dunstan Roberts, Renae Satterley, Jason Scott-Warren and David Shaw). I am happy for any or all of the data here to be used in any ways that are helpful to fellow book historians though I would appreciate the source being cited where appropriate.

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George Abbot 1562-1633

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 Stotherd Abdy (1773). http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/ABD001

Nicholas Abythell -1586
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, later a canon at Douai. Probate inventory includes 46 books, edited as BCI 153. BCI 364-7.

Nicholas Acton 1614-1664

Patrick Adair -ca.1706?
Physician, who specialised in treating seamen. Library sold by retail sale in London, 12.6.1706. Alston Inventory.

Charles Adams

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. ODNB. Calamy revised.

Arthur Agarde 1540-1615

Oliver Ainsworth d.1546
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 202 books, edited as BCI 30. BCI 81-86.

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).

http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/pix/provenance/alabaster/alabaster.htm. Inscription:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921979182/in/photostream.

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.

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.
ODNB.

Richard Allen ca.1547-69
Of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 97 books, edited as PLRE 79.
G. Smith, Richard Allen, in PLRE 3, 140-55.

Thomas Allen d.1561
Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford; prebendary of Wells. Probate inventory includes ca.40 books, edited as PLRE 69.
Foster, C. Huttar, Thomas Allen, in PLRE 3, 45-52.

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 -1684
Fellow of Caius, Cambridge 1651-60; FRCP, FRS; physician to Bethlehem Hospital. Library auctioned in London, 12.4.1686.
Venn. Munk’s Roll. 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.

George Allsop -1561
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge; curate of St Giles, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.90 books, edited as BCI 113.
BCI 264-7.
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John Alsop -1647

Vincent Alsop 1630-1703
Rector of Wilby, Northamptonshire, ejected 1662; independent minister in Northamptonshire and London, theological author. Library sold by retail sale in London, 9.7.1703. ODNB. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Alston -1690

Thomas Alured

Henry Alvey -1627

Richard Amadas -1629
Rector of Hallingbury Magna, Essex. 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. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/AMH001

Paul Ancott -1551
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 43 books, edited as BCI 50. BCI 119-120.

William Anderson -1586
Fellow of St Catharine’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 74 books, edited as BCI 151. BCI 360-2.

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

Lancelot Andrewes 1555-1626
Thomas Andrews -1585  
Lawyer, of the Middle Temple and Bury St Edmunds, MP for Sudbury. Gave ca.60 books to Bury St Edmunds Grammar School in 1565, of which ca.15 survive today, among which are a number with a hand-painted bookplate showing Andrews’s arms.  

Edmund Anlaby -1559  
Vicar of Brington, Huntingdonshire. Probate inventory includes over 20 books, edited as BCI 106.  
BCI 244-5.

Anne, Queen Consort of James I 1574-1619  
Several books survive with her armorial stamp.  
ODNB. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000840&ImageId=ImageId=40025&Copyright=BL.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/ANN001

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

Arthur Annesley, 1st Earl of Anglesey 1614-86  
Lord Privy Seal. “Perhaps the first peer who devoted time and money to the formation of a great library” (ODNB). Library auctioned in London, 25.10.1686 – sale made £1736 17s 10d. Catalogue of his books in Bernard, CMA, ii 178. His diaries 1671-84 are in BL, Add MSS 18730, 40860.  

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

George Anton 1550?-1615?  
Recorder of Lincoln. A book with his armorial stamp is in Cambridge UL (P*.2.3)  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/ANT001

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.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/ANT002

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.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/ARC001

John Arthur  
Library sold at auction in London, 12.2.1683.  
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).
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. Calamy revised.

Jacob Asselin -1708
Huguenot refugee in London 1685, having been a protestant pastor in Dieppe. Minister at the Jewin Street Church, London. Used an early cypher bookplate, made ca.1690.

William Assheton 1642-1711
ODNB. 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. Inscription: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921706439/in/photostream.

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.
John Atkinson - 1558

John Atkinson - 1570
Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 25 books, edited as PLRE 83.

John Atkinson - 1622
Gentleman, of Bongate, 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 liberary”, valued at £10.

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.

William Atwood - 1593
Of Dallinghoe, Suffolk, landowner. Probate inventory lists over 40 books, edited as PLRE 183.

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.

Edmund Audley ca.1439-1524

William Aunger - 1589
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.60 books, edited as BCI 165.

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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.
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John Ayres d.ca.1705
Writing master, author of works on calligraphy and penmanship. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning a number of manuscripts. ODNB.

Philip Ayres 1638-1712
Poet and miscellaneous writer; tutor to the Drake family, of Agmondesham, Buckinghamshire. Library sold in London, 10.11.1713.
ODNB. M&C. Christie's 23.6.1977 (Evelyn sale)/262; Ayres books are also recorded in Cambridge UL, Shrewsbury School.

Francis Baber d.1669
Chancellor of Gloucester 1627-. Gave books to Gloucester Cathedral Library in 1661. S. Eward, No fine but a glass of wine, 1985, p.253.

Anthony Babington 1561-86
Of Dethick, Derbyshire; executed for plotting to kill Elizabeth I. An inventory of books in his house, made in 1586, includes 33 books, edited as PLRE 242.
ODNB. Anthony Babington, in PLRE 8, 222-8.

Gervase Babington 1550-1610
Bishop of Worcester. Many of his books, with his armorial stamp, 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. H. A. Feisenberger, Sale catalogues of libraries of eminent persons: 11: scientists, London, 1975

Francis Bacon, Viscount St Alban 1561-1626
Statesman, Lord Chancellor, philosopher. Numerous books survive with his armorial stamp.

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

Sir Nathaniel Bacon 1549-1622
Of Stifkey, 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.
Sir Nicholas Bacon 1510-79
Lawyer, Lord Keeper under Elizabeth I. Assembled a substantial library; gave 90 books to Cambridge University Library in 1574, into which a hand-coloured donation label was placed. ODNB. Sears Jayne, 117. Oates, 95ff.

Philip Bacon -1665
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Bequeathed 273 vols to Pembroke. Pembroke College Donors’ Book

John Badger -1577
Of Christ Church, Oxford, superior bedell in divinity at the University. Probate inventory includes over 100 books, edited as PLRE 115. W. Abbott, John Badger, in PLRE 5, 11-23.

Sir James Bagge 1590-
Of Plymouth. A rubbing of his armorial stamp is known from the Clements Collection. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BAG001

William Bagge 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. C. Brooke, A history of Gonville and Caius College, 1985, 131-2

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. ODNB. Calamy revised.

Reginald Bainbrigg 1545-c.1613

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

William Balborough -1514

William Baldwyn -1668

John Bale 1495-1563
Historian, dramatist, Bishop of Ossory, who visited and recorded many monastic libraries around the time of the Dissolution. A list of 355 mss owned by him in Ireland, but dispersed when he left in 1553, is transcribed by McCusker.
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Philip Bale -1559
Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. Bequeathed various books to Exeter College.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1256.

William Ball -1601
Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 100 books, edited as BCI 178.
BCI 544-6.

Richard Banastre b.1567/8
Of Lacon Hall, Wem, Shropshire, a member of a recusant family; his brother Sir Richard was master of James I’s household. Used a printed book label; a number of his books passed into Richard Holdsworth’s library, and are now in Cambridge UL.

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.
ODNB. 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 ca.1570-1626
Lincolnshire oculist. Gave books in his lifetime, and bequeathed money to buy books, to Stamford parish library. His personal library was bequeathed between his sons (medical and Latin books) and daughters (English books).

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.
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922178098/in/photostream.
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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. ODNB. Sears Jayne

Ambrose Barker -1583
Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 170 books, edited as BCI 148.
BCI 351-4.

Andrew Barker 1630?-

Robert Barker -1581
Vicar of Driffield, Yorkshire. His library of ca.150 books included many late medieval ones inherited from a relative, who was the last prior of Byland. He directed that his library be kept together, though much of it passed in the early 17th c to Henry Savile of Banke. CHL I 405.

Thomas Barker -1549
Undergraduate of Magdalene College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 60 books, edited as BCI 40.
BCI 102-4.

Walter Barker -1576
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge; prebendary of Lichfield. Probate inventory includes over 110 books, edited as BCI 139.
BCI 319-22.

Clement Barksdale 1609-87

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

Thomas Barlow 1607-1691

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

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

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

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BAR005

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?
ODNB. Gaskell/TCC 131. M&C.

Maurice Barrow d.1666
Of Brackland Park; friend of Oliver Cromwell, and reputedly one of the wealthiest commoners of his time. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BAR008 http://ccl-history.referata.com/wiki/Maurice_Barrowe

Vincent Barry
Chaplain general of the fleet. Library sold at auction in London, 1709.
M&C.

Walter Bartlett -1640
Of Stopham, Sussex; MP for Bramber. Books are known with his armorial stamp.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BAR011

George Barton -1602
Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 100 books, mostly unlisted (‘ould bookees and pomflets’) edited as PLRE 155.

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.
Stephen Barwick -1547
Student, and butler, at Christ’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 35 books, edited as BCI 34.
BCI 93-94.

Isaac Basire 1607-76
Archdeacon of Northumberland. Library sold at auction in London, 5.2.1710.
ODNB. M&C. Inscription: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/37004479670/in/dateposted-public/.

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
Rector of St Swithin’s, London. Library sold at auction in London, 4.2.1697.

John Bateman -1559
Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 420 books, edited as BCI 105.
BCI 234-44.

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.
ODNB; 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).

William Battbrantes -1572
Of Christ Church, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 38 books, including ‘singing bookes’, edited as PLRE 99.

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.

Mr Baulgy -1697?
Headmaster of the Free School, Sheffield. Library sold by auction there 26.5.1697.
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Richard Baxter 1615-91
Presbyterian divine. His surviving library catalogue shows him to have had a collection of ca.1500 vols.

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.

John Bayard -1558
Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford; chaplain to Queen Mary. Bequeathed all his books to Lincoln College.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1258.

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.
ODNB. Walker revised.

Robert Bayles -1624
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge 1614-24. His will has various references to books; the bulk of his estate was left to William Wright, another fellow of St John’s.
Venn. Will, Cambridge Vice-Chancellor’s Court wills volo.3 fo.140.

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

Anne Bayning, Viscountess Bayning of Foxley 1619-1678
Wife of Sir John Baber, physician to Charles II. Created Viscountess Bayning 1673; books with her armorial monogram stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BAY001

Paul Bayning, 1st Viscount Bayning of Sudbury 1588-1629
Sheriff of Essex 1617-18, created Viscount Bayning in 1628. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BAY002

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

Margaret Beaufort, Countess of Richmond and Derby, 1443-1509
Well known as a founder of colleges, and a patron of literary and devotional undertakings, there is varied evidence for her engagement with, and ownership of, books.

Anscel Beaumont
M&C.
David Pearson : English book owners

Edward Beaumont 1530-52
Of Christ Church, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 117 books, edited as PLRE 64. He also owned coins.
S. D. Shaw, Edward Beaumont in PLRE 2, 204-21.

John Beaumont 1565
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; canon of Westminster. Probate inventory includes over 130 books, edited as BCI 120.
BCI 278-81.

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

Robert Beaumont 1567
Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, Vice-Chancellor; bequeathed books to Trinity. Probate inventory includes over 120 books, edited as BCI 126.
ODNB. GaskellTCC. BCI 290-4.

Thomas Beconsall 1664?-1709
ODNB. M&C.

John Beddow 1577
Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford, at Brackley; bequeathed some books to the school. Inventory made on moving in 1571 includes over 40 books, edited as PLRE 91.
C. Huttar, John Beddow, in PLRE 4, 28-36.

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 Sotheby's, 26.7.1922/561-612, with a further sale (over 2500 vols), 31.10.1951.

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.

John Belward 1598
Physician (probably), of Bedingham, Norfolk. Probate inventory lists over 20 books, edited as PLRE 198.
John Belward, in PLRE 8, 89-91.

Roger Belward
Of the Middle Temple (admitted 1665, son of Josiah Belwood, of Leathly, Yorkshire). Library sold at auction in London, 4.2.1695.
David Pearson : English book owners


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

Edward Benlowes 1603-1676  
Poet. Gave books to St John’s College, Cambridge. Books with his armorial survive in other collections.  
ODNB.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BEN001  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BEN001

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”.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BEN002  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BEN002  
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000128&ImageId=ImageId=39669&Copyright=BL.

John Bennet 1658?-86  
Of Christ Church, Oxford. Several books with his armorial stamp survive in Christ Church Library.  
ODNB.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BEN003

Robert Bennet 1617  
Bishop of Hereford. Bequeathed money to Trinity College, Cambridge for the purchase of books, and divided his own books between a number of fellow clergymen.  
ODNB.  
Pearson, Bishops.

Charles Benson 1593  
BCI 524-6.

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).  
ODNB.

Hugh Benyngworth 1551  
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, to which he bequeathed books. Probate inventory includes 29 books, edited as BCI 51.  
BCI 120-1.

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.
David Pearson : English book owners

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.

Sir Henry Berkeley 1566-1638?
Of Wymondham, Leicestershire. Several books with his armorial stamp survive. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BER005

Charles Bernard 1650-1711

Edward Bernard 1638-97
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). His *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, lists 218 manuscripts owned by him.

Francis Bernard 1627-98
Physician. His library, “the most extensive to be sold at auction in the 17th century”, ran to
c.15000 lots; sold at auction in London, 4.10.1698. Edward Bernard’s *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, lists him as owning 127 manuscripts.
ODNB. Fletcher. Thornton. R. Beadle, Medieval English manuscripts at auction, 1676-c.1700,

John Bernard -1554
Fellow of Queens’College, Cambridge, religious author. Probate inventory includes over 100
books, edited as BCI 63.
ODNB. BCI 141-3.

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 1641-1711
Of Uffington, Lincolnshire; diplomat, MP for Stamford between 1677 and 1689. Used an
engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 2375/*374).
ODNB. Bookplate: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/11151475855/

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.
Katherine Bertie, Duchess of Suffolk 1519-80
Noblewoman, noted patron of protestant theologians. There is a reference to her keeping her books in a chest.
ODNB. Purcell, 64, 71.

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).
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BER009

Robert Bertie 1676-1710
Barrister at law (Middle Temple), 1699; MP for Westbury, Wiltshire 1695-1708. 4th son of James Bertie, 1st Earl of Abingson. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks 2382).
Foster. Bookplate: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/11151622924/

Thomas Betterton 1635?-1710
ODNB. M&C.

John Betts -1695
Physician in ordinary to Charles II. Library sold at auction in London, 3.6.1695.
ODNB. 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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BIC001 Inscription:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5969871114/in/photostream.

Michael Biddulph -1658

Bigge
M&C. Alston Inventory.

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.

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

Thomas Bird -1601
Scrivener, of Norwich. Probate inventory lists ca. 85 books, though these may have been stock for sale rather than a personal library, edited as PLRE 203.
Thomas Bird, in PLRE 8, 103-7.
Sir John Birkenhead 1615-1679
Poet, MP for Wilton, licensor 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.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

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

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
Sears Jayne.

Matthew Blewit 1653?-93?
M&C.

Myles Blomefylde 1525-1603
Medical practitioner and alchemist, of Chelmsford. Celebrated for his ownership of some very rare late medieval plays, and also for alchemical and other mss.

Charles Blount, 8th Baron Mountjoy and Earl of Devonshire 1563-1606
Soldier, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Many of the books which survive with an armorial stamp of his are ones purchased for the Bodleian with £100 which he gave for book purchase in 1602, but some books survive with his inscription.
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BLO001.

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.
ODNB.

Sir Thomas Bludder ca.1597-1655
MP, of Reigate, Surrey. 175 books from his London house were seized by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold.

William Blundell 1620-1698
Recusant landowner, of Crosby Hall, Lancashire. An inventory of 1675 lists a library of 447 books; his surviving commonplace books reveal extensive evidence of his reading and use of books.

Geoffrey Blythe 1496/7-1542
Warden of King’s Hall, Cambridge, prebendary of Lichfield, vicar of Chesterton. Probate inventory includes over 190 books, edited as BCI 11.

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.

Thomas Bolt b.1567/8
Student of University College, Oxford. Inventory made ‘at hys departure’ includes over 80 books, edited as PLRE 132.
M. Schwarz, Thomas Bolt, in PLRE 5, 204-17.

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
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BOO002

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.

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. Purcell p.115.

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.

**Thomas Bownd -1586**

Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 150 books, edited as BCI 152.
BCI 363-4.

**Brereton Bouchier b.ca.1655**

Of Barnsley, Glocestershire. Listed in Edward Bernard's *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, as owning a small number of manuscripts.

**Henry Bourchier, 5th Earl of Bath ca.1587-1654**

Royalist soldier, Keeper of the Privy Seal. Known to have been a “lover of learning”, whose library was sold after his death.
ODNB. Inscription: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921989080/in/photostream](http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921989080/in/photostream).

**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.

**John Bowle -1637**

Dean of Salisbury 1620, Bishop of Rochester 1630. After some specific bequests, he directed that his books be sold to help pay his funeral costs.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

**Sir John Bowyer, 3rd Bart 1677?-1701**

Of Knipersley, Staffordshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 3334).
*Complete baronetage*. Bookplate: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/11151648924/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/11151648924/)

**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.
ODNB. 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” (ODNB, based on
the range of works quoted in his writings).
   ODNB.

John Bradford  -1685
   M&C.

Nathaniel Brading  -1645
   Merchant adventurer, of Godshill, Isle of Wight.  A list of ca.30 books which he took with him on
a voyage to Madagascar and the East Indies (where he died) is edited as PLRE 275.

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.
   ODNB.  Maggs 1324 (2002)/76.

Thomas Brady
   M&C.

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
   Deputy judge of the Admiralty; Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge.  Used an engraved armorial
   Venn.  Alston Inventory.  Bookplate:
   http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/11151614245/

William Branthwaite  -1619
   Master of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge.  Bequeathed ca.1750 books/mss to Caius, and
c.a.20 books to Emmanuel College.
   ODNB.  Sears Jayne.  C. Brooke, A history of Gonville and Caius College, 1985.  F. Stubbings,
   Forty-nine lives, 1983, no.4.

Richard Brereton  -1558
   Of The Lea, Cheshire. Probate inventory includes over 50 books.
   Sears Jayne, 109-10.  J. Piccope, Lancashire and Cheshire wills and inventories, Chetham
   Society 33, 1857, 173-5. Purcell, 80.

Sir William Brereton 1604-1661
   Of Hanford, Cheshire; MP.  Books with his armorial stamp survive.
   ODNB.  Harthan.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BRE001

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

John Breton  -1676
   Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.  Bequeathed books valued at £200 to Emmanuel.
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.
ODNB (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.miss.c.405. Listed in Edward Bernard’s Catalogi manusciptorum, 1697 as owing a small number of manuscripts.

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

Nicholas Bridges -1601
Physician, of Dickleburgh, Norfolk. Probate inventory lists an unspecified number of books, including theological and medical ones, edited as PLRE 204.
Nicholas Bridges, in PLRE 8, 108-9.

John Bridgman d.ca.1715
Lawyer. Library sold by retail sale in London, 14.7.1715.
Alston Inventory.

William Brigeman -1522
Clerk of All Saints Chuch, Bristol. Bequeathed ca. 30 books to the church, on condition that ‘no childen shul be tawte’ using them; list of books edited by Burgess and Wanley.

Henry Briggs 1561-1630
Mathematician, Savile Professor at Oxford. Books of his are found in the Bodleian, and in Halifax Parish Library.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. 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.

Michael Brisley  -1593
   Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 57 books, edited as BCI 172. BCI 526-8.

Thomas Britton  1654-1714

Brocase, "Captain” fl.1643
   135 books belonging to Captain Brocase were seized by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold. I. Roy, The libraries of Edward, 2nd Viscount Conway, and others, Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research 43 (1968), 35-46.

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.

Elizabeth Brome -1629
   Of Bearstall House, Buckinghamshire, Roman Catholic. An inventory of goods in her house made in 1586 lists ca.10 books, edited as PLRE 244. Elizabeth and Bridget Brome, in PLRE 8, 232-5.

George Brome -1613

John Bromhall  d.1630
   Yeoman farmer, of Sound, Cheshire. Probate inventory includes “all his books with book frame”, valued at £5 6s, from a total estate valued at ca. £270. P. Pixton, Wrenbury wills and inventories 1542-1661, 2009, no.82.

Sir Thomas Bromley  ca.1580-1641
Thomas Bromley 1630-1691
    ODNB. M&C.

Lady Elizabeth Brooke 1602?-1684
    Daughter of Thomas Colepeper, wife of Sir Robert Brooke (d.1646) of Cockfield Hall, Suffolk, where she remained during her long widowhood. Although we have no direct documentation of her library, the biography in her funeral sermon refers not only to the depth and breadth of her reading, but also to a body of devotional writings she left behind. She evidently had a closet well-stocked with books.

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.
    ODNB. Fontes Harleianae.

Samuel Brooke
    Library auctioned in London, 21.3.1683.
    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 1608-80
    Nonconformist divine. Library auctioned in London, 30.5.1681.
    ODNB. M&C.

Thomas Brotherton ca.1656-1702
    Lawyer, MP for Newton 1695-1701. Listed in Edward Bernard's *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, as owning 12 manuscripts.

Christopher Brown -1559
    Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge, prebendary of Chichester. Probate inventory includes ca.150 books, edited as BCI 101.
    BCI 224-8.

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.
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William Brown d.1558
Fellow of Merton College, Oxford; prebendary of Wells. Probate inventory includes 223 books, edited as PLRE 67.
Foster, S. Gillespie, William Brown, in PLRE 3, 1-35.

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.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000002818&ImageId=ImageId=41014&Copyright=BL
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BRO014

Thomas Browne ca.1535-85
Prebendary of Westminster, Headmaster of Westminster School. Probate inventory includes over 250 books; a number went to University College, Oxford, and other Oxford colleges.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 127-8.

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. Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, lists Edward Browne as owning 28 manuscripts.

Walter Browne -1613
Of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Probate inventory (transcribed and edited as PLRE 159) lists ca.535 books.

William Browne 15907-1643/5?
Poet and 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

Lord Chamberlain. Library sold at auction in London, 19.5.1690 – sale made £321 7s 9d.
ODNB. M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions.

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.
ODNB. Calamy revised.

Robert Bryan -1508

Fellow of London College, Oxford; rector of Solihull, Warwickshire. Probate inventory includes 19 books, edited as PLRE 11.
D. Bagchi, Robert Bryan in PLRE 2, 19-22.

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.
Sir George Buck  1560-1622
Master of the Revels, scholar and author. Noted for having owned a number of contemporary
play texts, though this will have been only a small part of his library.

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
ODNB. 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.

Miles Buckley  -1559
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 150 books, edited as
BCI 107; numerous bequests of books are included in his will.
BCI 245-9.

William Buckmaster  d.1546
Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, prebendary of St Paul’s. Probate inventory
includes 99 books, edited as BCI 29.
ODNB. BCI 78-81.

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

Richard Bullar  d.1540
BCI 15-17.

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

Henry Bullock  -1526
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge; instrumental in the establishment of John Sibrech’s press
in Cambridge in the 1520s. Queens’ bought 25 books from his estate after his death, listed in
CorpusMLC/Cambridge.
ODNB. CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 670-3.

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

Thomas Burbank  -1550
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 54 books, edited as BCI 47.
BCI 114-5.
David Pearson : English book owners

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 Mildenhall, Suffolk. Bequeathed ca.2000 vols to found a parish library for Mildenhall.

James Burnard  1599/1600-1663
Rector of Whitestone, Cornwall, and other west country livings; ejected as a royalist in the 1640s. His “valuable” study was rifled by soldiers in the 1640s, with books thrown around the house.
Foster; Walker.

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 was purchased for the Harleian Library in 1715. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 111 manuscripts.

Edmund Burton  -1529
Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 42 books, edited as PLRE 43.

Edward Burton  1596-1661
Rector of Sedlescombe, Sussex. A book with his armorial stamp survives in Cambridge UL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BUR007

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 -1593
Vicar of Thurston, Suffolk. Probate inventory notes over 60 books, edited as PLRE 184.
William Burton, in PLRE 8, 64-5.

William Burton  1575-1645
Gentleman and antiquary, brother of Robert Burton, author of the Description of Leicestershire
(1622). Gave the ms of Leland’s Itinerary to the Bodleian in 1632.

Sir Jeffrey Burwell  1606-1684
Of Rougham Place, Suffolk. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BUR010

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.
Perkin. R. Christie, The old church and school libraries of Lancashire, Manchester, 1885, p.139-

John Bury -1567
Student of Brasenose College, Oxford; prebendary of Wells. Probate inventory includes 19
books, ‘standard fare for an Oxford student’ subject-wise, valued at 15 shillings, edited as PLRE
74.

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.
ODNB. Perkin. RBDirectory. C. Church, Notes on the … Library of the Dean and Chapter …
of Wells, Archaeologia 57 (1901), 201-228. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-
owners/BUS001

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.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. Sears Jayne. Pembroke College Donors’ Book.

Lady Jane Buttes -1593
Landowner, widow of Sir William Buttes (d.1583), of Thornage, Norfolk. Probate inventory lists
a small quantity of books, edited as PLRE 186.
Lady Jane Buttes, in PLRE 8, 66-67.
Ralph Button -1680
Puritan divine. Library auctioned in London, 7.11.1681. ODNB. M&C.

John Buxton 1608-1680

Sir Edward Byde -1704
MP for Hertford. Several books with his armorial stamp survive. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/BYD001

Robert Byerley -1714
Of Goldesborough Hall, Yorkshire. Used an engraved bookplate dated 1702. Inherited property from the Hutton family. ODNB. Young 35. Bookplate: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/11151706194/

Walter Bygrave -1554
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists over 80 books, edited as BCI 63. BCI 144-6.

Thomas Byng -1599
Master of Clare Hall, Cambridge; regius professor of civil law. Books with his inscription and Greek motto ‘me tauta’ are found in numerous libraries. ODNB. CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 667. Pearson, Provenance research, 410.

Sir Edward Bysshe 1615-1679

Sir Julius Caesar 1558-1636

John Caius 1510-1573
Royal physician, refounded Gonville Hall, Cambridge, to become Gonville & Caius College. When he died, most of his books were in his house in London, with only a few in Cambridge; probate inventory (edited by Grierson) lists ca.120 books in London. He gave a few books to the College, but most were dispersed and only a few can be traced today. ODNB. P. Grierson, John Caius’ library, Appendix IV in J. Venn et al, Biographical history of Gonville and Caius, vol. 7, 1978, 509-525. BCI 315-6.

Edmund Calamy 1634-1685
Nonconformist minister, father of the biographer of the ejected clergy. His will refers to his library, though we do not know its extent. ODNB.
Anthony Calcott  d.1708?
Lawyer, of Gray’s Inn   Library sold by retail sale in London, 7.12.1708.
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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CAM001

Edward Cantrell  -1551
Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; registrar to the Bishop of Norwich.  Probate inventory includes ca.40 books, edited as BCI 59.
BCI 135-7.

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).

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.

Elizabeth Capell, Baroness Capell of Hadham  1611-1661
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CAP003

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.

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.
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

George Carey, 2nd Baron Hunsdon 1548-1603
Landowner, courtier, diplomat. Gave ca.200 books to the Bodleian Library in 1600, and gave £95 for the purchase of books in 1603.

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.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

Anne Carleton, Viscountess Dorchester -1639
Daughter of Sir Henry Glenham; married firstly Paul Bayning, Viscount Bayning, and after his death in 1629, Dudley Carleton, Viscount Dorchester (1574-1632). On her death, she left books valued at ca.£77.

Thomas Carpenter -1577
Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes ca.100 books, edited as PLRE 116.
K. Barbour, Thomas Carpenter, in PLRE 5, 24-36.

Sir Robert Carr, 3rd Bart 1637-82
MP for Lincolnshire. A book with his armorial is in the Harry Ransom HRC in Texas.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CAR010

Francis Carswell -1709
Vicar of Bray, Berkshire. Library sold at auction in London, 9.1.1709.
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.
ODNB. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009966&ImageId=ImageId=44588&Copyright=BL. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CAR012

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

Thomas Cary -1634
A member of the Cary family of Cockington, Devon; privy councillor to Charles I. Known to have used an armorial binding stamp.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CAR014

John Caryll, Baron Caryll 1625-1711
Recusant; diplomat, political servant of James II. A rubbing of his armorial is in the Duff collection in Cambridge UL.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CAR015

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.

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.
ODNB. http://ccl-history.referata.com/wiki/Meric_Casaubon.

Samuel Case -1699
David Pearson: English book owners

Edmund Castell 1606-85
Professor of Arabic at Cambridge. Bequeathed Hebrew books to Emmanuel College, and oriental mss to Cambridge UL. Bequeathed Bibles and lexicons to Henry Compton, who subsequently gave them to Sion College. Residue of his library sold at auction in Cambridge, 30.6.1686 – sale made £319 17s 3d. 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.

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.
ODNB. 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), and of Henry Cavendish, 2nd Duke, survive. The library at Hardwick Hall was built up during the 17th century with the guidance of Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679).

William Cavendish, 2nd Earl of Devonshire 1590-1628
Books with his armorial stamp survive. Thomas Hobbes, his tutor, helped to assemble a library for him in the 1610s and 20s.

John Cawley 1632?-1709
Rector of Henley on Thames, Archdeacon of Lincoln. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 27.5.1712.
M&C.

Thomas Cawton 1636?-77
Orientalist, independent minister at Westminster. Library auctioned in London, 29.11.1680.
ODNB. M&C.

Cecil family
Catalogue of ca 1900 books at Salisbury House (The Strand), in 1637, in mss at Hatfield. Mss from the Cecil family were sold at auction in London, 1687. The collection at Hatfield House was largely formed initially by William Cecil (1520-98) and his son Robert (1563-1612), and added to by successive generations of the family. Mildred Cecil, Lady Burghley (1526-89), who had serious scholarly interests, also had a library of her own.
Richard Chace  
Library auctioned in London, 24.3.1684.  
M&C.

William Chaderton 1540?-1608  
Bishop of Lincoln. Bequeathed the choice of his divinity books to his nephew Roger Parker, and many of the rest of his books to his grandson William Sandys.  
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

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.  
ODNB. 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  
Alston Inventory.

John Chandler -1603  
Haberdasher, of Great Yarmouth. Probate inventory includes over 60 ‘old and new books’, edited as PLRE 208.  
John Chandler, in PLRE 8, 116-7.

Sir John Chardin 1643-1713  
ODNB. 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.  
ODNB. Inscription: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921994106/in/photostream.

Charles I 1600-1649  

Charles II 1630-1685  
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000001798&ImageId=ImageId=40504&Copyright=BL.

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.
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ODNB. Fontes Harleianae.

Walter Charleton 1619-1707
Fellow and President of the Royal College of Physicians; FRS. Books with his inscription are found in various collections, but the size of his library is not known.
Inscription: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922021222/in/photostream.

Roger Charnock b.1549
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Inventory made in 1577 (not necessarily for probate) includes over 80 books, edited as PLRE 117.

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

John Chekyn d.1536
Of Durham; fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 85 books, edited as BCI 1.
BCI 1-3.

Francis Cherry 1667-1713
Nonjuror, antiquary. His mss were presented to the Bodleian Library by his widow.
ODNB. Macray 207. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CHE002

John Cheswryght d.1537
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; chaplain to the King. Probate inventory includes 118 books, edited as BCI 2.
BCI 3-6.

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. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 22 manuscripts.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000154&ImageId=ImageId=39682&Copyright=BL,
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CHE007

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.1707
Attorney General of Barbados. Library sold by acution 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.

Thomas Cholmondeley 1627-1702
Of Vale Royal, Cheshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 5809).
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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.
ODNB. 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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CLA007

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).

John Claymond 1467/8-1536
First President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Developed the college library, and bequeathed many books to it.

Sir Robert Clayton  1629-1707
Banker; MP for London and Bletchington; Lord Mayor of London. Used an engraved armorial bookplate, dated 1679 (Franks 6024/6025).

Sir Thomas Clayton  -1693
Warden of Merton College, Oxford, Regius Professor of Medicine. Bequeathed his books to Merton.
Morgan.

John Clement  -1572
Royal physician, President of the Royal College of Physicians, who left the country on religious grounds during the reigns of Edward VI and Elizabeth I, and died abroad. Evidence of his library, including important holdings of Latin and Greek mss, can be found in the records of lawsuits through which he sought to reclaim his goods.

Andrew Clench  -1692
Physician. Library sold at auction in London, 1.6.1692.
ODNB. M&C. Munk.

Richard Cliff  -1566
Anne Clifford, Baroness de Clifford 1590–1676
Inherited numerous properties in the north of England. Several books with her armorial stamp survive, together with other evidence of her extensive ownership and reading of books. Her library is famously pictorially represented in a painting of 1646; an attempt to reconstruct her library, based on that, by Leah Price is in Private Libraries in Renaissance England 9 (2017), 347–363 (PLRE 277).

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

Geoffrey Cobb -1591
Mercer, of Snettisham, Norfolk. Probate inventory lists ca.10 books, including a Bible, Calvin’s Institutes and a book of statutes, edited as PLRE 178.
Geoffrey Cobb, in PLRE 8, 39-41.

Richard Cobbe -1597
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. bequeathed books to Corpus Christi.
Foster. Sears Jayne, 131.

John Cocke -1593
Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 100 books, edited as BCI 173.
BCI 528-31.

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. Inscription: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922033664/in/photostream.

Henry Cockcroft -1567
Fellow and Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 50 books, edited as BCI 127.
BCI 294-5.

John Cockes -1546
Dean of the Arches; held other academic and ecclesiastical positions. Bequeathed various books to All Souls College, Oxford.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1280.

Christopher Codrington 1668-1710
Governor of the Leeward Islands. Bequeathed his books (>12,000 vols) and £10,000 to All Souls.

Nathaniel Coega 1637?-93
Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Library sold at auction in Cambridge, 27.11.1694.

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).
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/COG002
David Pearson : English book owners

Sir William Cokayne 1559/60-1626
Merchant, Lord Mayor of London 1619-20, first governor of the Irish Society. The armorial binding stamp attributed to him in the armorials database is found only on a batch of scholarly books given to Jesus College, Oxford by his widow after his death; the Cokayne arms are impaled with the stag trippant of Jesus, so perhaps these books were bought for the College, and the arms then applied?
ODNB.  https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamps/ICOK001_s1.

Arthur Coke -1629
Of Bramfield, Suffolk; 3rd son of Sir Edward Coke. Inventory on decease includes “all the bookes in the library and elsewhere in the house”, valued at £86 15s.

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).

Sir Edward Coke 1552-1634
Lord Chief Justice. Catalogue of 1237 mss/books dated 1634 in ms at Holkham Hall.

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.

Henry Cole 1504/5-1579/80
Dean of St Paul’s, Provost of Eton, deprived of his preferments under Elizabeth I. Gave 63 volumes to St John’s College, Oxford shortly before his deprivation and imprisonment.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 112.

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).
ODNB. RBDirectory.

Richard Colfe -1613
Prebendary of Canterbury. Collected mss from Canterbury Cathedral Priory and other sources, some of which were given by his sons to the Bodleian Library in 1616.
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Sir John Colladon  1608-1675
Physician. Library sold at auction in London, including books begun to be collected by Sir Theodore de Mayerne, 2.2.1713.
ODNB. M&C.

Richard Collet -1588
Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.80 books, edited as BCI 157.
BCI 387-9.

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

John Collins -1634
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge; Regius Professor of Physic. Gave ca 200 books to St John’s.
ODNB. Sears Jayne. CHL I 468.

John Collins -1682
Lawyer, of Gray’s Inn. Library auctioned in London, 2.7.1683.
M&C.

Martin Collins -1508
Canon and Treasurer of York Minster. Probate inventory includes a list of ca.160 books, mostly printed, apparently not his entire library.
Sears Jayne, 94. J. Moran, Education and learning in the City of York, 1300-1560, 1979, 29.

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.

Thomas Colyer -1506
Fellow of Michaelhouse, Cambridge. Bequeathed books to Michaelhouse, to Christ’s and Jesus Colleges (Cambridge), and to the Observant Franciscans of Richmond, Surrey.
CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 679-82.

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.

James Compton, 3rd Earl of Northampton  1622-1681
Nobleman and playwright.  Ca.250 books were seized from his London home by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold for £57 3s 6d.

John Conner ca.1490-1569
Fellow and chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford; vicar of St Peter’s in the East, Oxford.  Probate inventory includes 46 books, edited as PLRE 80.
Foster, J, S. Craig, John Conner, in PLRE 3, 156-63.

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, 1st Viscount Conway  ca.1564-1631
Soldier, diplomat, Secretary of State 1623, created Viscount Conway 1627.  Owned at least 500 books, documented in two catalogues, made ca.1610 and at the time of his death.  The first list (ca.225 books) is edited as PLRE 266.
ODNB.  PLRE 9 (2017), 103-147 (PLRE 266).

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.9000 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.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009700&ImageId=ImageId=44455&Copyright=BL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CON004

Alexander Cooke  1564-1632
Vicar of Leeds.

Henry Cook  1642-1700
ODNB.  M&C.  Alston Inventory.
David Pearson : English book owners

Sir John Cooke 1666-1710
ODNB. 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)”.
ODNB. L. Cooper (ed), Two 17th century Dorset inventories, Dorset Record Society, 1974.

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. Had “the best-known Wunderkammer in England in the late 16th and early 17th centuries”.

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.1720), of Wadworth, Yorkshire. Used an engraved bookplate.

Jeremiah Copping
Gentleman, of Sion College. Library sold at auction in London, 21.3.1687.
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
David Pearson : English book owners

M&C.

Charles Cornwallis, 2nd Baron of Eye 1632-73
MP, Surveyor of the Customs. Books with his armorial stamp survive. The library of Charles Cornwallis, 2nd Marquis, was sold in 1823. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/COR005

Sir Thomas Cornwallis 1518/19-1603
Landowner, MP, Comptroller of the Household for Queen Mary. Although his books cannot be traced today, surviving correspondence with John Hobart demonstrates his extensive use and ownership of books.

Thomas Cory -1656
Chief Protonotary of the Court of Common Pleas. A book with his armorial stamp is in the Clements Collection.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/COR010

Edward Cosin
A man of this name is listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning a number of mostly heraldic manuscripts. ?the Edward Cosin buried at Hawkesbury, Gloucestershire in 1689?

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.
ODNB. M&C. Perkin.

Andrew Cotton ca.1564-1640
Of Combermere, a member of a Cheshire gentry family. Probate inventory lists “his books” valued at £20, from a total estate valued at £330.

Dorothy Cotton 1572-1647
Of Combermere, a member of a Cheshire gentry family. Probate inventory lists “her books” valued at £3 6s 8d, from a total estate valued at £374.

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

George Cotton -1614
Of Warblington, Hampshire, recusant, translator. An inventory of his goods while imprisoned in 1582 includes 11 books, edited as PLRE 213.
George Cotton, in PLRE 8, 161-3.

Sir John Cotton 1621-1701
Grandson of Robert.
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ODNB. 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.

William Cotton -1621
Bishop of Exeter 1598. Gave 19 mss to the Bodleian Library in 1605; bequeathed his books between his two sons.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

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
Of Slaugham, Sussex; MP. Several books survive with his armorial stamp.
G. D. Hobson, English bindings in the library of J.R. Abbey, 1940, no.27.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/COV003
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000010036&ImageId=ImageId=44623&Copyright=BL.

John Cowell -1562
Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge; rector of North Creake, Norfolk. Probate inventory includes ca.90 books, edited as BCI 115.
BCI 268-70.

John Cowell  1564-1611
Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge; lawyer. Bequeathed 48 books to King’s College, Cambridge.
ODNB. Sears Jayne.
Richard Cox ca.1500-81
ODNB. E. S. Leedham-Green, Richard Cox, in PLRE 1, 3-46.

Thomas Craddock -1684
Merchant.
R. Cave, Thomas Craddock’s books: a West India merchant’s stock, BC 25 (1976), 481-90.

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

Richard Crakanthorpe 1568-1624
Rector of Paglesham, Essex; Calvinist author. His library, valued at £230, was left in his will to his son John.

Thomas Cranmer 1489-1556
Archbishop of Canterbury. His library was noted by his contemporaries for its size and range. Seized in 1553, many of the books went to Henry Fitzalan, 12th Earl of Arundel (d.1579), and thence to John, Lord Lumley (1534-1609), but wider dispersal began in the 16th century and his books are now in libraries around the world. There is no reliable early list or catalogue. The latest reconstruction/study of the library (Selwyn) identifies over 600 printed books, and over 60 mss, once owned by Cranmer.

Edward Crashawe -1621
Of Chesterfield, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “his librarie” in the study, valued at £5.

William Crashawe 1572-1626
162 mss were bought from him by the Earl of Southampton to give to St John’s College, Cambridge. List in St John’s ms U.3. Books from his collection are found in many libraries.

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.
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

William Craven, 2nd Baron Craven 1668-1711
Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 7271/7272/*74). Complete peerage. Bookplate: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/49849376@N06/11151852993/

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

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

Robert Creighton 1593-1672  
Bishop of Bath & Wells. Gave 33 vols to Wells Cathedral Library.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CRE001

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.

Paul Ambrose Croke -1632  
Lawyer. Probate inventory lists 5 mss and 51 pr books, bequeathed to his son in law Edward Heath (BL Egerton ms 2983 fo.28v).  
Sears Jayne.

Robert Croke 1611/12-1681  
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.  
ODNB. Harthan.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CRO004

William Croone 1633-84  
Physician, Fellow of Emmanuel College. Bequeathed his mathematical books to Emmanuel, and his medical books to the Royal College of Physicians.  

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.

Henry Cross -1566  
Undergraduate of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 30 books, edited as BCI 122.  
BCI 284-5.

Henry Crossley -1526  
Fellow of Michaelhouse, Cambridge. bequeathed his books to his brother Thomas, apart from one given to Michaelhouse, and one to St John’s College.  
CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 684.

Sir Sackville Crow 1674?-1706  
M&C. Inscription:  
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922038718/in/photostream.
Edmund Croxton -1508
  Principal of Brasenose Hall, Oxford. Bequeathed his books to Roland Messenger, with reversion to Brasenose College.
  Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1284.

Thomas Cryer -1568
  Vicar of Bircham, Norfolk. Probate inventory includes over 30 books, edited as BCI 129.
  BCI 298-300.

Ralph Cudworth 1617-88
  Master of Christ’s College, Cambridge. Library sold at auction in London, 2.2.1691 – sale made £396 3s 4d.
  ODNB. M&C. Mandelbrote, Auctions. Inscription:
  http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921491161/in/photostream.

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 Childerleigh, Cambridgeshire. A book with his armorial stamp is in Durham Cathedral Library.
  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/CUT002

Thomas Dackomb 1496-ca.1572
  Minor canon at Winchester Cathedral. 19 mss (all apparently acquired after 1540), and 4 printed books, of his can be traced.

John Dakins -1566
  Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 46 books, edited as BCI 123.
  BCI 285-7.

William Dallison -1581
  Of Halling, Kent; lawyer, of Gray’s Inn. Probate inventory includes 28 legal books.
  Sears Jayne, 126. HoP (for his son, Sir Maximilian Dallison).

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

Randolph Davenport -1605
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge; rector of Barton Mills, Suffolk. Probate inventory includes over 60 books, edited as BCI 180.
BCI 550-2.

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

William Davy d.1546
Fellow of King’s Hall, Cambridge, vicar of St Benet’s. Probate inventory includes over 50 books, edited as BCI 23.
BCI 55-57.

William Dawson -1577
Fellow of Queen’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 80 books, edited as PLRE 119.

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.

Thomas Day -1570
Fellow and subwarden of All Souls College, Oxford; canon of Christ Church. Probate inventory includes over 140 books, edited as PLRE 84.
Foster, E. S. Leedham-Green, Thomas Day, in PLRE 3, 196-221.

William Dayrell -1577
Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 30 books, edited as PLRE 120.
A. Meyer, William Dayrell, in PLRE 5, 63-68.

Richard Deckynson -1551
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge, prebendary of Lichfield. Probate inventory includes over 25 books, edited as BCI 55.
BCI 130-1.

Francis Dee -1638
Bishop of Peterborough. Bequeathed choice of his books to St John’s College, Cambridge (>150 vols taken).
http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/pix/provenance/deef/deef.htm

John Dee 1527-1609
Mathematician, scientist, antiquary. Assembled one of the largest libraries of his day, with many printed books sourced from across Europe, and mss from dispersed monastic libraries. A 1583
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catalogue lists well over 2000 volumes. The fate and dispersal of the library is complex, and Dee’s books can now be found across the world.

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.

Thomas Denman -1500/01
Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge; physician to Lady Margaret Beaufort. Bequeathed 20 of his best books (‘volumina meliora’) to Peterhouse.
ODNB. CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 687-8.

Sir Edmund 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.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009858&ImageId=ImageId=44534&Copyright=BL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DER001

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

Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford 1550-1604
Courtier, poet, literary patron. Books with armorial stamp, based on his crest, survive.
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/VER005
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.
ODNB. Alston Handlist. V. Snow, An inventory of the Lord General’s library, 1646, *The
Library* 5th ser 21 (1966) 115-123.

Walter Devereux, 5th Viscount Hereford  1578-1657
MP, Sheriff of Worcestershire. A book with his monogram stamp is known.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DEV002

Thomas Devey  1681-1705
Curate, of Coleshill.

Paul d’Ewes  1567-1631
One of the Six Clerks in Chancery. List of 122 books owned ca.1610, mainly legal, in BL MS
Harl.70.
ODNB. Sears Jayne.

Sir Simonds d’Ewes 1602-1650
MP for Sudbury, antiquary. His library was sold to Robert Harley in 1703. His manuscripts were
listed in Edward bernard’s *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697 as having passed to the ownership of
his nephew of the same name.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DEW001

Giles Dewhurst -1577
MA of Christ Church, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 80 books, edited as PLRE 121.
R. Nicholson, Giles Dewhurst, in PLRE 5, 69-76.

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..
ODNB. Fletcher. Sears Jayne. R. Beadle, Medieval English manuscripts at auction, 1676-c.1700,
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-
000008982&ImageId=44096&Copyright=BL.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-
000009940&ImageId=44575&Copyright=BL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DIG002

Sir Dudley Digges 1583-1639
MP for Tewkesbury, ambassador to Russia, Master of the Rolls. Books with his armorial stamp –
or possibly that of his brother Leonard – survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DIG003

Dudley Digges 1613-1643
Bequeathed his library to All Souls College, Oxford.
ODNB. Morgan.

Henry Dilcock -1551
Fellow and Dean of Christ’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 45 books, edited as
Michael Dormer -1624
BCI 57.
BCI 132-5.
Benjamin Dillingham 1635?-79
M&C.

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

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

Miles Docker 1598
Suffolk landowner. Probate inventory lists over 10 books, edited as PLRE 195.
Miles Docker, in PLRE 8, 83-4.

Robert Dobbs
Yeoman, of Aspall, Suffolk. Probate inventory lists a small handful of books, including a Bible, prayer book, and chronicle, edited as PLRE 169.
Robert Dobbs, in PLRE 811-12.

William Dobyns 1646/7-1709
Lawyer, of Lincoln’s Inn. Used an armorial bookplate (Franks 8788).
Venn. Bookplate: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14440494903/.

John Dodderidge 1610-1658
Barrister and MP. 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 Libray by Thomas Lord Fairfax in 1671. A list of mss belonging to him, ca.1600(?), is in BL Harl.ms.6461, fo.15.
ODNB. 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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DOO001
Mary Dormer, Countess of Carnarvon 1655-1709
Second wife of Charles Dormer, 2nd earl of Carnarvon. Several books survive with her armorial stamp.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DOR001

Michael Dormer -1624
Of Great Milton and Ascott, Oxfordshire. Gave 60 books to the Bodleian Library in 1603.
Sears Jayne, 137.
http://incunables.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/provenance/record/1059?concise=no&calling_page=browse.

Robert Dormer, 1st Earl of Carnarvon 1610-1645
A BCP in the BL has his armorial stamp.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DOR002
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-00000146&ImageId=ImageId=39678&Copyright=BL.

John Dowman -1526
Archdeacon of Suffolk, canon of Lichfield. Bequeathed books variously between the colleges and University Library of Cambridge.
CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 689. Oates, 57.

William Dowdeswell -1684
Of Pull Court; Sheriff of Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists books in the study, valued at £10.

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.
Morgan. W. Poole, Wadham College books in the age of John Wilkins, 2014, 40.

Michael Drake 1622-1696
Rector of Pickworth, Lincolnshire 1646-62 (ejected), afterwards a preacher in Lincolnshire.
Probate inventory lists “his library”, valued at £10.
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. Bequeathed books to Pembroke, and to Salisbury Cathedral.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DRA001

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.
M&C.

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.
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

Ambrose Dudley, Earl of Warwick ca.1530-90
Nobelman and courtier. A couple of books with his armorial stamp survive (though one of them is a presentation copy of a book to his wife Anne).
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DUD001.

John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland 1504-53
Statesman, executed at the beginning of Mary’s reign for his support of Lady Jane Grey. A household inventory dated 1550 includes over 40 books.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 104.

Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester 1532/3-88
Nobelman, courtier, sometime favourite of Elizabeth I. At least 70 books from what must once have been a larger library survive today, many of them expensively bound, and often with one of several armorial stamps.
https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DUD003

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DUG001 Inscription:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921538723/in/photostream.

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).
ODNB. Woodhead.

Gabriel Dunne ca.1490-1558
Last abbot of Buckfast, later a canon of St Paul’s. Bequeathed such of his books as they wanted to St John’s College, Oxford; ca. 45 volumes were chosen.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 110.

John Dunnet 1570
Student of University College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 37 books, edited as PLRE 85.
David Pearson: English book owners

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.

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/DYM001

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 and Francis Earle -1671
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.

Alice Edwards d.1546
Widow of David Edwards (d.1542), fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 20 books, which were probably largely inherited from her husband but possiblt also used by her; edited as BCI 28.
BCI 77-78.

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

Thomas Edwards -1568
Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 40 books, edited as BCI 130. BCI 300-302.

Thomas Edwards 1555-1634
Lawyer and MP. Several books with his armorial stamp survive. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/EDW001

Richard Edyll -1559
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.50 books, edited as BCI 105. BCI 232-4.

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 Egiocke 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”.

Myles Eglesfylde d.1545
Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 103 books, edited as BCI 21. BCI 47-49.

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

Sir Richard Elyot -1522
Sergeant-at-law, King’s Serjeant, MP. His will includes instructions for the division of his books within his family.

William Elyot -1507
Chancellor of Salisbury, and holder of other preferments. Bequeathed all his books on civial and canon law, rhetoric and poetry to All Souls.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1292.

Sylvius Elwes 1576-1638
Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge. Gave 184 books and 4 mss to Trinity, ca.1630.
Sears Jayne. Gaskell/TCC. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/ELW001
John English -1613
Fellow of St John’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory lists 518 books/mss.

George Ent ca.1644-79

John Erlyche -1551
Citizen of Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 26 books, edited as BCI 48.
BCI 116-7.

Sir George Etherege 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 1777. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *241). Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, lists him as owning numerous manuscripts.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000002820&ImageId=ImageId=41015&Copyright=BL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/EVE001

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.

Richard Ewer -1558
Canon of Worcester, and held numerous other preferments. Bequeathed all his books to Merton College, Oxford, with £10 to bind them; four survive today.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1293.

Robert Fabyan -1513
Draper and sheriff of London, chronicler. A number of his books can be traced.

Caspar Fagel
Library sold at auction in London, 3.2.1690.
M&C.
Ferdinando Fairfax, 2nd Baron Fairfax 1584-1648
Parliamentarian army officer, governor of York in the 1640s. As well as being noted for saving York Minster Library at this time, he gave over 400 vols from his personal library.

Nathaniel Fairfax -1690
ODNB. M&C.

Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax 1612-1671
Parliamentary general. Used an armorial binding stamp. Gave 129 mss to the Bodleian; collected coins and medals.
ODNB. Philip 57. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FAI002](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FAI002)

Sir William Fairfax ca.1530-97
Of Gilling Catle, Yorkshire; MP and landowner. An inventory of the library at Gilling – created as part of his refashioning of the house – includes ca.40 books in Latin, French and English.
HoP. Sears Jayne, 134.

Sir Francis Fane 1612-1681
3rd son of Francis Fane, 1st earl of Westmorland; FRS. Several books survive with his armorial stamp.
[http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FAN001](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FAN001)

Francis Fane, 1st Earl of Westmorland 1580-1629
Mildmay Fane, 2nd Earl of Westmorland 1602-66
MPs and landowners, of Apethorpe Hall, Northamptonshire; Francis was created Earl of Westmorland in 1624. His library above the gateway in the north range contained 210 books in 1629. Numerous books survive with the second Earl’s inscription and motto, ‘Solus Deus protector meus’.

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.
[http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FAN003](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FAN003)

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.

Thomas Fanshawe, 1st Viscount Fanshawe 1596-1665
King’s Remembrancer of the Exchequer; of Ware Park, Hertfordshire. A short list of books “left in the chamber at Ware Parke” in 1645, 16 titles, is edited as PLRE 278.

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.
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Andrew Farrington  d.ca.1699?
Sergeant 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.

Edmund Fauchin  d.1668
Fellow of New College Oxford. Probate inventory notes his books valued at £7.

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.
ODNB. 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.

Basil Feilding, 4th Earl of Denbigh  1668-1717
Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, teller of the Exchequer. Listed in Edward Bernard's *Catalogi Manuscriptorum*, 1697, as owned 89 manuscripts.
*Complete peerage*.

John Fell 1625-1686
Bishop of Oxford. Bequeathed all his property to his nephew Henry Jones, who gave many of his books/mss to the Bodleian.

Joseph Fenton –1634
Surgeon. Several hundred vols from his collection survive in the British Library (in the Sloane collection) and elsewhere.

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

Henry Fermor  d.1703?

Richard Ferne -1577
MA of University College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 60 books, edited as PLRE 123.
E. Almasy, Richard Ferne, in PLRE 5, 82-89.
Henry Ferrers 1550-1633
Antiquary, 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.

Henry Field 1621/2-1662
Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge 1645-8, Rector of Uffington, Lincolnshire 1645, ejected 1660, imprisoned for seditious preaching 1661. A number of books survive with distinctive manuscript book labels in red ink, "Henry Feilde", with running numbers suggesting a sizeable library. An entire calligraphic ms of his, dated 1642, was in the Pirie sale at Sotheby's (NY), 2.12.2015/368.
Calamy revised. Pearson, *Provenance research* p.38, 40. Label: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14233769859/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14233769859/).

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).
ODNB. Harthan. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FIN002](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FIN002) [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamps/FIN001_s1](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamps/FIN001_s1).

Sir Moyle Finch 1550?-1614
Of Eastwell, Kent; MP. Books with his armorial stamp are known. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FIN005](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FIN005).

Richard Fisher -1602
Fellow of Merton College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 150 books, edited as PLRE 156.

John Fisher ca.1469-1535
Bishop of Rochester, first Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, and chaplain to Lady Margaret Beaufort. His library was reckoned to be one of the finest and largest of his time; it was destined for St John’s, Cambridge, but when Fisher was attainted for treason his goods were seized and the later fate of the books is unknown. A few books survive in several Cambridge colleges which were his gifts.
ODNB. CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 691-2. [https://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/fisher.htm](https://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/fisher.htm).

Henry Fitzalan, 19th Earl of Arundel 1512-80
Nobleman and courtier. Maintained a large library at Nonsuch Palace; ‘for him a library was not a workroom but a showplace, and he bought books with an eye to large copies and fine bindings’ (Jayne & Johnson). Acquired many books from the sequestered library of Thomas Cranmer. After his death, Fitzalan’s books were inherited by his son in law John, Baron Lumley. Books with his armorial stamp survive.

Gerald Fitzgerald, 9th Earl of Kildare 1487-1534
Lord Deputy of Ireland. Catalogues of his library, from various dates, show holdings of at least 100 books, which ‘syggest a strong interest in English humanism’ (ODNB).
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 97-98.

Richard Fitzgerald d.ca.1708?
Library sold by retail sale in London, 28.4.1708.
Richard Fitzjames -1522

John Fitzwilliam -1699
Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, non-juror. Bequeathed books to Magdalen, and to the Bodleian.

Sir Daniel Fleming 1633-1701
Antiquary, of Rydal Hall, Ambleside.

John Fleming 1575/5-1643
Of Rydal Hall. His property passed to his great nephew the antiquary Daniel Fleming (1633-1701).

Sir Henry Fletcher 3rd Bart 1661-1712
Of Hutton in the Forest, Cumberland.; MP for Cockermouth 1689-90. Settled his estate on a distant cousin and retired to the English monastery at Douai. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1702 (Franks 10773/*155).

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 1544/5-96
Bishop of London. Bequeathed his books to his sons Nathaniel and John (the dramatist). A few books survive with his armorial stamp as Bishop of London.
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FLE003.

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

John Florio 1553-1625
Lexicographer, author, language tutor at the court of James I. Florio’s will refers to ca.340 Italian, French and Spanish books, bequeathed to the Earl of Pembroke, and to an unknown number of English books, left to his wife.
ODNB.
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  

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

William Ford  

Phineas Fowke 1639-1710  
Physician, practised in London, FRCP 1680; gave 49 books to Christ Church, Oxford in 1704. ODNB. Inscription: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14240566168/.

George Fowlberry d.1540  

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

Richard Fox 1447/8-1528  

John Francklin 1666-1710  

William Framyngham 1512-1537  
Of Norwich; scholar and bursar of Queens’ College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 117 books, edited as BCI 3; he left his library to his friend John Caius, but he was unable to claim them. ODNB. BCI 6-9.

Mark Frank 1613-64  

Sir Ralph Freeman 1610?-1667  
Of Betchworth, Surrey; Master of Requests. Books with his monogram stamp are known. ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FRE005
Richard Freeman -1710
  Of Battesford, Gloucestershire. Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 11343).

Elizabeth Freke 1642-1714
  Son of Raphe Freke of Hannington, Wiltshire, married Percy Freke in 1672; her “autobiographical memoir is an almost entirely secular account of a propertied gentlewoman’s complex and unhappy marriage”. Her diaries show that she owned ca.100 books.

John Fremantle -1523
  Fellow of New College, Oxford. Bequeathed all his books “of arte and of the lawe” to Winceshter College, and New College.

Philip Frith -1670
  Surgeon-apothecary in Rye. Bequeathed his books to Samuel Jeake the younger (1652-99).

Francis Fulford 1666-1700
  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.
  ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/FUR001

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. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 4 astrological manuscripts.
  ODNB. 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).

Thomas Gale 1635?-1702
  Dean of York. A list of books belonging to him, ca.1700, is in BL Sloane ms 203, fos.266-8. Gave oriental mss to Trinity College, Cambridge. The bulk of his collection passed to his eldest son Roger (d.1744), who gave their joint mss collections to Trinity. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 491 manuscripts.

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.  

George Gardiner 1535–89  
Dean of Norwich. Several books with his armorial stamp survive in Pembroke College, Cambridge.  
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GAR003

Sir Thomas Gardiner 1591–1652  
Barrister, Recorder of London. 42 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold.  

Robert Gardner 1593  
Fellow of King’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 49 books, edited as BCI 170. BCI 523–4.

Charles Gataker 1613–1680  
ODNB.

Thomas Gataker 1574–1634  
ODNB. M&C.

Sir John Gayer 1590–1649  
Lord Mayor of London. Books with his armorial stamp survive.  
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GAY001

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

William Gearing 1577/8–1602  

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.  
ODNB. M&C.

William Gent 1611  
Of Norton, Northamptonshire. Gave 407 books to the Bodleian Library in 1600, mostly scientific or medical.  
http://incunables.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/provenance/record/1416?concise=no&calling_page=search.

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.
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Sir Balthasar Gerbie 1592-1667
Courtier, Master of Ceremonies. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.
ODNB. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp owners/GER001](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GER001)

Nicholas Gibbard -1608
Physician in Oxford. Bequeathed books to Magdalen College, Oxford (ca.30 remain there today).

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.

Richard Gilden -1551
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 32 books, edited as BCI 53.
BCI 127-8.

Godfrey Gilpin -1550
Vice-Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 121 books, edited as BCI 46.
BCI 110-114.

Sir Richard Gipps 1659-1708

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.

Thomas Gleave d.1708
Alston Inventory.

John Glover -1578
Fellow of St John’s College, Oxford, possibly a physician there. Probate inventory includes 279 books, edited as PLRE 133.
Foster. K. Hooper, John Glover, in PLRE 5, 218-60.

Sir William Glynne, 1st Bart 1638-1690
Of Ambrosden House, Oxfordshire. MP, High Sheriff of Flintshire. Inventory made after death shows a library of ca.800 volumes. Listed in Edward Bernard's *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, as owning 130 manuscripts on English common law.

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.

Barnabas Goche -1626
Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Chancellor of Worcester and Exeter Cathedrals. Bequeathed his books at Cambridge to Magdalene, and those at Exeter to his son in law.
Venn.

William Gockman -1558
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge, vicar of Halstow, Kent. Probate inventory includes over 150 books, edited as BCI 99.
BCI 218-222.

Francis Goddard -1652
High Sheriff of Wiltshire. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GOD001

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.
ODNB. Aubrey, Brief lives.

Thomas Godfrey 1584-1664
Of Hodiford, Kent; son in law of William Lambarde. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GOD002

Godfrey Goldsborough 1548-1604
Bishop of Gloucester. Bequeathed most of his books to be divided between such of his sons as proceeded to a university education.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

John Godolphin 1617-1678
Judge. Library sold at auction in London, 1678.
M&C.

Charles Goodall ca.1642-1712
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.
ODNB.

George Goodall -1707
M&C.

John Goodrich -1651
Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford; warden of Trinity Hospital, Greenwich. Gave the bulk of his library of books to Wadham.
Morgan. W. Poole, Wadham College books in the age of John Wilkins, 2014, 55-6.
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Thomas Goodrich 1494-1554
   Bishop of Ely. A couple of books survive with his ‘TE’ circular monogram binding stamp.
   ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GOO001.

Thomas Goodwin ca.1650-1708
   Independent minister. Library sold at auction in London, 27.11.1710, 3.11.1712. His father (also
   Thomas Goodwin, 1600-80) said he lost half his library, valued at over £1000, in the Great Fire of
   1666.
   ODNB. M&C. Alston Inventory. A. Cambers, Godly reading, 2011, p.122.

John Goodyer 1592-1664
   Physician. Bequeathed ca.240 books/mss to Magdalen, Oxford
   ODNB. 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).
   ODNB. Lee, British, 13. J. Jackson, The last will of Thomas Gore, the antiquary, Wilts Arch.
   Mag. 14 (1873). http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GOR007

John Gorges 1593-1656
   MP for Somerset. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
   http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GOR008

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

Richard Gosynell -1552
   Innkeeper in Cambridge, graduate of Peterhouse. Probate inventory includes ca.40 books, edited
   as BCI 60.
   BCI 137-8.

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.
   ODNB. http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/pix/provenance/gower/gower.h
   tm.

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

Philip Grant -1560
   Scholar of New Inn Hall, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 26 books, edited as PLRE 114.
   W. Abbott, Philip Grant, in PLRE 5, 5-10.

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.
   ODNB.

John Greaves 1602-1652
   Professor of Geometry at Gresham College, orientalists. A library of more than 375 volumes,
   valued at £59 11s 4d, was seized from his London house by the London Committee for
   Sequestration in 1643.

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.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. M&C. Calamy revised.

Nathaniel Greenwood -1714
M&C.

Thomas Greenwood -1547
Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 120 books, edited as BCI 31. BCI 87-90.

Thomas Grenevey -1571
President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Bequeathed over 60 books to Corpus Christi.

James Gresham -1662
Of Haslemere, Surrey. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GRE009

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
ODNB. 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.
Lee, British, 30. Maggs 1212 (1996)/41. Bookplate:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922718526/in/photostream.

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.
David Pearson : English book owners

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.
   http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GRE014

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.

Thomas Griffith -1562
   Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford; physician. Probate inventory includes 92 books, edited as PLRE 70.

William Griffith -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.
   ODNB. Lee, British, 20.

Edmund Grindal 1516/20-83
   Archbishop of Canterbury. Bequeathed books to Queen’s College, Oxford (ca.80 remain there today).

William Grocyn 1449?-1519
   Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry, London, Master of the College of All Saints, Maidstone; one of the leading early Tudor humanists. Several inventories of his books, made after his death, reveal an extensive library; ca.30 of his books were bought by Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

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

Robert Grove 1634-96
   Bishop of Chichester. Library sold at auction in London, 27.4.1697.
   ODNB. M&C.

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.
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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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GUN001

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/GUY001

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.
Maggs 1121 (1990)/68; 1212 (1996)/20; 1272 (1999)/36.

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).
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921563231/in/photostream.

Robert Hacumblen 1455/6-1528
Provost of King’s College, Cambridge, to which he bequeathed ‘all my chieff books’
CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 697.

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

John Hafter  -1511
Chaplain of Magdalen College, Oxford, and held other positions in Oxford. Gave a number of books to Brasenose College.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1306.

Sir Matthew Hale  1609-76
Judge. A list of mss and books given by him to Lincoln’s Inn, 1676, is in BL Stowe ms 1056, fos.86-88; the manuscripts are listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697.
ODNB. Alston Handlist. CHL I 453.
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.

Anthony Hall -1551
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 36 books, edited as BCI 49. BCI 117-8.

Henry Hall fl. ca. 1625-50
A member of the Hall family of Highmeadow, Gloucestershire. A number of recusant theological books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAL001

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

John Hall 1647?-1651
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.

Thomas Hallifax -1589
Carpenter, of Orford, Suffolk. Probate inventory lists a small handful of books, theological and legal, edited as PLRE 171.
Thomas Hallifax, in PLRE 8, 15-16.

Timothy Halton 1632?-1704
ODNB. 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. ODNB. Morgan.

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

Lady Isabel Hampden fl.1584
Roman Catholic landowner. A list of goods seized in a raid in 1584 includes over 20 books, edited as PLRE 248.
Lady Isabel Hampden, in PLRE 8, 247-50.
Bernard Hampton -1572
Clerk of the Council, and Spanish Secretary to Queen Mary. A number of surviving Italian and Spanish books can be identified as his.

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAR004

John Harborough -1705
Of Norfolk, admitted Emmanuel, Cambridge 1679, MD 1683. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 13656/*296).
Venn. Bookplate: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14232698249/.

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAR007

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.

Robert Hare ca.1530-1611
Clerk of the pells, MP for Dunwich 1563, retired from public life ca.1570. Assembled a library of ca.100 printed books and at least 50 mss; gave many books to Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Christian Harel -ca.1714
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John Harington, 1st Baron Harington 1560-1612
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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAR013

Sir Robert Harley 1579-1656
Of Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire. MP, Master of the Mint, puritan landowner. A 1637 library catalogue reveals a quantity of literary works; when the library was lost after pillaging by Royalist troops in 1644, Harley estimated the value of the lost books at £200.

Thomas Harriat 1588-1653
Citizen and skinner of London; bequeathed books to the Skinners’ Company, on which an armorial stamp was used.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAR017

Thomas Harriot 1560-1621

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

Christopher Harrison -1612
Of Kendal, possibly a clothier; apparently “a comfortable landowner with livestock and ample property”. Probate inventory (edited as PLRE 267) includes about 40 books.
PLRE 9 (2017), 149-155 (PLRE 267).

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).

Sir John Harrison ca.1589-1669
Of Balls Park, Hertfordshire, MP. 125 books were seized from his home by the London Committee for Sequestraion in 1643, and sold.

John Harrison d.ca.1706?
Physician of Colchester, FRCP 1687. Library sold by auction in London, 5.3.1706.
Venn. Munk. Alston Inventory.

Leonard Harrison fl.1585
Vicar of Priors Hardwick, Warwickshire. A list of his books made by him ca.1585 includes 159 books, edited as PLRE 257.
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.

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

Robert Hart -1571
Fellow of St John’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 135 books, edited as PLRE 92.

Thomas Hartley -1557
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists ca.50 books, edited as BCI 75.
BCI 164-6.

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

Richard Harvey 1560-1630
Astrologer, author, rector of Chislehurst, Kent; brother of Gabriel. Books with his distinctive inscription survive in numerous libraries, often annotated, suggesting that he had an appreciable library.
ODNB. V. Stern, *Gabriel Harvey: his life, marginalia and library* (1979). Inscription: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14403671446/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14403671446/).

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.

William Hasard -1509
Principal of Magdalen Hall, Oxford. bequeathed his books to Magdalen College.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1308.

John Haslewood 1647/8-1708
Rectos of St Olave’s, Southwark. Library sold at auction in London, 8.11.1708.
M&C.

Ferdinando Hastings, 6th Earl of Huntington 1609-1656
Books with his armorial stamp survive.
[http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAS001](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAS001)

Henry Hastings, 5th Earl of Huntington 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.
Theophilus Hastings, 7th Earl of Huntingdon 1650-1701
Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000007444&ImageId=ImageId=43477&Copyright=BL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAS003

John Hatcher -1587
Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge, Vice-Chancellor 1579-80. Probate inventory includes ca.580 books, edited as BCI 154.
Oates, 144. BCI 367-82.

Thomas Hatcher 1589?-1677
Parliamentary soldier and MP. A book with his armorial stamp survives in Cambridge UL.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAT001

Lady Alice Hatton 1581-1638
Daughter of Sir Thomas Fanshawe, wife of Sir Christopher Hatton (d.1619). Inventory on de cease includes a list of ca.100 books, typical of a wealthy lady’s closet of the time, edited as PLRE 273.

Sir Christopher Hatton 1540-91
Lord Chancellor to Elizabeth I. Numerous books with his armorial stamps survive; some of his books descended to the Coke family at Holkham.
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAT003

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAT004

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.
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-0000036362&ImageId=ImageId=41286&Copyright=BL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAT005

Henry Hawes -1560
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 140 books, edited as BCI 110.
BCI 251-6.

Edward Hawford -1582
Master of Christ’s College, Cambridge, Vice-Chancellor 1563-4. Probate inventory includes 117 books, edited as BCI 147.
ODNB. BCI 347-51.
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Philip Hawford -1557
  Last Abbot of Evesham; later Dean of Worcester. probate inventory includes ca. 80 books.
  ODNB. Sears Jayne, 99. E. Barnard, Philip Hawford, pseudo-abbot of Evesham, *Transactions of
  Worcestershire Archaeological Society* ns 5 (1927/8), 52-69.

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,
  variously thought to be John Hayward, of Tandridge Hall, Surrey, or Sir William Hayward
  (d.1665).
  http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000162&ImageId=ImageId=39686&Copyright=BL.
  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HAY004

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.

Nicholas Heath 1501?-78
  Archbishop of York (retired 1561). His library descended through the Browne family (Viscounts
  Montagu) of Cowdray Park, Sussex, and was lost in the fire at that house in 1777.
  ODNB. Purcell, 62.

Sir Robert Heath 1575-1649; Margaret Heath -1647
  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. More than 120 books were seized from the London
  home of his son John by the London Committee for Depestration in 1643, and sold.
  ODNB. Alston Handlist. I. Roy, The libraries of Edward, 2nd Viscount Conway, and others,
  *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research* 43 (1968), 35-46.
  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HEA005

Sir Charles Hedges 1650-1714
  MP and judge. Used an engraved armorial bookplate, dated 1702 (Franks *384).

Robert Hedrington fl.1577
  Owner of a number of early English books and mss, including Caxtons and other incunabula, into
  which he placed a crude ink stamp reading “Robert Hedrington his Bookes.1577”. So far, he “has
  proved a frustratingly elusive character and it has been impossible to discover any biographical
  information about him”.

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Thomas Helperby -1555

Humphrey Henchman 1592-1675
Bishop of London. Library sold in London, 1677. ODNB. 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. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HEN002

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. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HEN003

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

George Herbert -1713

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. ODNB. Macray. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HER010

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”. N. Barker, Treasures from the libraries of National Trust country houses, New York, 1998, no 31.

Henry Hesketh 1637-1710
Rector of Charlwood, Surrey. Library sold by retail sale in London, 20.6.1712. ODNB. 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).  
ODNB. B. N. Lee, Bookpile bookplates, 1992, no.73.

Sir John Heydon 1588-1653  
Lieutenant general of the ordnance. More than 63 books were seized from him by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold.  

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.  
ODNB. Walker revised.

Oliver Heyward 1630-1702  
Presbyterian minister. His diaries reveal extensive references to the use of books, and loaning of books to students and others.  
ODNB. A. Cambers, Godly reading, 2011.

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.  
ODNB. 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.  
ODNB. Calamy revised.

William Higden 1663/4-1715  
ODNB. 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.  
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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.

Joseph Hill 1625-1707
Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge in the 1650s, ejected 1662, spent much of the rest of his life as an independent minister in the Netherlands. Known to have had a library and credited as the catalyst for the introduction of book auctions into England, following his suggesting the idea to Edward Millington. ODNB. Calamy revised. Maggs, *Mercurius Britannicus* 206 (2008).

Thomas Hill 1648-1686

John Hinckley 1618-95

Robert Hitchcock -1663

Lady Frances Hobart (1603-64); Sir John Hobart -1683; Sir Henry Hobart -1698

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. Oates, 289-92.

Thomas Hobbes 1648-1698

Sir John Hoby, 2nd bart 1635-1702

Margaret Hoby 1571-1633
Of Hackness, Yorkshire: wife of Sir Thomas Hoby (on her third marriage). Her diary contains extensive references to reading in her closet.; some of her books, with her annotations, survive in Hackness parish library (now in York Minster Library).

Thomas Hodges -1539
Graduate of Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 30 books, edited as PLRE 58.
Foster. R. Almasy, Thomas Hodges in PLRE 2, 163-68.

William Hodges 1668?-
Rector of St Swithin’s, London. Library sold at auction in London, 23.2.1703.
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.
ODNB.

Henry Hogan -1591
Of Great Dunham and East Bradenham, Norfolk, landowner, High Sheriff of Norfolk. Probate inventory lists a small handful of books, including a Bible, works by Tyndale and Jewel, and statute books, edited as PLRE 179.
Henry Hogan, in PLRE 8, 42-3.

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. Inscription: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/16307125471/

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.

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HOL003

Gervase Holles 1606-1675
MP and royalist soldier. Collected materials relating to the history of Lincolnshire; some of these ms now in the BL. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HOL004
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John Holles, 1st Earl of Clare  1564-1637
   Soldier, MP, comptroller to the household of Prince Henry.  Books with his armorial stamps survive.
   ODNB.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HOL006

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.
   ODNB.  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.
   ODNB.  M&C.  Alston Inventory.

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.
   ODNB.  Alston Inventory.

Edward Homer  1581?-1614
   Of St John’s College, Oxford (MA 1606).  Probate inventory (transcribed and edited as PLRE 160) lists ca. 60 books.

Michael Honywood 1597-1681
   Dean of Lincoln.  Organised and paid for the building of Lincoln Cathedral Library, and bequeathed his books.
   Inscription:  http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921688267/in/photostream.

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.  See online website on the reconstruction of his library, http://www.hookebooks.com/

Edward Hooker  ca.1617-1707
   Licenciate of the Royal College of Physicians.  His will includes extensive bequests of specific books to officers of the Charterhouse, and others; the rest of his library was dispersed in a series of sale in London in 1708 (continuation sale advertised 10.5.1708, subsequent sale 8.7.1708).  Alston Inventory.
Robert Hooper -1571

Henry Hornby ca.1457-1518
Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Bequeathed books to Peterhouse, and to other Cambridge colleges.
ODNB. CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 701-2.

Robert Horne 1513/15-80
Bishop of Winchester. Gave 50 books to Cambridge University Library in 1574; bequeathed his historical books to Winchester Cathedral.

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

John Hornsley -1578

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.
ODNB. 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 Nottingham 1536-1624
Lord Admiral under Elizabeth I. Books with his armorial stamp survive. Presented books/mss to the Bodleian Library.

Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey 1517-47
Courtier and poet. A surviving book with his armorial stamp is one of the earliest known examples of a British non-royal armorial binding.
Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton 1540-1614
Books with his armorial stamp survive and it is clear that he had an extensive library. Most, possibly all, of his books passed to his nephew Thomas, 2nd Earl of Arundel (1586-1646) and thence to Henry Howard, 6th Duke of Norfolk, and on to the Royal Society via the gift of 1667.

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).
ODNB.

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

Richard Howland 1540-1600
Bishop of Peterborough. Probate inventory includes ca.270 books.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

Samuel Howlett -1671?
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Bequeathed ca.80 vols to St John’s, mostly in European languages.
http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/pix/provenance/howlett/howlett.htm

Roger Howman 1640-1705
Physician, of Norwich. Used an engraved bookplate (Franks 15569), also used in adapted form by his son and grandson.
Blatchly. Bookplate:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5993232016/in/photostream.

John Hoyle -1692
Lawyer, tried for homosexual practices in 1687; lover and muse of Aphra Behn. Library sold at auction in London, 14.11.1692.
David Pearson : English book owners

Peter Hume  d.1707
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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HUN002

Sir George Hungerford ca.1637-1712

Sir Henry Hunloke, 2nd Bart. 1645-1715

Stephen Hunt 1657/8-1714?
Physician, of Canterbury. Gave (bequeathed?) his library to Canterbury Cathedral in 1714, “in wch were a great many curiositys purposely purchased … a little before his death”. Munk. http://cll-history.referata.com/wiki/Benefactors%27_Books.

Robert Huntington 1637-1701
ODNB. Morgan. M&C. Alston Inventory.

William Hurde -1551
Student of Broadgates Hall, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 40 books, edited as PLRE 62.

Peter Hushar -1685
M&C.

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

Henry Hutchinson 1550-73
Fellow of St John’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes ca.100 books, edited as PLRE 103.

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.
John Hutton 1628?-1652

Matthew Hutton 1529-1606
Archbishop of York. His will includes detailed instructions for the disposal of his books across his family and associates.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

Anne Hyde, Duchess of York 1637-71
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/HYD001

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. Listed in Edward bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697 as owning 140 manuscripts.
ODNB. M&C.

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

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- ); Judith Isham (1590-1625); Judith Isham (1610-36); Sir John Isham, 1st Bart; Sir Justinian Isham, 2nd Bart. (1611-75); Elizabeth Isham (1609-54); 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. Elizabeth refers in a MS diary to "the bookes which I had in my closet". Her list of her mother’s books, ca. 25 titles, is edited as PLRE 270; a separate list of her sister’s books, 17 titles, as PLRE 272; and a list of her own books, ca.100 titles, as PLRE 276.

Thomas Ithell 1579
Master of Jesus College, Cambridge; Chancellor of Ely Cathedral. Probate inventory includes 75 books, edited as BCI 143. BCI 340-2.
Henry Jacob  ca.1608-1652
Lecturer in Philology at Oxford; amanuensis to John Selden. A brief inventory of his goods made in 1653 (transcribed and edited as PLRE 166) shows he had a library of ca.370 books, though these are not listed by title.

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.

John Jackman -1599
Physician in Oxford. Bequeathed books to Oriel College, Oxford, including medical and botanical ones.

Lionel Jackson -1514
Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 32 books, largely bequeathed to Balliol and to Sherburn Hospital, Durham, edited as PLRE 33.

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”.
ODNB. Pearson, Provenance research.

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
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Jennings 1554/5-1607
Rector of Willingale Spain, Essex. Bequeathed ca.30 books to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
Venn. Sears Jayne, 134.

Thomas Jennings d.ca.1684?
Library auctioned in London, 17.11.1684.
M&C.

Sir Kenelm Jenoure -1629
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/JEN002

Henry Jermyn, Earl of St Albans 1604?-84
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/JER001

Sir Robert Jermyn, d.1614 and Sir Thomas Jermyn 1572-1645
Of Rushbrook, Suffolk. Books with their armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/JER002

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 bookes”, valued at 4s 8d, together with a few other books elsewhere.  

John Johnson d.1541
Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, law graduate. Probate inventory includes over 85 books, edited as BCI 9.  
BCI 20-22.

John Johnson 1530/1-1586
Fellow of Jesusi College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 100 books, edited as BCI 150.  
BCI 357-60.

Philip Johnson -1576
Principal of St Edmund Hall, Oxford; domestic chaplain to Archbishop Grindal. Probate inventory includes 270 books, edited as PLRE 110.  
Foster, D. Bagchi, Philip Johnson, in PLRE 4, 212-55.

William Johnson -1559
Recent graduate (BA) of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 80 books, edited as BCI 102.  
BCI 228-30.
Nathaniel Johnston  1629?-1705
Physician in Pontefract and London, political author, antiquary. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manusciptorum, 1697, as owning 130 manuscripts, many of them his own ms collections.
ODNB.

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. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manusciptorum, 1697, as owning 100 manuscripts.
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.

Lewis Jones -1571

Robert Jones -1567

Ben Jonson 1574-1637
Poet. Books with his inscription and motto are now found in many libraries.

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

William Juxon 1582-1663
Archbishop of Canterbury. His books were given to St John’s, Oxford by his son.

James Kaye  -1569
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 50 books, edited as BCI 133.  BCI 309-11

Thomas Kebell  ca.1439-1500
Of the Inner Temple, serjeant at law. Probate inventory includes 36 books, covering a range of subjects.
Sir John Kedermister -1631
Of Langley Park, Buckinghamshire. Bequeathed ca.250 vols to found a parish library for Langley Marish, which were housed in an elaborately decorated purpose-designed room.

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

Joseph Kelsey -1710
Archdeacon of Sarum, prebendary of Salisbury. Library sold by auction in Oxford, 17.3.1712.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Sir Robert Kemp -1647
Of Gissing, Norfolk. Books with his armorial stamp survive. His books passed to his eldest son Robert (d.1710).
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/KEM002
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000011486&ImageId=ImageId=45348&Copyright=BL.

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.

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.

Robert Kerr, 1st Earl of Somerset 1587-1645
Courtier, favourite of James I. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/KER002

William Kettelby -1573
Praelector in astronomy at Christ Church, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 93 books, edited as PLRE 104.

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

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

Lady Mary Keys 1545?-78
Youngest daughter of Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, sister to Lady Jane Grey (executed 1554); secretly married Thomas Keys (d.1571) in 1565, though they were not allowed to live together. Probate inventory lists 29 books, edited as PLRE 253.
David Pearson : English book owners

ODNB. J. L. Black and R. J. Fehrenbach, Lady Mary Grey, in PLRE 8, 253-74.

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.
ODNB. C. Church, Notes on the … Library of the Dean and Chapter … of Wells, Archaeologia 57 (1901), 201-228.

Thomas Kidder  -1676
M&C.

Richard Kilbye  -1620
Regius Professor Hebrew at Oxford; prebendary of Lincoln. Inventory on decease (transcribed and edited as PLRE 162) includes 41 books.

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/KILL001

Sir William Killigrew 1579-1622
Cornish MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/KILL002

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.

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.
ODNB. M&C.

John King -1588
Cleric, of Battisford, Suffolk. Probate inventory lists ca.50 books (including a chest with 43 books), edited as PLRE 170.
John King, in PLRE 8, 13-14.
David Pearson: English book owners

Richard King -1567
  Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 65 books, edited as BCI 125.
  BCI 288-90.

Richard Kingston 1635?-1707?
  Chaplain in ordinary to Charles, author of controversial pamphlets. Library sold by auction in London, 17.4.1707.
  ODNB. 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.
  https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/37212984876/in/dateposted-public/.

John Knight 1622-80
  Sergeant surgeon to Charles II. Bequeathed heraldic and genealogical mss to Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, and historical works to Ipswich Town Library.
  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamps/KNI001_s1.

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.
  ODNB. Perkin.

Edward Knipe -1575
  Vicar of Cliburn and Warcop, Cumbria. His will, transcribed by Hornyold-Strickland, has extensive instructions on the disposal of books to friends and associates, and the division of all his humanity, philosophy and historical books among the scholars of his school.
  H. Hornyold-Strickland, The will of Edward Knipe, Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society 44 (1944), 151-159.

Hanserd Knollys 1598-1691
  Particular Baptist minister. A list of ca.100 books confiscated in 1639, attributed to his ownership, is edited as PLRE 260.
  J. L. Black and R. J. Fehrenbach, Hanserd Knollys, in PLRE 8, 393-415.

Sir Thomas Knyvett ca.1539 -1618
  Of Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk. His library of ca 70 mss and 1400 printed books descended through his family in the 17h c until the bulk of it was acquired by John Moore, and thence passed to Cambridge University Library.

John Kyffen -1514
  Rector of St Aldate’s, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 22 books, edited as PLRE 34.
  D. Bagchi, John Kyffen in PLRE 2, 91-95.
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.
ODNB. Maggs 1324 (2002)/1.

Benedict Kytabalde d.1545
Fellow of Gonville Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 56 books, edited as BCI 15. BCI 36-37.

Dunstan Lacy -1534
Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, senior proctor. Probate inventory includes 27 books, many of them bequeathed to an undergraduate, Robert Dyghton, edited as PLRE 52. R. Mortimer, Dunstan Lacy in PLRE 2, 145-50.

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.
ODNB. M&C.

John Lake 1624-89
Bishop of Chichester. Library sold at auction in London, 27.4.1691.
ODNB. M&C.

John Lakyn -1563
Master of Jesus College, Cambridge; vicar of Impington. Probate inventory includes 42 books, edited as BCI 118. BCI 273-5.

William Lambarde 1536-1601
Keeper of Records at the Tower of London, antiquary, author. His library remained largely in the family, by descent, until 1924 when 139 of his books were sold at Hodgson’s, 18.6.1924, lots 504-643.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 135.

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. More than 115 books were seized from him by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and partly sold.

William Lambert -1522

Thomas Lamplugh 1615-1691
Archbishop of York. Library sold by auction in London (at least the Greek and Latin books), 8.2.1704.
ODNB. Alston Inventory.
David Pearson : English book owners

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.
ODNB. 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.

Sir Henry Langley 1688
Of The Abbey, Shrewsbury. Listed in Edward Bernard’s Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning a number of manuscripts.

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

William Latimer ca.1467-1545
Canon of Salisbury, Greek scholar, tutor to Reginald Pole, travelled in Europe. Bequeathed his Greek books to his children.
ODNB. Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1321.

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/LAT002
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=020-000002484&ImageId=ImageId=40847&Copyright=BL.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/LAU001

John Laughton 1712
Cambridge University Librarian. “Left behind him a good collection not only of books but also of coyns &c” (Hearne). 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.
David Pearson : English book owners


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

Richard Lavender -1508
Canon of Lincoln. Bequeathed all his books thought useful or necessary to New College, Oxford (10 survive there today).

Thomas Lawrence
M&C.

George Lawson 1598?-1678
Of Shrewsbury. Library auctioned in London, 30.5.1681.

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

Thomas Layton -1565
Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 73 books, edited as BCI 121.
BCI 262-4.

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.

Samuel Lee 1625?-1691
Fellow of Wadham College Oxford, emigrated to America 1686. His library was auctioned in Boston, 1693.
ODNB. W. Poole, *Wadham College books in the age of John Wilkins*, 2014.

James Leech -1583
Fellow of Merton College, Oxford. Bequeathed ca.200 books to Merton (ca.100 survive today).
Morgan. [https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/library-and-archives/history](https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/library-and-archives/history).

Sir Peter Legh 1563-1636
Francis Legh 1590-1643
Father and son, members of a long-established gentry family of Lyme, Cheshire. Fragments of their library, of unknown size, remain at Lyme Park; correspondence of the late 16th and early 17th c refers to the obtaining of books.
Purcell, p.80.

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/LEI%200002

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.

John Leland 1503-52
Antiquary, royal agent. Commissioned by Henry VIII to visit and inspect monastic libraries in the 1530s; active in thus acquiring books for the royal library, and his own. His books and papers were dispersed after his death and the full extent of his library is unknown.
ODNB. CHL I, 272-81.

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.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. Fontes Harleianae. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/LEN001

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 Leveson-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).
ODNB. Bookplate: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/16435460763/

Robert Levet -1658
Vicar of Wood Ditton, Cambridgeshire 1618; ejected 1644. Will refers to books at Exning. Walker revised.

Christopher Levyns -1547
Undergraduate at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 24 books, edited as BCI 33.
BCI 92.
David Pearson: English book owners

William Levinz 1625-98
President of St John’s College, Oxford. Library sold at auction in Oxford, 29.6.1698.

Sir Justinian Lewin 1613-1673
Lawyer, Master in Chancery. More than 54 books were seized from him by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold.

Edward Lewis -1677
Vicar of Chirbury, Shropshire. Bequethed his books (ca 200 vols) to form a parish library for Chirbury.

John Lewis -1579
Manciple of University College, Oxford; baker and merchant in Oxford. Probate inventory includes ca.80 books, edited as PLRE 137.

Richard Lewis -ca.1590
Manciple of University College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 40 books, edited as PLRE 151.

Sir James Ley, 1st Earl of Marlborough 1552-1629
MP and judge. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/LEY001

Sir Peter Leycester 1614-1678
Antiquary, of Tabley Hall, Cheshire. Known to have had a library of ca.1330 volumes.
Inscription: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14419200604/.

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.
http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/library/special_collections/early_books/pix/provenance/lightfoot/lightfoot.htm

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.
ODNB. 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.
   ODNB. http://ccl-history.referata.com/wiki/Martin_Lister.

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

Sir Edward Littleton  1589-1645
   Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. A large engraved armorial plate is known to have been used
sometimes as a bookplate, and books with his armorial stamp survive.
   http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/LIT003.

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).
   ODNB.

Edward Lively  ca.1545-1605
   Regius Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge; prebendary of Peterborough. Probate inventory
includes over 120 books, edited as BCI 179.
   ODNB. BCI 546-50.

John Lloyd

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

Nicholas Lloyd  1630-80
   ODNB. M&C.

John Locke  1632-1704
   Physician and philosopher. Library ran to ca.3700 vols.
   J. Lough, John Locke’s reading during his stay in France (1675-79), The Library 5th ser 8 (1953),
Locke’s library: portrait of an intellectual, TCBS 5 (1969), 47-60. P. Kelly, A note on Locke’s
Record 11(2) (1983), 120-1, and 11(3) 191-2. Inscription:
   http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5970096491/in/photostream.
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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.

Nicholas Lombard -1575
  Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 131 books, edited as PLRE 107.
  Foster. J. Gabel, Nicholas Lombard, in PLRE 4, 166-87.

George London -1714
  Chief Gardener to Queen Anne. Library sold in London, 22.3.1714.
  ODNB.  M&C.

John Longland 1473-1547
  Bishop of Lincoln. His will, which makes extensive provision for the distribution of books to individuals and institutions, reveals an extensive library.

Thomas Lorkin  ca.1528-1591
  Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge; rector of Little Waltham, Essex. Bequeathed his medical books (ca.140 volumes) to Cambridge University Library. Probate inventory includes ca.600 books, edited as BCI 168.
  ODNB.  Oates, 141-7.  BCI 492-508.

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).
  ODNB.

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.

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.


http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/LUC002

Richard Ludby -1567
Priest, of Gloucester College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 25 books, edited as PLRE 76.
D. Billingsley, Richard Ludby, in PLRE 3, 129-34.

John Lumley, Baron Lumley ca.1533-1609
Of Nonsuch Palace, Surrey; landowner, collector. His library of ca.3000 volumes was one of the largest of his generation; many books were inherited from his father-in-law Henry Fitzalan, 12th Earl of Arundel. Most of the books passed after his death to Henry Prince of Wales, and thence into the Old Royal Library/BL. Gave books to Cambridge University Library, and to the Bodleian Library, 1598-99.

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.

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.

Richard Lye -1575
Manciple of Lincoln College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes ca.110 books, edited as PLRE 108.
E. S. Leedham-Green, Richard Lye, in PLRE 4, 188-203.

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.
ODNB. M&C. Calamy revised.

William Lyffe -1569
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 121 books, edited as BCI 131.
BCI 302-5.

William Lygon ca.1613-1680
Of Madresfield, Worcestershire. Probate inventory lists, in the study, 88 folios, 78 quartos, 195 octavos, 24 12mos, 4 16mos, and 236 pamphlets, all valued at £44.

John Machin 1624-1664
Curate of Whitley, Cheshire 1661 (ejected 1662). Inventory on decease lists books valued at £16.
ODNB. Calamy revised.

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John Madew -1556
Master of Clare College, Cambridge (ejected 1553), Regius Professor of Divinity. Probate inventory lists ca.30 books, edited as BCI 72. BCI 161-2.

Arthur Mainwaring 1668-1712
MP, Auditor of Imprests. Library sold in London, 4.2.1713. ODNB. 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.

John Maltby d.1543?
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 89 books, edited as BCI 13. BCI 31-33.

Thomas Man 1655?-90
Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge 1676-90. Gave ca.80 mss, many from northern English monasteries, to Jesus. Munby.

Roger Mander -1704

Venterus Mandey
Author of books on measuring. Library sold at auction in London, 21.2.1709, 21.2.1714(?), 13.3.1714. M&C. Alston Inventory.

Francis Manners, 7th Earl of Rutland 1578-1632
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).
ODNB. http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000002432&ImageId=ImageId=40821&Copyright=BL.

Roger Manners, 5th Earl of Rutland 1564-1612
Courtier, Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. Books with his armorial stamp survive. There is also one book in the Armorials database attributed to the 3rd Earl (1549-87); there is not enough evidence recorded there to be sure which member of the family the stamp is associated with.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/MAN004
https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/node/36887

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

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

Sir Peter Manwood 1571-1625
Kent MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. Maggs 1121 (1990)/15. CHL I 531-2.

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

Lawrence Maptyt -1558
President of Gonville Hall, Cambridge, later Master of Corpus Christi College; bequeathed books to Gonville Hall, and Clare Hall. Probate inventory lists 83 books, edited as BCI 84.
BCI 182-5. CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 717.

Sir Samuel Marrow 1652/53-1699
Alston Inventory.

George Marshall d.1658
Warden of New College Oxford 1649-58. Probate inventory notes his library valued at ca. £50, including 65 folios, 124 bound quartos, and various smaller formats and stitched books.
W. Poole, Book economy in New College, Oxford in the later 17th century, History of Universities 25 (2010), 56-127, p.84-5.

John Marshall -1577
MA of St Albans Hall, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 30 books, edited as PLRE 126.

John Marshall -1608
Curate of Bishopton, Warwickshire. Probate inventory lists over 170 books, edited as PLRE 258.
J. L. Black, John Marshall, in PLRE 8, 333-68.
Thomas Marshall 1621-1685
Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, and Dean of Gloucester. Bequeathed his library to the Bodleian, and Lincoln College.
ODNB. Morgan. Philip 58.

William Marshall -1583

Sir John Marsham 1602-85
Of Whome’s Place, Kent. Known to have used two bookplates.
ODNB. 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. E. George (ed), *Bristol probate inventories 1542-1650*, 2002, 135.

Marston, John, 1576-1634, and Mary, d.1657
Poet and playwright; in his will, he bequeathed all his goods to his wife Mary. When she died, she left to her kinsman Matthew Poore “a trunk full of books, with lock and key and a book of martyrs in 3 vols not in the trunk” ODNB. J. Marston, ed. A. B. Grosart, *The poems*, 1879.

Edmund Marten 1659?-1709

Richard Martial -1563
Canon of Winchester, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. Gave at least 15 books to Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1333.

James Martin fl.1582
Recusant prisoner in the Fleet in 1582; possibly a landowner/member of a gentry family. Inventory of his goods taken in prison includes 12 books, edited as PLRE 216. James Martin, in PLRE 8, 168-71.

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

John Martock -1503
Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, canon of Wells. Bequeathed all his “better books” to Merton College.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1333.

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

Henry Mason 1575/6-1647
Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford. Gave books to the college valued at £1000; also gave a library to Wigan Grammar School, during his lifetime.
Sir John Mason ca.1503-66
MP and diplomat, Dean of Winchester. Bequeathed various books to All Souls College, Oxford.
ODNB. Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1334.

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.

Robert Mathewes -1690
Son of Roger Mathewes of Blodwell Hall, Shropshire; matriculated at Jesus College, Oxford 1687
but died soon afterwards. A surviving commonplace book contains notes of his reading and a
catalogue of ca.70 books in English, Latin and Greek.
J. Challinor, A new manuscript compilation of Katherine Philips, The Library 7th ser 17 (2016),
287-316.

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.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.  C. Barr, The Minster Library in G. Alymer & R. Cant (eds), A history
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp owners/MAT001

Anthony Mayhew -1559
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.90 books, edited as BCI
108.
BCI 250-2.

John Maynard 1600-1665
ODNB.  M&C.

Sir John Maynard 1604-1690
Serjeant-at-law, MP. Possessed a large library.
ODNB.  CHL I 1453.

William Maynard, 2nd Baron Maynard 1623-1699
Of Westoe Manor, Cambridgeshire. The house is noted as having a library of ca. 220 books in
1660.
http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/cambs/vol6/pp36-48

Anthony Maxey -1618
Dean of Windsor. Bequeathed ca. 80 vols to the Chapter Library of St George’s, Windsor.
ODNB.  RBDirectory.

Richard Meggot -1692
Dean of Winchester. Library sold at auction in London, 6.11.1693.
ODNB.  M&C.

William Melton -1528
Chancellor of York. Probate inventory includes over 100 books, edited in Surtees Society vol.79.
(1884), 251-63.
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.

Francis Meres  1565/6-1647
   Rector of Wing, Rutland; author. A number of his books, often annotated, survive in
Peterborough Cathedral Library and elsewhere.
   ODNB. J. Scott-Warren, Commonplacing and originality: reading Francis Meres, Review of
   English Studies, forthcoming (2017)

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

Thomas Merrell  -1559
   Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge, vicar of Barford, Bedfordshire. Probate inventory
includes 34 books, edited as BCI 199.
   BCI 222-4.

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

William Meyrick  1595/6-1669
   Civil lawyer and judge. 130 books were seized from him by the London Committee for
Sequestration in 1643.
   ODNB. I. Roy, The libraries of Edward, 2nd Viscount Conway, and others, Bulletin of the
   Institute of Historical Research 43 (1968), 35-46.

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

Robert Middleton  -1713
   Vicar of Cuckfield, Sussex. Bequeathed his library of ca.700 books to the son of Symon Patrick,
on condition that he become a clergyman not a lawyer; in fact the books were given to the SPCK.
   A. Cambers, Godly reading, 2011, 125;
   http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/rd/5ad994ba-9a96-4343-9a12-eefe5dd92e35.

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.
ODNB.  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.
ODNB.  M&C.

John Milton  1608-74
Poet.
ODNB.  J. C. Boswell, Milton’s library: a catalogue ... and an annotated reconstruction, Garland, 1975.

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.
ODNB.  Calamy revised.

William Mitchell -1599
Fellow of Queen’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes ca.250 books, edited as PLRE 154.

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.

Philippa, Baroness Mohun  -1715
Daughter of Arthur Annesley, Earl of Anglesey; married firstly Charles Mohun, 4th Baron Mohun (d.1677, and secondly (sometime after 1683) William Coward. In 1679 she placed a newspaper advertisement, as Lady Mohun, offering a reward for a number of books stolen from her closet.

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.
ODNB.  RBDirectory.

Sir Thomas Mompesson  d.1640
Of Bathampton, Wiltshire. Books with his armorial stamp – or possibly that of his son, also Sir Thomas (b.ca.1630) survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/MOM001

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.
ODNB.  Harthan.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/MON001
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000000156&ImageId=ImageId=39683&Copyright=BL.
Charles Montagu, 1st Earl of Halifax 1661-1715
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/MON005

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

Ralph Montagu, 1st Duke of Montagu 1638-1709
Politician and diplomat. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1705 (Franks *11); books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/MON008

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.
ODNB. 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.

Edward Moore d.1539
Fellow of St Catharine’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 111 books, edited as BCI 5.
BCI 12-15.

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. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning many hundreds of manuscripts.

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.
ODNB. Thornton & Tully. M&C. Mandelbrothe, Auctions.
Robert 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.  
ODNB.  Munby.  Oates.

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.  
ODNB.  Munby.  Oates.

John Morcote  1508  
Fellow of Merton College, Oxford.  Probate inventory includes 75 books, edited as PLRE 13.  
E. S. Leedham-Green, John Morcote in PLRE 2, 24-37.

Henry Mordaunt, 2nd Earl of Peterborough  1624?-1697  
Royalist soldier and politician.  Bought books at the Richard Smith sale of 1682.  Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 42 manuscripts.  
ODNB.  Birrell, Books and buyers.

John Mordaunt, Viscount Mordaunt  1626-1675  
Governor of Windsor Castle.  Books with his armorial stamp survive.  
ODNB.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/MOR002

John More  1530?  
Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.  Bequeathed 15 books to All Souls (a list survives in the College records).  

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

Sir Thomas More  1478-1535  
Lord Chancellor, humanist scholar.  Built a study/library as part of a building separate from his main house; the size of the library, and its dispersal/subsequent history, are not recorded.  
ODNB.  J. Summit, Memory's library, 2008, 53ff.

Sir William More  1520-1600  
Of Loseley House, Surrey; held many county administrative offices.  Several lists of his books, running to over 200 volumes, survive in the Loseley mss in the Folger Library.  
ODNB.  Sears Jayne, 108.  Purcell, 70-71.

Sylvanus Morgan  1620-93  
ODNB.  M&C.  Alston Inventory.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/MOR003

Sir William Morice  1602-1676  
MP, Secretary of State after the Restoration.  When he retired to his country seat at Werrington Park, Devon, in 1668 "he erected a fair library, valued at £1200, being choice books, richly bound".  

George Morley  1597-1684  
Bishop of Winchester.  Bequeathed his books (ca.2000 vols) to Winchester Cathedral Library.  
Roger Morrice 1628/9-1702
Nonconformist minister and historian. His library catalogues of the 1680s and 90s reveal a collection of ca. 1700 vols.
ODNB. A. Cambers, Godly reading, 2011, 130-1.

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.

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.
ODNB. 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
ODNB. Sears Jayne.

Robert Morwent -1558
President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, canon of Wells. Directed in his will that his books be distributed among the members of Corpus Christi College.
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1339.

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

Richard Mote -1592
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge; vicar of Thriplow. Probate inventory includes over 500 books, edited as BCI 169.
BCI 508-22.

Benjamin Motte -1710
Printer. Library sold at auction in London, together with that of Robert Ferguson, 14.5.1711.
ODNB. M&C.

William Mount 1544/5-1602
Master of the Savoy Hospital, chaplain to William Cecil. Books with his inscription and several mottoes he used survive in various libraries; some of his books passed to Ferdinando, Baron Fairfax, and thence to York Minster Library, though ODNB records that his books were taken by the Hospital, at his death, to settle his debts.

Christopher Mulcaster -1558
Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory (damaged) lists over 40 books, edited as BCI 94.
BCI 205-6.
Harry Mullins  
Library sold at auction in London, 1715?  
M&C.

Edward Munday -1706?  
Alston Inventory.

John Mytton -1506/07  
Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford; bequeathed all his books to the college.  
Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1341.

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

William Napper ca.1544-69  
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 120 books, edited as  
PLRE 82.  

Sir Robert Naunton 1563-1635  
MP, Secretary of State. A number of books with his armorial stamp survive.  
ODNB.  Blatchly.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/NAU001

Walter Needham 1632-1691  
Physician to the Charterhouse, FRS. Library sold by auction in London, 25.10.1708.  
ODNB.  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.  
ODNB.  Pearson, Bishops.  A. Cambers, Print, manuscript and godly cultures in the north of  

William Neile 1560-1624  
Rector of Sutton in the Marsh, Lincolnshire; steward to his brother Richard (above). A number of  
books survive with his inscription; his will refers to over 800 books, bequeathed among members  
of his family.  
http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/cmt/?s=neile

Nevell -1549  
Fellow (?) of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 89 books, edited as BCI 38.  

Thomas Neville -1615  
Dean of Canterbury. Bequeathed 125 mss and 75 printed books to Trinity College, Cambridge  
ODNB.  Sears Jayne.  Gaskell/TCC.

Sir Richard Newdigate 1644-1710  
MP for Warwickshire, 1681 and 1689-90. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 21722).  
ODNB.  HoC 1660-1690. Bookplate:  
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5970109751/in/photostream.

John Newell -1558  
Fellow of Queens’College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 20 books, edited as BCI  
95.
John Newte  1656-1715/16
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 them 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.

John Norton  1612-
Civil lawyer. More than 84 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and partly sold.

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

Alexander Nowell ca.1516/17-1602
Dean of St Paul’s. A notebook of his from the 1530s and 40s, when he was a fellow at Brasenose College, Oxford and Headmaster of Westminster School, contains detailed information on the buying and loaning of several hundred books across a network of academics and students.
Roger Nowell -1590
Cleric, of Hempnall, Norfolk. Probate inventory lists 32 books, edited as PLRE 174.
Roger Nowell, in PLRE 8, 21-28.

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.

Thomas Ocley d.1538
Graduated at Oxford and moved to Cambridge where he was a pensioner at Gonville Hall, 1535-37. Probate inventory includes 107 books, edited as BCI 4.
BCI 9-11.

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.
ODNB. Alston Handlist. Inscription:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922152564/in/photostream.

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.

Sir Peter Osborne 1584/5-1653
Of Chicksands Priory, Bedfordshire, governor of Guernsey. Although his fortunes were largely ruined after the Civil War, he directed in his will that his library should remain at Chicksands as a family heirloom.
ODNB. Purcell p.95.

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.

John Ousley 1645/6-1709
Rector of Panfield, Essex, historian. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 60 manuscripts.
Venn.
David Pearson : English book owners

William Outram 1626-79
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

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

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.
ODNB. 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).
ODNB. Bookplate: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922113025/in/photostream.

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 Ladies 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.
ODNB. Calamy revised.

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

Joshua Palmer -1708
M.D., licenciate of the Royal College of Physicians, 1683. Library sold at auction in London, 11.4.1709.
M&C. Munk.

Thomas Palmer -1640
Vicar of St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. Probate inventory lists his study of books, valued at £60.

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.
ODNB.

Henry Parker
M&C.

Sir John Parker 1548-1619
Son of Archbishop Matthew Parker.
S. Strongman, John Parker’s manuscripts, *TCBS* 7 (1977), 1-27.
[http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PAR001](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PAR001).

Matthew Parker 1504-1575
Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75. During his time as Archbishop he employed agents to help build his outstanding collection of Anglo-Saxon and other early manuscripts, which he used to help justify the legitimacy of the Church of England. Ca. 500 mss were bequeathed to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, along with his library of ca.800 printed books; they remain there today though books of his are also in Cambridge UL, Gonville & Caius, and elsewhere. Parker employed binders, painters and scribes at Lambeth.

Henry Parkhurst
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M&C.

John Parkhurst 1511?-75
Bishop of Norwich. Bequeathed his Latin books to Guildford Grammar School, and his English ones to his brothers Christopher and Nicholas. An early list of the books given to the School lists ca.65 titles.  

Sir William Parkhurst -1667
Warden of the Mint. More than 145 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643. 

Martin Parkinson -1569
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; archdeacon of the East Riding, Yorkshire. Probate inventory includes over 150 books, edited as BCI 132. 
BCI 305-9.

Robert Parkyn -1570
Curate of Ardwick-le-Street, Yorkshire. His library, which was strong in late medieval theological works, was distributed through his will among his family and local clergymen. 
A. G. Dickens, Robert Parkyn’s narrative of the Reformation, in A. G. Dickens, Reformation studies, 1982, 290-1. CHL I 406.

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.  
ODNB.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PAR009

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

Richard Parsons 1641/2-1711
Chancellor of Gloucester, antiquary. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 7 manuscripts.  
ODNB. Inscription: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/17093925646/

James Partridge
M&C.

John Partridge 1644-1715
ODNB. 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”.
ODNB. Inscription: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5921593713/in/photostream.

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
Illegitimate son of William Paulet, 3rd Marquis of Winchester (d.1598). Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PAU001

John Pawmer d.1545
Fellow of King’s Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 37 books, edited as BCI 19. BCI 42-43.

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

Thomas Paynell -1564
Rector of Cottingham, Yorkshire; translator. Bequeathed his books to St John’s College, Oxford (ca.110 volumes).
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 113.

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

Edward Pearson 1563-1619
Churchwarden of Howden, Yorkshire; his main occupation is unknown. His list of “the naymes of all my bookees 1604” which he noted on the flyleaf of one of them has been edited. PLRE 9 (2017) 89-102 (PLRE 265).

Edward Peerpoynt -1557
Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, to which he bequeathed books. Probate inventory lists ca.120 books, edited as BCI 74. BCI 173-6.

Robert Pember -1560
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and reader in Greek there. Probate inventory includes over 160 books, edited as BCI 111.
Sir John Penington 1584?-1646
Admiral. More than 61 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold.

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. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning numerous manuscripts.

Henry Percy, 8th Earl of Northumberland 1532-85
Henry Percy, 9th Earl of Northumberland 1564-1632
There is evidence, from John Leland's description of the Earl's 'Paradise' (library) ca.1540, and from house plans, that the Percys had libraries in their houses from at least the early 16th c onwards, perhaps moving with them as they travelled between properties. The 9th Earl gave £100 to the Bodleian in 1603. Books including ones from his ownership sold at Sotheby's, 23-24.4.1928. He is estimated to have owned a library of over 1250 books, of which several hundred survive today at Petworth and Alnwick.

William Percy 1575-1648
Poet and playwright, third son of Henry Percy, 8th Earl of Northumberland.
ODNB. E. Miller, A collection of Elizabethan and Jacobean plays at Petworth, National Trust Yearbook 1975-6, 62-4.

John Perman d.1545
Surgeon, of Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 220 books, edited as BCI 23. BCI 49-55.

Andrew Perne 1519?-1589
Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge; Dean of Ely. Owned one of the largest private libraries of his time, much of it bequeathed to Peterhouse. Probate inventory includes ca.2600 books, edited as BCI 164.

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
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. ODNB. CHL I 393.

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.

Sir William Petre 1505/6-72
John Petre, 1st Baron Petre 1549-1613
William Petre, 2nd Baron Petre 1575-1637
Of Ingatestone and Thorndon Hall, Essex; money was spent on decorating a Study in the late 16th c. The Petre family accounts in Folger Library ms 1772 include a note of 35 books purchased. ‘My Lords library’ was estimated to be worth £35 in 1639.

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

Sir John Pettus 1613-90
Deputy Governor of the Royal Mines, author of works on mining. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PET004

William Petyt 1636-1707
Lawyer, antiquary, Keeper of the Tower 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. Listed in Edward Bernard’s Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning numerous manuscripts.

Sir Thomas Peyton 1613?-1684

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). http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PEH001

John Philipot 1587?-1645
Somerset Herald. 130 heraldic mss of his are now in the College of Arms.
ODNB. Harthan. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PHI001

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

Robert Pickering -1551
Physician in Cambridge. probate inventory includes over 150 books, edited as BCI 52. BCI 121-6.
Robert Pickering -1582
Of Tichmarsh, Northamptonshire, priest; graduate of Clare College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 20 books, edited as BCI 146.
BCI 346-7.

Sir William Pickering 1516/7-5
Landowner, diplomat. Bequeathed his library to his son in law, with the instruction that it should not be spoiled or dispersed; 37 books can be identified today. Also bequeathed ‘papers of antiquities’ to William Cecil.

Sir Edmund Pierce -1667
Lawyer, MP. More than 86 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and partly sold.

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.

Thomas Pierce
M&C.

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 ca.1573 -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.
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Thomas Pilgrim -1644
Vicar of Wormingford, Essex, 1608-44. His library was purchased by Ralph Josselin after his death for £16 18s.

James Pilkington 1510-76
Bishop of Durham. Gave 20 books to Cambridge University Library in 1574 (4 remain today).

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

Robert Plot 1640-1696
ODNB.

Leonard Plukenet 1642-1706
ODNB. M&C.

Thomas Plume -1704
Of Maldon, Essex. Bequeathed ca.5000 vols to found a town library for Maldon.

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.
ODNB. Philip 59-60. M&C.

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

David Pole -1568
Bishop of Peterborough. Bequeathed his theological and legal books to All Souls College, Oxford; ca.250 were received.

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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.

Reginald Pole 1500-58
Cardinal, Archbishop of Canterbury. His Greek mss, and many of his printed books, were given to New College, Oxford after his death.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 107, 109. W. Poole, New College Library through time, 2018, 15.

Edmund Poley 1655-1714
Of Badley, Suffolk. Used a series of engraved armorial bookplates dated 1707 (Franks 23671ff).
ODNB. 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.

Sir Thomas Pope ca.1507-59
Successful civil servant, founder of Trinity College, Oxford, to which he donated ca.100 books.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 108.

Thomas Pope -1578
MA of Gloucester Hall, Oxford. Probate inventory includes ca.70 books, edited as PLRE 135.

William Popple 1638-1708
London merchant, secretary of the Board of Trade. Library sold by retail sale in London, 2.3.1711.
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

William Porter d.1546
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 116 books, edited as BCI 24.
BCI 58-60.

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.
James Powell -1575
Foster, R. Panofsky, James Powell, in PLRE 4, 204-11.

Griffith Powell 1561-1620
Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. Bequeathed ca.100 vols to the college, largely law.

Henry Power ca.1626-68
Physician, FRS. A catalogue of his library, mostly scientific, made in 1664, is in BL Sloane ms 1346, fos.1-16.
ODNB. Alston Handlist. Inscription:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/17092525676/

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

John Preston 1587-1628
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PRE003

Thomas Preston -1697
Of Holker; bequeathed books to form Cartmel parish library.
ODNB. Perkin. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PRE004

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.
David Pearson : English book owners

http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PRE005

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

Henry Price 1567/8-1600
Rector of Fleet Marston, Buckinghamshire. Bequeathed ca.500 books in ca.250 volumes to St John’s College, Oxford (many duplicates were sold in 1612).

John Prideaux 1578-1650
Bishop of Worcester. Many of his books survive today in Worcester Cathedral Library.
ODNB. RBDirectory. Inscription: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/17092485636/

Sir John Prise 1501/02-1555
Secretary of the Council of the Marches in Wales, and holder of numerous other public offices in Wales. Accumulated a significant library of mss and printed books, including many of monastic provenance, now dispersed (though many can be traced).

Sir Francis Prujean 1597-1666
Physician. More than 160 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold.

Abraham Pryme 1671-1704
Curate of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, antiquary. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning a small number of manuscripts; many of these passed after his death to the herald John Warburton, and are now in the Lansdowne MSS at the BL.
ODNB.

William Prynne 1600-69
Puritan. Donated books to Lincoln’s Inn Library; bequeathed any of his books they wanted to Oriel College, Oxford.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. M&C.

Octavian Pulleyn
M&C. BL 996.a.8.
John Purgold -1527
Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to which he bequeathed ‘my bokes of law to lye in the lyberary’.
CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 726.

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PYE001
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-00009226&ImageId=ImageId=44218&Copyright=BL.

Sir Robert Pye 1585-1662
Remembrancer of the Exchequer, MP for Woodstock.  Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB.  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/PYE002

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.
ODNB.  ESTC t222440.  Alston Inventory.

Robert Raby -1593
Merchant, of Norwich.  Probate inventory lists ca.10 books, edited as PLRE 189.
Robert Raby, in PLRE 8, 72-73.

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 bookes” in the study, valued at £10.
M. Reed (ed), The Ipswich probate inventories 1583-1631, 1981, 110.

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

Edward Raven -1558
BCI 209-215.

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 mss collections; his autobiography is BL Add ms 34206.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/RAW002

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.

Richard Rawlins ca.1460-1536
Warden of Merton College, Oxford (deposed 1521); Bishop of St David’s. An inventory of books in his study in 1509 lists 52 books.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 95.

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.

Edward Raymond -1563
Fellow of Queens’ College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.40 books, edited as BCI 116.
BCI 270-2.

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
ODNB. M&C.

Walter Rea
M&C.
Sir Thomas Remington  ca.1612-1681
Of Lockington and Lund, Yorkshire. Bequeathed a library of ca.1900 vols to create a parish library for Lund; no books survive today, but the contemporary catalogue, probably in Remington's hand, was described and offered for sale by Quaritch in 2015. The books probably included ones inherited by Remington from previous generations of his family. Quaritch cat 1433 (2015)/17.

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.

James Reynolds -1577
Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 360 books, valued at a little over £14, edited as PLRE 127.

Jerome Reynolds -1571

John Reynolds -1571
Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 59 books, edited as PLRE 97.

John Reynolds  1581/1-1614
Fellow of New College, Oxford. probate inventory notes his books valued at 58 shillings.

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

John Reyston -1551
Master of Jesus College, Cambridge. Probate inventory (damaged) includes at least 28 books, edited as BCI 54.
BCI 128-9.

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.

Mary Rich, Countess of Warwick  1625-1678
Wife of Charles Rich, 4th Earl of Warwick. Her MS diaries (BL Add MS 27351-5) contain extensive references to her reading in her closet.

Robert Rich, 2nd Earl of Warwick 1587-1658
Admiral of the Parliamentary fleet. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/RIC001

William Rich  d. ca.1620?
Member of the Middle Temple, 1605. A number of surviving books with his armorial stamp suggest a collection that was dispersed ca.1620.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/RIC002
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
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

Alexander Rigby -1621
Of Wigan and Poole, Lancashire, lawyer; clerk of the peace for Lancashire 1612-21. His law books – about 80 titles, reckoned to be two thirds of his total library – were listed in a 1624 inventory, edited as PLRE 269.

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/RIV001

Robartes family
Sir Richard Robartes (ca.1580-1634); Lady Frances Robartes (1584-1626); 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. Lady Frances’s funeral sermon includes references to her pious reading in her closet.

Edmund Roberts -1580
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 70 books, edited as BCI 145.
BCI 344-6.
Thomas Roberts 1470-1542; Edmund Roberts 1520-85

William Robinson -1547
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 84 books, edited as BCI 36. BCI 95-98.

Sir Thomas Roe (1581?-1644)
Diplomat, traveller, writer. Gave ca. 30 Greek mss to the Bodleian Library, 1628. Bequeathed the bulk of his books to his nephew Maurice Berkeley of Stoke (d.1654), with some allowed to his wife; an inventory of the books received by Berkeley runs to ca.500 titles, edited as PLRE 274. ODNB. Sears Jayne. PLRE 9 (2017), 225-308 (PLRE 274).

William Roebye d.1707?

Daniel Rogers 1610?-80

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

John Rosewell -1684

Thomas Rotherham 1423-1500
Archbishop of York, Chancellor of England under Edward IV. Gave ca.200 books, and paid for the building of a new library, at Cambridge University in the 1470s; his will included various bequests of books, including ca.100 books to the college he founded at Rotherham. ODNB. CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 728-9. Sears Jayne, 93. Oates, 37-50. CHL I, 165.

John Rothley -1511?

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. ODNB. R. Birley, *The history of Eton College Library*, 1970, 30-1.

Isaac Row
Library (mathematical books) sold at auction in London, 27.7.1693. M&C.
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Bryan Rowe 1521
Vice-Provost of King’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory, including over 100 books, edited and described by Norton.

Thomas Rowe 1657-1705
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

Samuel Rowlands 1565-1627
Of East Smithfield, London, cooper and poet/satirist. A list of 34 books owned at the time of his death is edited as PLRE 271.

George Royse 1670
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.

Edmund Rudd 1577
Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 86 books, edited as BCI 140. BCI 322-5.

Luke Rugeley d.1696
Physician, in London. Son of the physician Thomas Rugeley (ca.1576-1656), from whom he inherited books. His library was sold by auction in London in 1697; a number of his books were acquired by Hans Sloane.

George Ruggle 1575-1622
Fellow of Clare Hall, and author of the controversial Latin comedy Ignoramus. Gave 284 books to Clare in 1620, including a noteworthy collection of Italian plays.

John Rushworth 1612?-90

Francis Russell, 2nd Earl of Bedford 1526/7-85
Edward Russell, 3rd Earl of Bedford 1572-1627
A catalogue of the 2nd Earl’s library, made in 1584, lists 221 books (predominantly theological). A number of books with the 3rd Earl’s armorial stamp survive. There is a connection with the Harington family collections through his marriage with Lucy Harrington, heir of John, 2nd Lord Harington.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 126-7 Purcell, 77. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/RUS002

George Russell 1684
Of Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire, Esquire. Probate inventory lists “books”, in the little parlour and elsewhere, valued at £5.
M. Reed (ed), Buckinghamshire probate inventories 1661-1714, 1988, 178.
Robert Russell  ca.1644-1703  

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. ODNB. M&C. Alston Inventory.

Bruno Ryves  ca.1596-1677  
Dean of Windsor. More than 110 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and partly sold. ODNB. I. Roy, The libraries of Edward, 2nd Viscount Conway, and others, Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research 43 (1968), 35-46.

George Ryves  1561-1613  
Warden of New College Oxford. Gave books to the College during his lifetime, and bequeathed all his folio columns to the College. Used the motto Non est mortale quod opto. W. Poole, An early modern New College dynasty, http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/4NCN1%20Ryves%27%20notes.pdf.

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

Edward Sackville, 4th Earl of Dorset 1590-1652  
Soldier and courtier. Books with his armorial stamp survive. ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAC001

Thomas Sackville, 1st Earl of Dorset ca.1536-1608  
Statesman, Chancellor of Oxford University, poet. Gave £100 to the Bodleian in 1602; the books purchased were marked with an armorial stamp, though this armorial is found on books in other libraries. Likely to have had a significant personal library. ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAC004

Anne Sadleir  1585-1671/2  
Daughter of Sir Edward Coke, wife of Ralph Sadleir, of Standon, Hertfordshire. Known to have been an owner of books as well as coins and curiosities; gave mss to Trinity College, Cambridge and to the Inner Temple. ODNB. A. Hunt, The books, manuscripts and literary patronage of Mrs Anne Sadleir, Early modern women's manuscript writing, ed V. Burke and J. Gibson, 2004, 205-228. S. West, An architectural typology for the early modern country house library, 1660-1720, The Library 7th ser 14 (2013), 441-464, p.461.

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.

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. Sir Henry St George (1625-1715), his third son, is listed in Edward Bernard's *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, as owning 31 manuscripts. ODNB. Harthan. Maggs 1121 (1990)/7. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAI001](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAI001)

Oliver St John, 1st Earl of Bolingbroke 1584?-1646
MP. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection. ODNB. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAI004](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAI004)

James Sale -1682
Of Bledlowridge, Buckinghamshire, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “books of all sorts” in his study, valued at £13.

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).
ODNB. Thornton. M&C.

John Salt -1558
Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 71 books, edited as BCI 96.
BCI 207-9.

Peter Samways 1615-1693
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; rector of Wath. Books with what have been identified as his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAM001](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAM001)

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

William Sancroft 1617-1693

Nicholas Sanderson, 2nd Viscount Castleton 1593-1640
Books with his armorial stamp survive.
[http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAN002](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAN002)

Robert Sanderson 1587-1663
Bishop of Lincoln. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAN003](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAN003)
Thomas Sanderson 1570?-1642?
Of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. A book with his armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SAN004

Gabriel Sangar 1608?-78
ODNB. M&C.

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
ODNB. 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

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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.
M&C. Alston Inventory.

Anthony Scattergood 1687
ODNB. M&C.

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.

Alan Scott 1578
Provost of Queen’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 70 books, edited as PLRE 136.
Foster. G. Smith, Alan Scott, in PLRE 5, 282-90.

John Scott 1639-95
Canon of St Paul’s. Library sold at auction in London, 23.5.1695.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. [http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SCU001](http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SCU001)

Philip Scudamore fl.1600
Of London. Gave ca.50 books to the Bodleian Library in 1600.
Macray, 419. Sears Jayne, 134.

Richard Seacole 1577
Fellow of New College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes ca.130 books, edited as PLRE 128.

Lazarus Seaman 1662
Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge during the Interregnum. Library sold at auction in London, 31.10.1676; the first English auction with a surviving catalogue.
ODNB. M&C. Inscription: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/36590506673/in/dateposted-public/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/36590506673/in/dateposted-public/)

Sir Peter Seaman 1662-1715
Of Norwich, brewer and alderman. Used an engraved bookplate, probably made at the end of the 17th century.
Blatchly. Bookplate: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5992678761/in/photostream](http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5992678761/in/photostream)

Obadiah Sedgewicke 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.
ODNB. M&C.

William Segrave -1556
Vicar of Grantchester, Cambridgeshire. Probate inventory lists 46 books, edited as BCI 71. BCI 159-61.

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.
https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/26739093748/in/dateposted-public/.

Abednego Seller 1646/7-1705
Vicar of St Charles, Plymouth, nonjuror, religious author. Edward Bernard’s Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, lists him as owning 22 manuscripts. Some of his books were destroyed in a fire in 1700 but Thomas Hearne noted that he had owned a "vast number" of books.
ODNB.

Percival Serjeant d.ca.1715
Alston Inventory.

John Seward -1552
Surgeon, of Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.20 books, edited as BCI 61. BCI 139-40.

John Sewell -1590
Vicar of Alby, Norfolk.. Probate inventory lists ca.50 books, edited as PLRE 175. John Sewell, in PLRE 8, 29-34.

Anne Seymour, Duchess of Somerset ca.1510-87
Wife of Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset, and later Francis Newdegate; much involved in state affairs, and a noted patron of protestant writers. Acquired many of the books of Martin Bucer after his death in 1551. A book in the BL, stamped AS, is attributed to her ownership.
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SEY001

Sir Edward Seymour, 1st earl of Hertford 1537-1621
Courtier. Books with his armorial stamp and inscription survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SEY002

William Seymour, 2nd Duke of Somerset 1587-1660
Statesman, royalist army officer. Books with his armorial stamp survive. His library of ca.1000 books was given to Lichfield Cathedral by his widow Frances in 1673. Purcell p.95.
ODNB. Harthan. CHL II 125. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SEY007

John Sharp 1644-1714
Archbishop of York. Began the Sharp family collection which became the Bamburgh Castle Library.

Nicholas Sharpe -1576
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 92 books, edited as BCI 138.

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BCI 316-9.

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(?). ODNB. M&C.

Shaw
Rev. Mr, of Hornchurch, Essex. Library sold at auction in London, 4.5.1698. M&C.

John Shaxton -1601
Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge; rector of Hemingford Abbots. Probate inventory includes 97 books, edited as BCI 177; his will has detailed instructions for the disposal of books. BCI 540-3.

Nicholas Shaxton ca.1485-1556

Sir Henry Sheeres -1710
Military engineer, FRS. Library sold in London, 14.6.1713. ODNB. M&C.

Gilbert Sheldon 1598-1677

Ralph Sheldon 1623-1684

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 d.1708?
Merchant, of London. Library sold by auction in London, 7.1.1709. Alston Inventory.
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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.

John Sheringham -1590
  Yeoman, of Burnham Norton, Suffolk. Probate inventory lists a small handful of books, including a Bible, Foxe’s Acts and monuments, and two statute books, edited as PLRE 176.
  John Sheringham, in PLRE 8, 35-36.

Thomas Sherley 1638-1678
  ODNB. 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.
  ODNB. Maggs 1075 (1987)/53; 1212 (1996)/32. See also Quaritch 1345 (2007)/15 (Sir George Shirley). http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SHI003

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.
  ODNB. Harthan. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SHI004

William Shorte -1617
  Minister, of Banbury. Probate inventory lists “his bookes in his study” valued at £5.

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
  Of Isfield, Sussex. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
  http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SHU001
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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SID001

Sidney family
Robert Sidney, 1st Earl of Leicester, 1563-1626; Robert Sidney, 2nd Earl of Leicester, 1595-1677; Philip Sidney, 3rd Earl of Leicester, 1619-98, Robert Sidney, 4th Earl of Leicester, 1649-1702; Philip Sidney, 5th Earl of Leicester, 1676-1705. A book with the 1st Earl's armorial stamp survives in the Clements Collection, V&A. The Sidney family library at Penshurst began to be developed in the 16th c but was substantially built up by the 1st and 2nd Earls; a catalogue compiled by Gilbert Spencer in the 1650s/60s lists ca.4800 vols. After the death of the 2nd Earl it was less augmented by later family members and the whole collection was sold at auction in 1743. The 5th Earl had a bookplate made dated 1704.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SID002

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.

Thomas Simons -1553
Fellow of Merton College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 140 books, edited as PLRE 65.
M. Schwarz, Thomas Simons in PLRE 2, 222-43.

Miles Simonson -1567
Rector of Stifford, Essex. Bequeathed most of his goods to his widow, but his library to a local clergyman, Christopher Eaton.
CHL I 407.

John Simpson -1577
Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 129 books, edited as PLRE 129.

Nicholas Simpson -1561
Graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 80 books, edited as BCI 112.
BCI 261-4.

Robert Singleton 1547-77
Fellow of St John’s College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 118 book and ’50 pamphlettes’, edited as PLRE 130.
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Thomas Skeffington -1592
Lawyer, member of Doctors’ Commons. Bequeathed books to Trinity College, Cambridge; 69 volumes were selected (40 remain there today).
Venn. Sears Jayne, 130. Gaskell/TCC.
https://sionprovenance.wordpress.com/2017/10/06/inscription-of-thomas-skeffington/

Skelton
Library sold at auction in London, 13.11.1704.
M&C.

Skelton, Sir Bevil 1641-1696
Soldier and diplomat; Lieutenant of the Tower, 1688, but fled into exile with James II. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SKE002

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.

Elizabeth Sleigh -1647?
An inventory of her books, in Wellcome Library MS 751, dated 1647, lists 53 books.

Sir Samuel Sleigh d.1679
Of Ashe, Derbyshire; sheriff of Derbyshire, MP. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SLE001

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.

William Smarte ca.1530-99
Merchant (clothier?) in Ipswich, MP, member of the corporation and a major benefactor to the town. Founded the Town Library of Ipswich, and gave it books; he also gave ca.100 mss, mostly of Bury St Edmunds monastic provenance, to Pembroke College, Cambridge.

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 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.

Robert Smith -1571
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 57 books, edited as BCI 135.
BCI 313-4.

Sir Thomas Smith 1513-77
Diplomat, Secretary of State, author. A catalogue of his books at Hill Hall, Essex, made in 1566, lists over 400 books.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 114.

Sir Thomas Smith ca.1556-1609
Secretary to the Earl of Essex, and holder of various state offices in the early 17th century. An armorial stamp found on a number of surviving books is attributed to him.
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SMI006

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.
ODNB. Macray.

Walter Smith -1667
Of Sevenoaks, gentleman. Probate inventory lists “one press and in it a library of bookes”, valued at £5.

William Smith -1514
Bishop of Lincoln, and one of the founders of Brasenose College, Oxford. Gave various books to Brasenose.
ODNB. Corpus MLC/Oxford, 1363.

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

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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.

Robert Some  1542-1609
Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 110 books, edited as BCI 186. ODNB. BCI 559-63.

Henry Somerset, 1st Marquess of Worcester  1577-1646
Of Raglan Castle, Monmouthshire, Royalist in the Civil War. He “read devotional books in his Closet, weeping over them as he said his prayers and inviting his gentlemen to join him after dinner and share them”.
Purcell p.63.

Henry Somerset, 1st Duke of Beaufort  1629-1700
Of Badminton House, Gloucestershire. ODNB. Maggs 1293 (2000)/60.

Henry Somerset, 2nd Duke of Beaufort  1684-1714
Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and Gloucestershire. Used armorial book stamps, and engraved armorial bookplates dated 1705, 1706 (Franks 27572-3); a bookplate dated 1706 was also made for his wife Rachel (d.1709) (Franks *4). ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SOM002

William Somner 1598-1669

Roger Soresby  d.1546
Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca. 200 books, edited as BCI 26. BCI 70-75.

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.

Anne, Lady Southwell 1574-1636
Author and poet. Daughter of Sir Thomas Harris MP, married Sir Thomas Southwell, and after his death in 1626, Captain Henry Sibthorpe. Her commonplace book, which includes original writings of hers, is now Folger MS V.b.198. In 1631, she moved three trunkfuls of books to her new household.

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.
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M&C.

Thomas Spark 1655-92
Classical scholar. Library sold at auction in London, 3.7.1693.
ODNB. 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.

Sir Henry Spelman 1564?-1641
Country gentleman, MP, antiquary. Printed sale catalogues, 28.11.1709-1710. List of 125 mss in Norwich City Library ms 7198, fo. 104-5. 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.

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/SPE005

Richard Spranger 1658/9-1711?
Clergyman in Hertfordshire. Library sold by auction in London, 13.2.1712.
Venn. Alston Inventory.

William Spurdens 1595

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 ca.1587-1653
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.

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Henry Stafford, 10th Baron Stafford 1501-63
Nobleman who gradually built a court and administrative career, and the return of his titles, following his father’s execution for treason in 1521. Owned a library of ca.300 books, and undertook various literary and translation work; a catalogue of 1556 survives.

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.

Sir Edward Stanhope ca.1546-1608
Cambridge-educated lawyer; Vicar-General of the the Archbishop of Canterbury. Gave £100 to Trinity College, Cambridge, towards building a new library, and bequeathed to the College ca.240 printed books, 14 mss, and funds for a library post. List of books given to Trinity edited as PLRE 2; this does not represent his entire library.
ODNB. Gaskell/TCC. A. Wijffels, Sir Edward Stanhope’s library, PLRE 1, 41-84. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/STA005

Philip Stanhope, 1st Earl of Chesterfield 1584-1656
Gave 55 books to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, ca.1630. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. Sears Jayne. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/STA009

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/STA010

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 (one is attributed to the 5th Earl, Ferdinando, d.1594). 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. William, 9th earl is listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697 as owning a small number of manuscripts.

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.
Roger Stanley 1642/3-1678
Fellow of New College Oxford. Probate inventory notes his books valued at £80.
W. Poole, Book economy in New College, Oxford in the later 17th century, History of Universities 25 (2010), 56-127, p.84.

Thomas Stanley -1577
BA of Brasenose College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes 40 books, edited as PLRE 131.
Foster. R. J. Fehrenbach & E. S. Leedham-Green, Thomas Stanley, in PLRE 5, 197-203.

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/STA024

Thomas Stapley -1549
Student at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes over 40 books, edited as BCI 42.
BCI 105-6.

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
ODNB. 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.

John Sterne d.1661
Chaplain of New College, Oxford. Probate inventory notes his books valued at £1 10s.
W. Poole, Book economy in New College, Oxford in the later 17th century, History of Universities 25 (2010), 56-127, p.84.

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).

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. More than 370 books were seized from him by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, when they were valued at £110.
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. Bookplate: http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922661082/in/photostream.

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.
ODNB. M&C.

John Stokes -1568
President of Queens’ College, Cambridge, and University Librarian; archdeacon of York. Probate inventory includes ca.100 books, edited as BCI 128.

Walter Stone -1519
Civil lawyer at Oxford, chancellor of Hereford. Bequeathed books to All Souls College, and to various friends and colleagues.

William Stone 1615-85
Vicar of Wimborne (ejected but later restored). Bequeathed ca.90 books from his collection in Oxford to refund Wimborne Minster Library, 1686.
Perkin. Walker revised.

Richard Stonley 1520/1-1600
Teller of the Exchequer. Inventory made in 1597, when he was imprisoned, lists 413 books (probably not his complete library), wide-ranging in scope.

John Stow 1524/5-1605
Historian, antiquary, author of the Survey of London. An active gatherer of mss in late 16th c London. The full extent of his mss and printed collections is not known; there is some update to Kingsford’s account of his library in the Gadd/Gillespie volume. A contemporary (1584) account of Stow’s library appears in David Powel’s History of Cambria. Some of his books were bought by the dealer Ralph Starkey; many ended up in other antiquarian collections.

Robert Streeter -1711
ODNB (see entry for his father, also Robert, d.1679). M&C. Alston Inventory.
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Richard Stretton  1632/3-1710

Philip Stringer  -1605
Lawyer and JP in Cambridge; solicitor to the University, Registrar of the diocese of Peterborough. Probate inventory includes over 50 books, edited as BCI 181. BCI 552-4.

Henry Stubb
Library sold at auction in London, 29.11.1680. ?is this the elder (d.1678) or younger (d.1676) HS? (see ODNB) 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. ODNB. CHL I 390.

Roland Swynborne  -1557

Nicholas Sykes -1562
Butler, and perhaps student, of Christ Church, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 40 books, edited as PLRE 71. J. Romano, Nicholas Sykes, in PLRE 3, 68-75.

Sir Robert Talbor  1643?-81
Physician to Charles II; medical author. Library auctioned in London (medical books), 12.4.1686. ODNB. M&C.

Gilbert Talbot, 7th Earl of Shrewsbury  1552-1616

John Talbot  -1659
Of Thornton, Yorkshire; Royalist Colonel. Used a bookplate, at least one book is known (Soc of Antiqs) containing it. Lee, British, 5.

John Tamworth ca.1524-69
MP for Boston; Clerk of Windsor Castle, held other administrative offices under Elizabeth I. One book with a stamp attributed to him is noted in the Armorials database. HoP. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/TAM001

Jordan Tancred  1666?-1703?
Rector of Barwic in Elmet, Yorkshire 1695-1703. Used an engraved armorial bookplate dated 1701 (Franks 28876). Foster.
Thomas Tanner 1630-1682
Fellow of New College, Oxford 1651, ejected ca.1660; Vicar of Colyton, Devon, 1666, and of various other livings before his death as Rector of Winchfield, Hampshire. Gave ca.25 books to New College in 1656, including a number of scientific titles.
ODNB. https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/6NCN7%20Poole%20on%20Tanner.pdf

John Tatham -1576
Fellow and praelector of Merton College, Oxford. Probate inventory includes over 300 books, edited as PLRE 112.
Foster. C. Huttar, John Tatham, in PLRE 4, 256-94.

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 1523.

John Taylor d.1546
Priest, of Cambridge, possibly a fellow of Trinity Hall. Probate inventory includes 53 books, edited as BCI 27..
BCI 75-77.

Nathaniel Taylor -1702
Venn. Alston Inventory.

Sir Thomas Tempest -1692

Sir Richard Temple, 3rd bart 1634-97
Politician. An active collector who assembled a library of ca.2400 books.

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.
ODNB. M&C.

Thomas Thackham 1619/20-1690?
Rector of Nuffield, Oxfordshire 1668. Library sold in London by retail sale, 2.2.1704.
Venn. Alston Inventory.
John Theyer 1597-1673
Lawyer and 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. Listed in Edward Bernard's *catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, as owning 312 manuscripts.

Christopher Thomas
Library sold at auction in London, 1.4.1689.
M&C.

Daniel Thomas d.ca.1711
Alston Inventory.

John Thomas d.1545
Surgeon, of Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 60 books, along with surgical instruments, edited as BCI 20.
BCI 44-47.

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
ODNB. M&C.

Stephen Thompson -1599
Fellow of St John’s, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 141 books, edited as BCI 176. BCI 536-40.

Sir William Thompson d.1695
Serjeant at law, of the Middle Temple. Used a large engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 29303). Bookplate: [https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14240316038/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/14240316038/).

William Thomson -1507
Fellow of University College, Oxford, junior proctor. Probate inventory includes 30 books, edited as PLRE 10.
E. S. Leedham-Green, William Thomson, in PLRE 2, 13-18.

John Thornton d.1705
Tutor and chaplain to the Duke of Bedford. Library sold by auction in London, 11.7.1705.
Venn. Alston Inventory.
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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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/THO008

Robert Thoroton  1623-78
Country gentleman, physician, JP, author of the Antiquities of Nottinghamshire. Used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks 29403).
ODNB. Maggs 1121 (1990)/48.

Benedict Thorowgood  -1596
Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 144 books, edited as BCI 174; his will has detailed provisions for the disposal of books.
BCI 531-5.

Arthur Throckmorton 1557-1626
Ambassador to France. Gave ca.350 books to Magdalen Coll Oxford, 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.
ODNB. M&C.
Thynne family
 Owners of Longleat. the library had begun to be developed during the lifetime of Sir John Thynne (ca.1515-80). 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). He also commissioned the lettering of many hundreds of spines in the Longleat library in the 1690s.

Abraham Tillman -1590
 Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 79 books, edited as BCI 166. BCI 481-3.

John Tillotson 1630-94
ODNB. M&C.

Tollemache family

David Tolley ca.1506-58
 Physician in Oxford. Probate inventory includes 50 books, edited as PLRE 68. Foster. K. Hooper, David Tolley, in PLRE 3, 36-44.

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

Charles Tooker 1598-1660
Nathaniel Torporley  1564-1632
Mathematician.  Gave 18 mss and 215 printed books to Sion College between 1629 and 1633.  
ODNB.  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 (1629-1707), 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.  
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000010042&ImageId=ImageId=44626&Copyright=BL.  Bookplate:  
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5922105693/in/photostream.

James Townley  d.1543  
Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge.  Probate inventory includes 77 books, edited as BCI 12.  
BCI 28-30.

Robert Townley  -1549  
Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge.  Probate inventory includes over 30 books, edited as BCI 41.  
BCI 104-5.

Townshend family

Horatio Townshend, 1st Viscount Townshend  1630-1687  
Of Raynham, Norfolk.  Surviving book bills and correspondence testify to the existence of a substantial library at Raynham developed during the 1st Viscount’s lifetime.  His son Charles, 2nd Viscount, negotiated the purchase of John Moore’s library by Geirge I, for presentation to Cambridge University.  

Sir Roger Townshend  
Of Stiffkey, Norfolk.  A list of ca.300 books in his possession ca.1625 is Folger Library MS L.d.776.  

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.  
ODNB.  Sears Jayne.  RBDirectory.  CHL I 393.  E. Pearce, Sion College and Library, 1913.
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Abel Trefry 1577-1610
Fellow of All Souls, Oxford. Probate inventory (transcribed and edited as PLRE 158) lists ca.45 books.

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.
ODNB. M&C. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/TRE003

Sir Lewes Tresham 1575?-1639
Of Rushton, Northamptonshire. A book with his armorial stamp is known.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/TRE005

Sir Thomas Tresham 1543-1605
Of Rushton Hall, Northamptonshire, prominent Roman Catholic gentleman. His library of ca.1700 books passed to his son in law John Brudenell, 1st Earl of Cardigan, and many survive today at Deene Park, Northamptonshire. A small list of books seized during a raid in 1584 is edited as PLRE 251.

George Trevelyan
Of Nettlecombe. The survival of a single armorial binding (now at Wallington) makes it unclear how extensive the Trevelyan library was.

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.

Hugh Trotter -1503
Canon and Treasurer of York, Provost of Beverley. Bequeathed books to Cambridge University Library, and to some colleges.
CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 740.

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.
ODNB. Perkin.

Nicholas Tufton, 3rd Earl of Thanet 1631-1679
An inventory taken in 1664 shows him to have had a library of ca.100 vols.

George Tullie 1653?-95
    ODNB. M&C.

Cuthbert Tunstall 1474-1559
    Bishop of Durham. Gave a number of books, including many Greek texts, to Cambridge University Library in 1529; 12 printed books and 3 mss survive there today. A number of his books can be traced in other libraries.

Benjamin Turner -1639
    Physician, of Bristol. Probate inventory lists “a study of books” valued at £6 13s 6d.

Peter Turner 1586-1652
    Savilian Professor of Mathematics at Oxford. Bequeathed Greek mss to the Bodleian.
    ODNB. Macray 108.

Thomas Turner 1645-1714
    President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Bequeathed books to the college.
    ODNB. Morgan.

Henry Turton -1533
    Chaplain of Manchester Church. Probate inventory includes ca.20 books.

Brian Twyne ca.1580-1644
    Reader in Greek at Corpus Christi, Oxford. Bequeathed his library, 750 vols, including mss previously owned by John Dee, to Corpus.

John Twyne ca.1505-1581
    MP for Canterbury and civic dignitary there; Headmaster of King’s School, Canterbury. Acquired a number of dispersed monastic mss. Some of his books/mss passed to his grandson Brian, and thence to Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Sir Roger Twysden 1597-1672
    Antiquary. Inherited many books from his father, Sir William Twysden. He bequeathed his library to his son, hoping that it would remain an heirloom of the Twysden family for ever. Many of his books and mss passed to Sir John Sebright of Beechwood, Hertfordshire, and were sold by Sotheby’s 6.4.1807.

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.
    http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/TYR002
Sir Thomas Tyrril, 2nd Bart. -1714
Of Hanslape, 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.
Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697, as owning 26 manuscripts.
ODNB. Thornton.

Nicholas Ulphe -1597
Baker, of Hempstead cum Eccles, Norfolk. Probate inventory lists a small handful of books, including a Bible and prayer book, edited as PLRE 197.
Nicholas Ulpe, in PLRE 8, 87-8.

William Umfrevill 1655?-1706
Lecturer of St Andrews, Holborn. Library sold at auction in London, 24.6.1706.
M&C.

John Underwood -1515
Advocate in York. Probate inventory includes 38 books, both printed and mss.

Sir Henry Unton ca.1558-96
Landowner, diplomat, soldier. His house at Wadley, Berkshire, included a finely decorated study with a library of ca.220 books.
ODNB. Purcell, 65.

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. Listed in Edward Bernard's Catalogi manuscriptorum, 1697 as owning 340 manuscripts.

Stephen Vallenger 1541-91
Recusant poet, who died in the Fleet Prison; an inventory of his goods, made there, includes over 60 books
Sears Jayne, 130.

Herman van Otten -1611
Surgeon, of Banbury. Probate inventory lists “seven of the bigger books”, valued at 13s 4d, and “threesome 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.
ODNB. Alston Inventory.
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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.

Sir Francis Vere 1560/1-1609
Military commander. Saved the library of the scholar Ororius at the sack of Faro in 1596, and gave it to the Bodleian Library; gave other gifts of books and money to the Bodleian through the succeeding decade.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 136.

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.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. Harthan. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/VIN001
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-00002436&ImageId=ImageId=40823&Copyright=BL.

Charles Vincent 1649?-
Of the Middle Temple. Library sold at auction in London, 15.5.1701, 2.6.1701.
M&C. Alston Inventory.

John Vincent -1558
Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists 30 books, edited as BCI 78.
BCI 170-1.

Thomas Vincent 1634-78
Nonconformist divine. Library auctioned in London, 29.11.1680.
ODNB. M&C.

Sir Robert Viner 1631-1688
Goldsmith. Books with his armorial stamp are known.
ODNB. Harthan. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/VIN002

Armagill Waad ca.1510-68
Civil servant, MP, who acquired wealth and property in and around London. Probate inventory includes 174 books, edited as PLRE 261.
David Pearson : English book owners

Thomas Wagstaffe 1645-1712
ODNB. Alston Inventory.

Sir Isaac Wake 1575-1632
Diplomat. Books with his armorial stamp are known.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WAK001

Elizabeth Walden -1601
Widow, of Norwich. Probate inventory lists 7 books, including a Bible, prayer books, and ‘apothecary books’, edited as PLRE 202.
Elizabeth Walden, in PLRE 8, 100-102.

Christopher Walker -1551
Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.40 books, edited as BCI 58.
BCI 134-5.

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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WAL004

Henry Walker -1564
FRegius Professor of Physick at Cambridge; bequeathed books to Gonville & Caius College. Probate inventory includes over 70 books, edited as BCI 119.
BCI 275-8.

Obadiah Walker 1616-99
Master of University College, Oxford. Gave books to University College, and to the Bodleian. Library sold by retail sale in London, 13.7.1699.
ODNB. Morgan. Alston Inventory.

Thomas Walker -1665

Samuel Wall d.ca.1710

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 descendants”, was sold at Sothebys, 12.12.1900.
ODNB. Maggs 1121 (1990)/18, 60.

Sir William Waller ca.1597-1668
Parliamentary general, of Osterley Park near London. Probate inventory includes a library valued at £90.
ODNB. Purcell p.115.

Robert Wallis 1601?-87
Vicar of Harston, Cambridgeshire. Library sold at auction in London, 2.4.1688. M&C.
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Richard Wallop 1616?-97
Lawyer, cursitor baron of the Exchequer. Library sold at auction in London, 22.11.1697.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WAL010

Godwin Walsall -1608
Fellow and Hebrew lecturer of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.100 books, edited as BCI 185.
BCI 557-9.

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.

Thomas Walsh -1527/8
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Bequeathed 13 titles to Corpus Christi, listed in his will.

Sir Francis Walsingham ca.1532-90
Secretary of State. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. https://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WAL012

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.

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.

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

Samuel Ward 1572-1643

Seth Ward 1617-1689
Savilian Professor of Astronomy at Oxford; Bishop of Salisbury. Bequeathed 300 volumes to Salisbury Cathedral Library.
ODNB. CHL II 125.

William Warham 1450?-1532
Archbishop of Canterbury. He was ‘seriously dedicated to his books’ (ODNB); most of his library was divided, under his will, between All Souls and New Colleges at Oxford, and Winchester College. 91 volumes were received at All Souls.

William Warham -1557
Archdeacon of Canterbury, canon of St Paul’s, nephew of the Archbishop, who bequeathed to him all of his books currently in his possession; David Shaw’s article describes 7 which can still be traced.

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.
ODNB. Walker revised.

Anthony Warner -1601
Landowner, of Stradbrooke, Suffolk. Probate inventory includes an unquantified number of books, edited as PLRE 206.
Anthony Warner, in PLRE 8, 112-3.

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.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WAR006

Richard Warnford 1546-
Fellow of New College, Oxford in the 1560s; imprisoned as a recusant in the 1580s and 90s. Inventory of his goods taken in Winchester prison in 1583 lists 19 books, edited as PLRE 227.
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Richard Warnford, in PLRE 8, 194-7.

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 mss went to Corpus Christi, Oxford. Bodleian Library ms Rawl.poe.117 contains an inventory of some of his books.
ODNB. Morgan.

Edward Waterhouse 1619-1670
Author and amateur herald. Books with his armorial stamp survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WAT001

Stephen Watkins -1673?

Edward Watkinson -1555
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists 25 books, edited as BCI 68. BCI 150-1.

Anthony Watson -1605
Bishop of Chichester. bequeathed his books mostly amongst male members of his family; he also left £100 to Christ’s College, Cambridge, for the purchase of books.
ODNB. Pearson, Bishops.

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.

Thomas Watts 1523/4-77
Archdeacon of Middlesex. Bequeathed ca.35 books to Pembroke College, Cambridge.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 120.

William Watts ca.1590-1649
Vicar of Barwick, Norfolk 1624 (ejected 1648); Rector of St Alban, Wood Street, London 1625. His goods, including 350 books, were ordered to be seized in 1643, when his books were valued at £94.

Ralph Weaver -1598
Scrivener, of Great Yarmouth. Probate inventory lists over 70 books, edited as PLRE 201. Ralph Weaver, in PLRE 8, 96-99.

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.
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John Webster 1611-1682
Physician and radical theologian.
ODNB. P. Elmer, The library of Dr John Webster (1986).

Weld family
Sir John Weld (1582?-1623); Humphrey Weld (1612-85). Of Lulworth, Dorset. Books with their armorial stamps survive.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WEL001
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WEL002

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.
ODNB. Calamy revised.

John Welles -1570
Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge; prebendary of York, and Wells. Probate inventory includes over 80 books, edited as BCI 134.
BCI 311-3.

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.

Thomas Wendy 1499/1500-1560
Royal physician, MP. Bequeathed books to Gonville & Caus College College, Cambridge.
ODNB. Sears Jayne, 113.

Sir Thomas Wendy 1613-73
Library (more than 2000 vols) given to Balliol College, Oxford in 1677.
Morgan. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WEN001

Sir Thomas Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford 1593-1641
Politician and statesman. Books with his armorial stamps survive.
ODNB. Maggs 1075 (1987)/20, with the armorial and the inscription of Wentworth’s son William, Lord Raby (1626-95); 1075 (1987)/22. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WEN003

Sir Thomas Wentworth, Bart. ca.1611-1675
Royalist soldier, of Bretton, Yorkshire. Probate inventory lists “certaine books” in the store chamber, valued at £60.

William Wentworth, 2nd Earl of Strafford 1626-1690
Son of the first Earl, restored to the title after the execution of his father. Books with his armorial stamps survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WEN004

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.
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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.
M&C.

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.
ODNB. 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
Engraver. Library sold in London, with that of “a gentleman of the Temple”, by retail sale,
15.12.1703.
ODNB. 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.
ODNB. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WHI004

Thomas White 1628-98
Bishop of Peterborough. Bequeathed ca.1300 vols to found a town library for Newark-on-Trent.
ODNB. Perkin.

William White -1678
Rector of Pusey. Bequeathed ca.600 vols to found a town library for Marlborough, Wiltshire.
ODNB. Perkin.

Robert Whitehall
Library sold at auction in Oxford, 11.3.1700.
M&C.

John Whitgift 1530?-1604
Archbishop of Canterbury. By the time of his death, his library of ca.6000 volumes was perhaps
the largest English private library of his generation. About 2000 went to Bancroft, his successor
as Archbishop (and thence to Lambeth Palace Library); the rest were widely dispersed. He also
bequeathed his mss (150 volumes) to Trinity College, Cambridge.

Robert Whittle
Chapel Clerk of Trinity College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes ca.180 books, edited as
BCI 149.
BCI 355-6.
William Whitwood
Library auctioned at Trumpington, 17.5.1686.
M&C.

Brome Whorwood 1615-1684
Of Holton House, Oxfordshire. Inventory after death reveals a library of ca.100 volumes.

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.

Robert Wild 1615/16-1679
Nonconformist minister, and poet. In his will, he bequeathed £50 to buy Bibles, to be distributed to children to win them through a dice game.
ODNB. A. Cambers, Godly reading, 2011, 182.

Henry Wilkinson 1616-90
Principal of Magdalen Hall, Oxford. Library sold at auction in London, 15.11.1694. An earlier collection of his was given to Magdalen Hall.

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.

Sir Joseph Williamson 1633-1702
Secretary of State. Bequeathed his library (ca.6000 vols) to Queen’s College, Oxford, where ms inventories survive.

Peter Williamson -1547
BA of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Probate inventory includes 55 books, edited as BCI 32.
BCI 90-91.
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.  

Francis Willoughby 1614-65  
Francis Willoughby 1635-72  
Of Wollaton Hall, Nottinghamshire; members of a long-established gentry family with a library which was continuously developed from the 14th century onwards (some of the medieval manuscripts survive and are today in Nottingham University Library). The younger Francis was a noted naturalist, and associate of John Ray; the library was reorganised and catalogued at Wollaton in the 1690s by his son, Thomas Willoughby, 1st Baron Middleton (1672-1729).  

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. http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WIL013  

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.  
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owners/WIL014  
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=020-000009938&ImageId=44574&Copyright=BL.  

Jacobs 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.  

Sir Francis Windebank 1582-1646  
Secretary of State. 425 books were seized from his London house by the London Committee for Sequestration in 1643, and sold.  

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.  

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, and the library at Felbrigg has numerous books with his signature and sometimes date of acquisition. Catherine also used an engraved armorial bookplate (Franks *148), and kept records of her own books in
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notebooks. Subsequent members of the family (Ashe, 1673-1749, William II, 1717-61, William III, 1750-1810) continued to acquire books and their inscriptions can also be found across the library.


Henry Winford 1642-1685
Of Astley, Worcestershire, barrister. Probate inventory lists books valued at £12.

Thomas Windsor, 6th Baron Windsor 1591-1641
Courtier and Read Admiral of the Navy. Numerous books with his armorial stamps survive.
http://armorial.library.utoronto.ca/stamp-owner/WIN001
http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/bookbindings/LargeImage.aspx?RecordId=0200008994&ImageId=ImageId=44102&Copyright=BL.

Sir Richard Wingfield, 2nd bart 1656?
Of Letheringham and Easton, Suffolk. A bookseller’s bill of 1654, largely plays, is edited as PLRE 279.

Dame Mary Wintour ca.1630-1697
Wife of Sir John Wintour, of Huddington, Worcestershire (1622-58). Probate inventory lists “a parcel of booke”, together with a table, a couch and a looking glass, valued together at £6 10s.

Wise d.ca.1714
Alston Inventory.

Philip Wogan d.1540
Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge, vicar of Arrington. Probate inventory includes 30 books, edited as BCI 8.
BCI 18-19.

Frances Wolfreston 1607-77
Of Statfold House, near Tamworth; noteworthy as an early English female book owner, who regularly marked her ownership.
Inscription:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/5970693542/in/photostream.

Sir John Wolstenholme 3rd bart 1649-1709
Commissioner of customs. Library sold by retail sale in London, 13.4.1709.
Alston Inventory.

Laurence Womock 1612-86
Bishop of St David’s. Library sold at auction in Cambridge, 23.5.1687.
ODNB. 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.

John Wood -1558
Graduate of Queens’ College, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists 81 books, edited as BCI 79. BCI 171-4.

Thomas Wood -1584

William Woodcraft -1589
Grocer, of Norwich. Probate inventory lists a small handful of books, including a Bible and prayer books, edited as PLRE 172. William Woodcraft, in *PLRE* 8, 17-18.

John Woodhouse ca.1627-1700
Presbyterian minister; established a nonconformist academy at Sheriffhales, Shropshire in the 1670s, where he developed a library for the use of his students.

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.
ODNB. 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?-1677
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. Morgan.

Robert Woodward 1653?-1702
Dean of Salisbury. Library sold at auction in London, 30.11.1702. M&C.

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.
Maggs 1121 (1990)/16.

Benjamin Worsley 1617/18-1677
Physician. Library auctioned in London, 13.5.1678. ODNB. M&C.
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.

Thomas Wotton 1521-1687
Of Boughton Malherbe, Kent, landowner, county administrator. Ca.150 books of his are known, many handsomely bound; his patronage of French binders, with the phrase ‘... et amicorum’ tooled on some of them have led him to be called ‘the English Grolier’.

Edward Wray ca.1627-1685
M&C.

Christopher Wren 1591-1658
Dean of Windsor; father of the architect. Some annotated books of his are described in Colie’s article.

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.
ODNB. Sears Jayne. Pearson, Provenance research. Inscription: https://www.flickr.com/photos/49849376@N06/49849376/N06/16307105571/

Richard Wrench -1675
Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge; Rector of Boldon, Durham. Gave 126 vols to StJCC ca.1640.
Sears Jayne

Michael Wright 1617-1694
Painter. Library, including prints and antiquities, sold at auction in London, 4.6.1694.
ODNB. M&C.

Robert Wright -1642

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.
ODNB. 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 Wyer -1556  
Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Probate inventory lists ca.200 books, edited as BCI 69.  
BCI 151-4.

Edward Wygan d.1545  
Of King’s Hall, Cambridge, Regius Professor of Divinity. Probate inventory includes 186 books, edited as BCI 18.  
BCI 38-42.

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.  
ODNB. 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. Inherited many books from his father and grandfather; the library of his father Sir Henry (d.1670) was valued at £1500. Used engraved armorial bookplates dated 1702 (Franks *100, *103). Listed in Edward bernard’s *Catalogi manuscriptorum*, 1697, as owning 187 manuscripts.  
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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.  

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 books” valued at £12.  
M. Cash (ed), *Devon inventories of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries*, 1966, 57, 158.

John Yotton -1512  
Dean of Lichfield. Gave ca.200 books to Michaelhouse, Cambridge during his lifetime; he also gave 100 marks to Lichfield Cathedral, for the completion of its library.  
CorpusMLC/Cambridge, 752.

Edward Young  
?Library sold at auction in London, 29.11.1708.  
M&C.

Edward la Zouche, 11th Baron Zouche 1556-1625  
Sir Edward Zouche -1634  
Diplomat. Bought the estate of Bramshill, Hampshire in 1605 where he built a new mansion, including a library. This was inherited by Sir Edward whose inventory, drawn up after his death identifies a library room in the 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.


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