Table 1: Aliens in the north recorded in the three pairs of collections of the first alien subsidy[[1]](#footnote-1)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1440 Alien subsidy (identified Scots/all aliens)** | **1440** | **1441–2** | **1443(a)** | **1443(b)** |
| Cumberland | 142/319 | 30/89 | / | / |
| Northumberland | 596/709 | 97/98 | 12/68 | / |
| Westmorland | 68/105 | 17/34 | 6/20 | 6/20 |
| York, City of | 6/83 | 1/39 | 5/40 | 5/45 |
| Yorkshire ER | 104/481 | 0/59 | 0/36 | 0/36 |
| Yorkshire NR | 90/323 | / | / | / |
| Yorkshire WR | 39/136 | / | / | / |

Table 2: The place of origin (modern state) of alien immigrants in the first alien subsidy in four northern counties.[[2]](#footnote-2)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Place of origin not given** | **Scotland[[3]](#footnote-3)** | **France** | **‘Low Countries’[[4]](#footnote-4)** | **‘Dutch’** | **Iceland** | **Norway** | **Greater Britain[[5]](#footnote-5)** | **All aliens** | **Scots as %**  **all aliens** | **Scots as % all aliens with place of origin[[6]](#footnote-6)** |
| **Cumberland** | 236 | 172 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 408 | 42% | 100% |
| **Newcastle-Upon-Tyne** | 120 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 142 | 15% | 95.5% |
| **Northumberland[[7]](#footnote-7)** | 163 | 706 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 875 | 81% | 99% |
| **Westmorland** | 62 | 91 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 159 | 57% | 94% |
| **York, City of [[8]](#footnote-8)** | 180 (149) | 17 (12) | 3 | 2 (1) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 207 (163) | 9% (7%) | 62% (57%) |
| **Yorkshire ER** | 429 | 104 | 24 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 576 | 18% | 71% |
| **Yorkshire NR** | 213 | 92 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 323 | 24.5% | 84% |
| **Yorkshire WR** | 5 | 39 | 86 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 136 | 29% | 30% |

Table 3: Immigrants in the north identified by sex and by the occupation of servant

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1440** | **Female: identified Scots** | **Female: all aliens** | **Female servants (% ALL)** | **Male: identified Scots** | **Male: all aliens** | **Male servants (% ALL)** |
| **Cumberland** | 111 | 159 | 134  (84.3) | 59 | 245 | 108  (44) |
| **Northumberland** | 193 | 265 | 79 (29.8) | 509 | 605 | 107  (17.7) |
| **Westmorland** | 48 | 65 | 49 (75.4) | 37 | 93 | 45  (48.4) |
| **York and Yorkshire** | 100 | 291 | 137 (47.1) | 155 | 931 | 278 (29.9) |
| **Total** | **452** | **780** | **399 (51.2)** | **760** | **1874** | **538 (28.7)** |
| **% all aliens** |  | **29.4%** |  |  | **70.6%** |  |
| **% all Scots** | **37.3%** |  |  | **62.7%** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **England** | 477 | 3671 | 1050 (28.6) | 833 | 22065 | 6241 (28.3) |
|  |  | **14.3%** |  |  | **85.7%** |  |

Table 4: The social status of all aliens recorded in larger northern towns relative to their counties

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **% aliens in county** | **% alien servants in county** | **% alien artisans in county** | **% alien householders in county** | **% alien non-householders in county** |
| **Hull** | 8 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| **Newcastle** | 16 | 29 | 61 | 29 | 13 |
| **York** | 17 | 10 | 21 | 25 | 12 |

Table 5: City of York. Possible nominal record linkages between the records of the first alien subsidy and the Freemen’s Register

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Name**  **\*= householder** | **Alien subsidy (York)** | **York Freemen’s Register** | |
| 1 | Began, Bygan, John\* | 1440, 1441, 1443 | 1426-27 | Bekan, skinner |
| 2 | Bissett, Bissit, John\* | 1440, 1441 | 1441-42 | Bisset, questor |
| 3 | Bowes, Nicholas\* | 1441 | 1428-29 | Bowes, weaver |
| 4 | Broun, Broune John\* grinder | 1440, 1443 | 1429-30 | Broun, cooper |
|  |  |  | 1436-37 | Broune, butcher |
|  |  |  | 1442-43 | Broun, fishmonger |
|  |  |  | 1451-52 | Broun, baker |
| 5 | Deane, Richard\* | 1440 | 1430-31 | Dene, skinner |
| 6 | Elez, John, servant | 1440 | 1429-30 | Elys, merchant son of John Elys, merchant |
|  |  |  | 1433-34 | Elys, grinder |
|  |  |  | 1441-42 | Eles, miller |
| 7 | Elles, Elys, Nicholas\* | 1440, 1441 | 1437-38 | Thomas Elys, clerk, son of Nicholas Elys, porter. |
| 8 | Fynner, John\* | 1443 | 1444-45 | Fynour, refiner of metal |
| 9 | Gores, Walter\* | 1443 | 1441-42 | Gorras, goldsmith |
| 10 | Honeman, Melchior, servant | 1440 | 1439-40 | Honeman, Melchior, merchant |
| 11 | Horn, Herman\* | 1443 | 1431-32 | Horn, goldsmith |
| 12 | Hubberd, John, servant | 1443 | 1440-41 | Hubberd, chapman |
|  |  |  | 1445-46 | Hubberd, butcher (owes 10s.) |
| 13 | Jonson, Diryk\*, goldsmith | 1440 | 1425-25 | Johnson, goldsmith |
| 14 | Johnson, William\* | 1440, 1443 | 1427-28 | Jonson, of Acaster Malbis |
|  |  |  | 1429-30 | Jonson, tailor |
|  |  |  | 1429-30 | Jonson, blade smith |
|  |  |  | 1433-34 | Jonson, butcher |
|  |  |  | 1450-51 | Johnson, water carrier |
| 15 | Man, Gilbert del\* | 1440 | 1432-33 | del Man, cordwainer |
| 16 | Man, John del, porter\* | 1440 | 1437-38 | Joan del Man, daughter of John del Man, merchant. |
| 17 | Marshall, Marsshall, Maresshall, John\*, cook | 1440, 1441, 1443 | 1433-34 | Marsshall, smith |
|  |  |  | 1437-38 | Marsshall, plasterer, son of John Marsshall |
|  |  |  | 1438-39 | Marsshall, draper |
|  |  |  | 1442-43 | Marsshall, smith |
|  |  |  | 1443-44 | William Marsshall, chaplain, son of John Marsshall |
|  |  |  | 1445-6 | Marsshall, mercer |
|  |  |  | 1446-47 | Marsshall, skinner |
|  |  |  | 1453-54 | Marsshall, porter |
|  |  |  | *1455-56* | *Marsshall, merchant, city chamberlain* |
| 18 | Middilburgh, Nicholas,\* | 1440, 1441 | 1427-28 | Midilburgh, chandler and sauce maker, son of Nicholas Midilburgh. |
| 19 | More, John\* | 1440 | 1427-28 | de la More, squire |
|  |  |  | 1434-35 | More, cordwainer |
|  |  |  | 1442-43 | More, skinner |
|  |  |  | 1452-53 | More, fishmonger |
| 20 | Peterson, Jacobus\* | 1441 | 1438-39 | Peterson, hosier |
| 21 | Porter, John, servant | 1440 | 1438-39 | Porter, cordwainer |
|  |  |  | 1445-46 | Porter, of Donham |
|  |  |  | 1451-52 | John Porter, cutler, son of William Porter, cutler |
|  |  |  | 1454-55 | Porter, mason |
|  |  |  | 1455-56 | Porter, merchant |
| 22 | Pounses, John\* | 1443 | 1442-43 | Pounseis, haberdasher |
| 23 | Ricardson, Richardson, John\* | 1440, 1441 | 1427-28 | Richardson, baker |
|  |  |  | 1438-39 | John Richardson, mercer, son of Richard Johnson, coucher |
|  |  |  | 1440-41 | Richardson, miller |
|  |  |  | 1451-52 | Richardson, paten maker |
|  |  |  | 1453-54 | Richardson, fishmonger |
| 24 | Rodes, Roodes, John\*, goldsmith | 1440, 1441, 1443 | 1423-24 | Rodes, tailor |
|  |  |  | 1424-25 | Rodes, fishmonger |
|  |  |  | 1453-54 | Rodes, tailor (owes 10s.) |
|  |  |  | 1443-44 | Roodez, hardware man |
| 25 | Saunder, John | 1440 | 1426-27 | Saunder, buckle maker |
| 26 | Thomson, Richard\* | 1440, 1441 | 1441-42 | Thomson, porter |
|  |  |  | 1450-51 | Thomson, cordwainer |
| 27 | Vanarscott, John\* | 1443 | 1439-40 | van Arscot, goldsmith |
| 28 | Yonge, John\* | 1443 | 1435-36 | Yong, of Heslington, husbandman |
|  |  |  | 1439-40 | Yonge, tinker |
|  |  |  | 1449-50 | Yong, clerk |
| 29 | Yonge, Rowland\* | 1440, 1441, 1443 | 1429-30 | Yong, potter |

Methodology: All names from the first alien subsidy for York 1440–3 were checked against all entries dated 1425–55 (fifteen years before and after 1440) in the York register of freemen. Only matches of both first and second names are included. Variations in the spelling of surnames are shown. In all cases true nominal record linkage is uncertain: no freemen are ever identified as aliens, and many first names and surnames are relatively common.

Table 6: Naturalization of Scots in York from 1419

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Name** | **Occupation** | **Alien Subsidy 1440**–**3** |
| 1420 | Alanson, Lawrence |  |  |
| 1419 | Andrewson, John | ?sauce maker |  |
| 1421 | Andrewson, William, of Edinburgh |  |  |
| 1427 | Bell, William\* |  |  |
| 1418 | Blount, Thomas\* |  |  |
| 1390 | Chyvyngton, William of\* |  |  |
| 1405 | Darrawell, Thomas |  |  |
| 1419 | Dykson, Katherine |  |  |
| 1401 | Eddenham, John of |  |  |
| 1419 | Erthe, Jacobus of | ?galegemaker |  |
| 1419 | Forester, Margery |  |  |
| 1425 | Furth, Nicholas of |  |  |
| 1415 | Fynlawson, John |  |  |
| 1418 | Halywell, John of\* |  |  |
| 1418 | Henrydoghter, Margery | ?tailor |  |
| 1418 | Henryson, William\* |  |  |
| 1405 | Johanneson, William |  | Johnson, William |
| 1414 | Johanson, Robert\*[[9]](#footnote-9) |  |  |
| 1422 | Jonson, Alisander | ?sauce maker |  |
| 1419 | Jonson, Archibald |  |  |
| 1419 | Jonson, William | ?cordwainer |  |
| 1418 | Kede, John\* | baker |  |
| 1419 | Lyndesay, Stephen | baker |  |
| 1419 | Marsshall, John | cook | Marsshall, John |
| 1419 | Martyn, John | ?goldsmith |  |
| 1419 | Neuton, John of\* |  |  |
| 1419 | Robertson, William | priest |  |
| 1414 | Smyth, Henry\* |  |  |
| 1424 | Stragryfe, Thomas of | ?weaver |  |
| 1422 | Thomson, Jacobus |  |  |
| 1419 | Thornour, Margaret\* |  |  |
| 1419 | Watson, John | goldsmith |  |
| 1422 | Williamson, John |  |  |
| 1420 | Wylby, John, of Meneros |  |  |
| 1422 | Wyseman, - |  |  |

Source: *York Memorandum Book, 1*, ed. Sellers, 120; *2*, ed. M. Sellers, 114–20, 122. The list contains some repetitions, not included here. All pledged before the court of the mayor, except those marked with \* who were sworn elsewhere and bore letters to that effect. Occupations as indicated, those marked ?, are the occupations of the pledges.

1. The number of surviving assessments varies from county to county. In 1440 the first pair and in 1441–2 the second pair of assessments were recorded together in single documents for each pair, but there were separate assessments drawn up for the fifth and sixth payments in 1443. There was some duplication between the fifth and sixth assessments. For example out of a combined total of 85 names listed for the city of York in 1443 there were approximately 67 unique entries (damage to the records prevents 100% accuracy). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. EIDB. There are no returns for the city of Hull in this subsidy. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This includes both those whom the assessors recorded as being from Scotland (three) and those whom the EIDB research team have identified as being from Scotland, for example because their surname was Scot (14). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The Netherlands and Belgium. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Ireland, Isle of Man. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Rounded to half a decimal place. It is not known whether the probability of identifying Scots is the same as the probability of identifying other aliens’ place of origin. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Based on all three assessments and collections from of the first alien subsidy of 1440–3. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. City of York figures adjusted, in brackets, to remove duplicated individuals. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Robert Johanson later produced letters to the effect that he was an Englishman, born in Neuton in Glendale in the county of Northumberland. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)