

SUMMARY: The document below consists of entries providing evidence of Rocco Bonetti's residence in the parish of St Martin's, Ludgate, in 1581 and 1582, and in the Blackfriars in 1587, and the date and place of his death. Bonetti is alluded to in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* as 'the very butcher of a silk button'.

The entries state that on 24 June 1581 Bonetti was resident in the parish of St Martin's at Ludgate, and was noted as not attending church; that on 1 August 1582 he was assessed in the same parish for the subsidy, by affidavit, at £6 12s; and that on 14 July 1587 he was assessed in the Blackfriars at £6 12s, but was recorded as having died in the Hospital.

The entries are taken from Kirk, R.E.G. and Ernest F. Kirk, eds., *Returns of Aliens Dwelling in the City and Suburbs of London from the Reign of Henry VIII to That of James I*, (Aberdeen: Aberdeen University Press, 1900-1907), Vol. 2, pp. 222, 252, 404.

[P. 222 (from Lansdowne MS. 33, No. 59, ff. 140-144), under the heading 'Names of Strangers that goe not to church, 24 Junij, [1581]

St Martyns att Ludgate
Rocco Bonetto, estr'

[P. 252 (from Lay Subsidies, Additional, 251/16), under the heading 'Indentures, 1 August, 24 Eliz. (1582), of the second payment of the Subsidy granted 16 January, 23 Eliz. (1581)']

St Martens Parishe within Ludgate
Straungers
**Rocko Bonetto vj li xij s [Per affid' in margin]*

[P. 404 (from Lay Subsidies, London, 146/276), under the heading 'Certificate, 14 July, 29 Eliz. 1587, similar to the preceding, for the Ward of Farringdon *Infra*']

Blackfryers
Straungers
Rocko Bonetto vj li xij s dead in Thospitall