

The Deposition of Ann Putnam the wife of Thomas Putnam aged
about 30 years who testified and saith that on the 18th march 1692
I being wearied out in helping to tend my poor afflicted Child
and maid: about the middle of the after-noon I lay me down on
the bed to take a little rest: and immediately I was almost prest and
choaked to death: that had it not been for the mercy of a gracious God
and the help of those that were with me: I could not have lived many
moments: and presently I saw the Apparition of Martha Cory who did
torment me so as I cannot express ready to take me all to peaces and I
departed from ~~her~~ me a little while: but before I could recover strength
of well take breath the Apparition of Martha Cory fell upon me again
with dreadful torments and hellish temptations to goe along with him
and she also brought to me a little red book in his hand and a black
pen urging me vehemently to writ in his book: and severall times
that day she did most grievously torment me almost ready to kill me
and on the 19th march: Martha Cory againe appeared to me and also
Rebekah ^{nuss} the wife of frances nuss sen: and they both did torment me
agrate many times this day with such torments as no tongue can ex-
press because I would not yeald to their hellish temptations that
had I not been upheld by an Almighty Arme I could not have
lived while night: 20th march being sabbath day I had agrate deal of
respite: between my fits: 21st march being the day of the examination
of Martha Cory: I had not many fits tho I was very weak my
strength being as I thought almost gone: but on the 22nd march 1692
the Apparition of Rebekah nuss did againe sett upon in a most
dreadfull maner very early in the morning as soon as it was well light
and now she appeared to me only in his shift ~~and night cap~~ and brought
a little red book in his hand urging me vehemently to writ in his book
and because I would not yeald to his hellish temptations she threatened
to take my soule out of my body: blasphemously denying the blessed
God and the power of the Lord Jesus Christ to save my soule and
denying severall places of scripture which told him of: to resist
his hellish temptations and for near two hours together at this time the
Apparition of Rebekah nuss did tempt and torment me before she
left me as if indeed she would have killed me: and also the greater part
of this day with out very little respite: 23rd march: I am againe afflic-
ted by the Apparitions of Rebekah nuss: and Martha Cory: but chiefly
by Rebekah nuss: 24th march being the day of the examination of
Rebekah nuss: I was severall times afflicted in the morning by the
Apparition of Rebekah nuss: but most dreadfully tormented by him
in the time of his examination: in so much that the Honoured
Magistrates gave my Husband leave to carry me out of the meeting
house: and as soon as I was carryed out of the meeting house does it
pleased Almighty God for his free grace and mercy sake to deliver
me out of the paws of those roaring lions: and jaws of those tearing Beasts
that ever since that time they have not had power so to afflict me

Copy of the Deposition of Ann Putnam

until the 31. May 1692. at the same moment that I was hearing my
evidence read by the honoured Magistrate to take my Oath I was again
re-affaulted & tortured by my before mentioned Tormentor Rebekah Nurse

Sworne Salome Bellage May the 31st

Ann Putnam sworn

1692

Before us John Hathorne
Jonathan Corwin

appeared before us the Jurors of
Inquest: and on this her evidence
this 3rd of June: 1692

The testimony of Ann Putnam jurd witnesseth & saith that being in the
Room when her mother was afflicted she saw Martha Kory Sarah Clegg
& Rebekah Nurse in their apparition upon her mother

Testified to & truth thereof
by Ann Putnam Salome
May. 31st 1692

Before us John Hathorne
Jonathan Corwin

Ann Putnam ag^t Kory
and Nurse