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ORIGINS OF THE
SALEM WITCH
TRIALS



Alice Parker

Examination

[May 12, 1692.]

The Examination of Alice Parker 12 May. 1692.

Q Mary Warren Charges you with Several acts off witchcraft; what Say you to it Guilty or not Guilty: A. I am not Guilty. You told her this day you cast away Thomas Westgate -- A. I know nothing of it -- You told her John Laptho[rn] was lost in [lost] A. I never spoke a word to her in my Life. You told her also you bewitched her sister, because her father would not mow your grass. I never saw her -- Warren desiring to go to strike her, was permitted, but Could not Come near so much as to touch her, but fel backward immediately into a dreadful fitt. Margaret Jacobs Charged her also to her face with seeing her in the North feild on fryday night last about #[nine a Clock] an hour within Night in apparition -- Marshal Herrick also affirmed to her face that she told him this day after he had apprehended her and was bringing her to Examination, that there were threscore Witches of the Company, which he denyed not, But said she did not Remember, how many she said there was. But John Loader being by attested the same the Marshal had before. Mary Warren was grievously afflicted dureing the whole time of her Examination. But being asked who told her there were threscore Witches, she answered she Could not tell. Mary Warren affirmd that Her Father having promised to mow the grass for her if he had time, which he not doing she came to the house, and told him he had better he had done it, presently after that Her Sister fell ill and shortly after Her Mother was taken ill, and dyed. Mary Warren affirms that when Alice Parker brought the Poppet to her, she said if she would not Run the needle in, she would Run itt, into her heart. Mary Warren affirmd it to her face, but upon the Glance of Parkers Ey she immediately struck her down into a fitt. being Examined upon these things, she wished God would open the Earth and Swallow her up presently, if one word of this was true and make her an Example to Others -- Tho att the same times she practised her Witchcrafts before upon the Body of Mary Warren, dreadfully tormenting her. Moreover Warren affirmed that she told her this day that she was att the Bloody Sacrament in mr Parris's Pasture, and that they were about thirty of them. Mary Warren also affirms that she told her this day also that she Ran after John Loader in the Common. Mary Warren affirms that the Spectrum came direct from her Body and afflicted her dureing the whole time off her Examination. Mr Noise in Time of Examination affirmed to her face, that he being with her in a Time of sicknes, discoursing with about her witchcrafts whether she were not Guilty, she answered If she was as free from Other sins as from Witchcrafts she would not ask the Lord mercy. Mary. Warren being taken with a dreadful fit at the same time, w'rby her tongue hung out of her mouth until it was black, Parker being present

said warrens tongue would be blacker befor she dyed. Parker being asked why she did thus afflict and torm't her, answered If I do, the Lord forgive mee --

(Witchcraft Papers, No. 31. Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA.)

The Examination of Alice Parker 12 May 1692.

Q. Mary Warren charges you with several acts of witchcraft what say you to it Guilty or not Guilty? A. I am not Guilty. You told her this day you cast away the
 = may ~~Witch~~ etc - ~~As I have no~~ - You told her John Lapthorn was left
 in ~~the~~ ~~house~~ ~~because~~ ~~his~~ ~~father~~ ~~would~~ ~~not~~ ~~move~~ ~~your~~ ~~grass~~. You told her after you
 witched her sister because her father would not move your grass. I was for
 her - women desiring to go to strike her was permitted, but could not come was
 do much as to touch her, but got backward immediately into a dreadful fit Margaret
 Jacobs charged her also to her face with seeing her in the North field on Friday night last
 about midnight an hour wild in night in apparition - Marshall Glenick also affirmed to
 by face that she told him this day, after he had apprehended her and was bringing her to
 examination, that there were therefore Witches of the Company, which he denies not but
 said she did not remember how many she saw there way. But John Loader being by
 attested the same the Marshal had before. Mary Warren was grievously afflicted during
 the whole time of her examination. But being asked who told her these who therefore
 Witches, she answered she could not tell. Mary Warren affirms that her father having
 promised to move the grass for her if he had time, which he not doing she came to the
 house, and told him she had gotten he had done it presently after that her sister fell ill
 and shortly after her Mother was taken ill and died. Mary Warren affirms that when
 Alice Parker brought the Popper to her she said if she would not run the wood in, she
 would run it into her heart. Mary Warren affirmed it to her face, but upon your
 Parkway she immediately smote her down into a fit. Being examined upon these things,
 she wiped her wound open the earth and I swallow her up presently if one word of this was told
 and made her an example to others - The all of same time she professed her Witchcraft
 before us on your Parkway of Mary Warren, downfully committing her. Moreover Warren affirmed that
 she told her this day that she was at the bloody Sacrament in Mr Parson's Church, and that
 they were about thirty of them. Mary Warren also affirms that she told her this day also that she
 ran after John Loader in the Common. Mary Warren affirms that the Specter came direct from
 her Parkway and afflicted her during the whole time of her examination. All noise in time of
 examination affirmed to her face, that he being with her in a time of sickness, discoursing with about
 her witchcraft whether she were not Guilty, she answered if she was as free from other lies as from
 witchcraft she would not cast the sword away. Mary Warren being taken with a dreadful fit
 at the same time, why her tongue hung out of her mouth until it was black, Parker being
 present for woman's tongue would be black before she died. Parker being asked why she did this afflict
 and torment her, answered if God, she had forgiven me -

Jasper W. Collier

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Miss Parsons Exam

Indictment No. 1 for Afflicting Mary Walcot

[+ September 7, 1692.]

Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay New England ss/ Anno RR's & Reginae Gulielmi & Mariae &c Quarto, Annoq'e Domini 1692/

ss/

The Jurors for our Sov'r Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present That Alice Parker wife of John Parker of Salem in the County Essex Fisherman #[In the County of Essex] the Sixth day of September #[in the yeare afore s'd]

In the yeare aforesaid and divers other days and times as well before as after Certaine detestable arts called Witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiouslylynd feloniously hath used practised and Exercised At and in the Towne of Salem in the County of Essex -- aforesaid in upon and against one Mary Walcot -- of Salem Village in-the-County -- aforesaid Single-Woman -- by which said Wicked acts the said Mary Walcott the day & Yeare aforesaid and divers other days & Times both before and after was and is Tortured afflicted Consumed Pined Wasted & Tormented and also for sundry other acts of Witchcraft by the said Allice Parker Committed and done before and since that time against the peace of our Sov'r Lord and Lady the King and Queen their Crowne and Dignity and the form of the Stattute in that case made and Provided

Witnesses

Ann Putman

Mary Warren

Eliz: Hubard

(Reverse) Alice Parker

Mary Walcott

(Witchcraft Papers No. 33. Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA.)

Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Anno Domini 1692.

And know for our Son Lord and Lady the King and Queen do present that Allid Parkde Wife of John Parkde of Salem

In the County of Essex aforesaid fisherman, the ^{sixt} ~~twelfth~~ day of ~~October~~ September

the year aforesaid and divers other days and times as well before for certain detestable acts called Witchcraft and Sorceries wickedly maliciously & maliciously hath used practised & exercised and in the Towne of Salem aforesaid aforesaid in upon & against one Mary Warren of Salem aforesaid Single Woman

by which said wicked acts the said Mary Warren of Day Head aforesaid and divers other days & times both before and after was and is tortured afflicted consumed Wasted Dried and Tormented, and also for sundry acts of Witchcraft by the said Allid Parkde committed and done before and since that time against the peace of our Son Lord and Lady the King and Queen their robes and dignity and the fame of the Statute ^{in that case} made and provided

Witness

1692

Allice Parker Mary Harris

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Testimony of Martha Dutch

[September 7, 1692.]

The Testimony of Martha Dutch aged about 36 years This Deponent Testifieth and saith that about 2 yeers Last past Jno Jarman of Salem Coming in from sea I This deponant & Alice parker of Salem Both of us standing Together said unto her w't a great mercy itt was for to see Them Come home well and Through mercy I said my husband had gone & Came home well many Times & I This deponant did saye unto the s'd parker that I did hope he would Come whome This voyage well allso & the s'd parker made answer unto me & said no Never more in This world the w'ch Came to pass as she then told me for he died abroad as I sertinly heare

Jurat in Curia Sep'r 7. 92.

attest *Step. Sewall Cle

(Reverse) Martha Dutch Depo against John Jarman

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 2, No. 93, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

I hae testimony of matthia Butch aged
about 26 years I his deponant Certs father
and saith yt about 2 years last past he
for man of Salem coming in from sea
of this deponant of thea parker of Salem
both of us standing together said into
her wth a great mercy itt was for to see
them come home well and through
mercy of said my husband had gone of some
heer well many times of the deponant
did say into the said parker yt I did hope
he would come whome this voyage well
also of the said parker made answer into
me of said no never more in this world
yeach come to pass as she yn told me
for he died abroad as I hartinly knowe

Jurat in curia Sep 7 92.
attest Wm. Sewall Clk

Martha Litch Cop.
19 June 1888

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Depositions

(Depositions of Sarah Bibber Mary Walcott, Elizabeth Hubbard, Ann Putnam Putnam Jr., & Mary Warren v. Alice Parker, and Statement of Abigail Hobbs v. Alice Parker)

[September 7, 1692.]

Sarah Vibber: upon oath: affirmeth: to the #[grand] Jury of inquest: that she hath seen Alice Parker: afflict: Mary Warin Mary Walcot: & An Putnam: & that s'd Parker did choke s'd Warin the last night & griped her: abo't the waste: Septem'r 7: 1692 & that she hath afflicted this deponent Jurat in Curia

Mary Walcot: upon oath: affirmeth: to the Jury of inquest: that she hath: seen: Alice Parker: afflict: Mary Warin: Eliz Hubbard Mercy Lewis: & An Putnum perticularly: the last night: by choaking of them & squeezing of them Septem'r 7: 1692 & that she afflicted this deponent Jurat in Curia

Eliz Hubard: on oath affirmd to the Jury of inquest: that Alice Parker: hath once afflicted her: & that was last night; Sept'r 7: 1692 An Putnum: upon oath: affirmd: to the Jury of Inquest: that she hath seen: Alice Parker afflict: Mary: Warin: Mary Walcot: goodwife Vibber & Sara Churchell by Choking: of them & squeezing. Mary Warin; this they did the last night in the Court: Septem'r 7: 16:92

An Putnum: upon oath: affirmed: to ye Jury of Inquest: that she hath seen: Alice Parker afflict: Mary: Warin: Mary Walcot: goodwife Vibber: & Sara Churchell by choking: of them & squeezing. Mary Warin: this they did ye last night in ye Court:

Septem 7: 16:92

Mary: Warin : upon oath: affirms to the Jury of Inquest: that: she hath seen Alice Parker afflict: Mary Walcot: Eliz Hubbard An Putnam: & goodwife Vibber the last night: by choking: them & squeezing them: s'd Parker: has afflicted me: has brought me the book: to siign to she brought: me a poppit: & a needle: & thretned: to stab: me if I would not stick the needle into the Poppit: & she did run: the needle a little way into me: s'd Parker s'd she was a caus: of the death of Tho Wastgate: and crew: that was foundred in the sea: she was also a caus: of the death of goodwife ormes her son: that was drown'd before: there dore: and was a caus of the death of Jno Serles his -- boy: she was the caus also of: Michael Chapmans: Death in Boston harbour: she also told me she: bewiched my mother & was a caus of her death: also that: she bewiched my sister: Eliz: that is both deaf & dumb: September: 7. 92 Jurat in Curia

Abigail: Hobbs: affirms: she has seen: Alice Parker: afflict: Mary: Warin: when s'd Warin was at
prison. Also: I have seen her: afflict: An Putman: by Choking: of them: Septem'r 7: 1692: before
the Jury of Inquest

(Reverse) Several Afflicted p'rsons
Eviences

(Witchcraft Papers, No. 34. Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA.)

Sarah Vibber upon oath affirmed to y^e Jurys of Inquest. that she hath seen
stie Parker: afflit Mary^{Warin} Walcot & An Putnam: & that stie Parker
did choke stie Warin y^e last night & griped her in a waste. Septem^r 7. 1692

Q^d y^e stie Parker afflicted this deponent *Jurat in Curia*

Mary Walcot upon oath affirmed to y^e Jurys of Inquest: that she hath seen stie
Parker: afflit Mary Warin: Eliz Hubbard: Mercy Lewis: An Putnam: perhender
ly: y^e last night: by Choking of them & squeezing of them Septem^r 7. 1692

Q^d y^e stie afflicted this deponent *Jurat in Curia*

Eliz Hubbard on oath affirms to y^e Jurys of Inquest. that stie Parker: hath once
afflit her: & that was last night: Sept^r 7. 1692

An Putnam: upon oath: affirmed: to y^e Jurys of Inquest that she hath seen stie
Parker afflit Mary: Warin: Mary Walcot: goodwife Vibber: & Sara Churchell
by Choking: of them & squeezing: Mary Warin: this they did y^e last night in y^e
Court: Septem^r: 7. 1692

affirms

Mary Warin upon oath ~~to~~ to y^e Jurys of Inquest: that: she hath seen stie Parker
afflit Mary Walcot: Eliz Hubbard An Putnam: & goodwife Vibber: ^{y^e last night} by Choking them
& squeezing them: stie Parker: has afflit me: has brought maye back to sign to
she brought me a poppit: & a needle: & thred: to stab me if I would not shite
y^e needle into y^e poppit: & she did run y^e needle a litle way into me: stie Parker
stie was a caus: of y^e death of Tho Waggate: and crew: y^e was foundred in
y^e sea: she was also a caus: of y^e death of goodwife Ormes her son: y^e was rownd
by y^e there done: and was a caus: of y^e death of J^r Jerke his barbadian boy
she was y^e caus also of Michael Chapman: ^{death} in Boston harbour: she also told me
she bewitched my mother: & was a caus of her death: also that: she bewitched my
sister: Eliz: y^e is both deaf: & dumb: Septem^r: 7. 1692 *Jurat in Curia*

Abigail: Habs: affirms: she has seen stie Parker: afflit Mary: Warin: when stie Warin
was at prison: also: I have seen her: afflit An Putnam: by Choking: of them:
Septem^r: 7. 1692: before y^e Jurys of Inquest

Journal of the
Evidences

Depositions

(Deposition of Thomas Putnam & William Murray v. Alice Parker)

[+ September 7, 1692]:

the deposition of Tho: putnam aged 40: years and william murry aged 36: year. who: testifieth and saith: that several of the afflicted: perzens were as mary walcott and mary warren and seuerall other and were much afflicted on the: 6th Septr. 1692 dureing the time of the Examination of Elce parker: and we obsarved that upon the glance of hir Eies they were strucken down: and upon hir laying hir hand on them they were Recovered and we beleave that Elce parker the prisoner att the barr has often hurt the said persons by acts of witchcraf

Jurat in Curia Thomas putnam

Wm Murray

(Reverse:) Tho: putnam &

Wm Murray

Elsi Parker

(Essex County Court Achives, Salem -- Witchcraft, vol. 2, No. 97, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

the deposition of Tho: putnam aged 40: years and wilson murray aged
 30: years. who: testified and saith: that several of the affected
 persons ~~were~~ as mary walcutt and murray wasser and several other
~~all~~ were much affected on the: 6th Sept: 1692 during the time
 of the examination of Elce parker: and we observed that upon
 the glancing of his eyes they were stupified down: and upon his lay-
 -ing his hand on them they were recovered and we believe that
 Elce parker the prisoner at the bar: has often cured the
 said persons by acts of witchcraft

Jurat in Curia

Thomas putnam
 Wm Murray

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Thos. Putnam & Co
Wm Murray
Esq. Partner

Depositions

(Deposition of John Westgate v. Alice Parker)

[June 2, 1692]

Jno Wesgate aged about forty years This deponant Testifyeth thatt about Eight years since he being att the house of mr Sam'll Beadle In the company of Jno Parker and severall others, the wife of said Jno Parker came into the company and scolded att and called her husband all to nought whereupon I the said deponent tooke her husbands part telling of her itt was an unbeseeing thing for her to come after him to the taverne and raile after thatt rate w'th thatt she came up to me and called me rogue and bid me mind my owne busines and told me I had better have said nothing Sometimes afterwards I the s'd deponent going from the house of mr Dan'll King, w'n I came over against Jno Robinsons house I heard a great noyce coming from towards mr Babage his house then there appeared a black hogge running towards me w'th open mouth as though he would have devoured me att thatt Instant time I the said. deponent fell downe upon my hipp and my knife runn into my hipp up to the haft w'n I came home my knife was in my sheath w'n I drew itt out of the sheath then imediatly the sheath fell all to peaces, and further this deponant testifieth thatt after he gott up from his fall his stockin and shue was full of blood and thatt he was forc't to craule along by the fence all the way home and the hogg followed him and never left him tell he came. home, and haveing astout dog then with mee, the dog run then away from him Leapeing over the fence and Cryeing much which at other tymes used to Wory any hog well or Sufficiently,

(Reverse) which hog I then apprehended was Either the Divell or some Evill thing not a Reall hog, and did then Really Judge or determine in my mind that it was Either Goody parker or by her meenes, and procureing fearing that she is a Witch,

Sworne Salem June 2'd 1692

Before *John Hathorne Assis't

Jno Wastgate declared the above written & what is written on the other side of this paper to be a true evidence before the Jury of Inquest upon the oath he hath taken: Septem'r 7: 1692

Jurat in Curia

John Westgateag't

#[Mary] Parker Alice

[several illegible words]

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 2, No. 66)

In^{de} Wescote aged about forty years This Deposition
Testifieth thatt about eight yeeres since he being
att the house of m^r Sam^l Riddle In the company of
m^r Parker and severall others, the wife of said m^r
Parker came into the company and scolded att and
called her husband all to naught, whereupon I the
said deponent, tooke her husband part, telling of her
ill way and unbecoming thing for her to come after
him, to the tavern and raile after thatt rate with
thatt she came up to me and called me rogue and bid
me mind my owne business and told me I had better
have said nothing sometimes afterwards I the said deponent
going from the house of m^r ^{Sam^l Riddle} ~~Wescote~~ ^{came} over against m^r Robertsons house I heard a great
noyse coming from towards m^r Babages house then
there appeared a black hogg running toward me with open
mouth as though he would have devoured me att thatt
Instant time I the said deponent, fell downe upon my kisse
and my knife run into my kisse up to the hilt, when I
came home my knife was in my ^{throat} ~~throat~~ ^{with} I drew it
out of the sheath and then immediatly the sheath fell
all to peeces and further this Deposition Testifieth
thatt after he gott up from his fall his stockin and shoe
was full of blood and thatt he was fowle to craule
along by the fence all the way home and the hogg
followed him att the way home and never lost him
till he came home, and having my stout dog then
with mee the dog run then away from mee leaping
over y^e fence and by my much, which at other times
used to doo any hog well or sufficiently

which hog I then apprehended, was either Justice
or some other thing, not a Real hog, and did then
Really Judge or determine in my mind that it
was either Goody part or, or by her ^{procurement} means, ~~that~~
she is a Witch;

I was then taken before
before John Lawrence

and then I was taken before
before John Lawrence

John Lawrence

John Lawrence

John Lawrence

Testimony of John Bullock

(Testimony of John Bullock v. Alice Parker)

[+ September 7, 1692.]

Jno Bullock aged 36 years testifieth that aboute the middle of January last past one of my neighbors told me that mrs park'r did lay upon the durt & Snow if I did not take care of her that she would perish where upon I did desire Some men that were in mye hous to goe & help her: & when they Came to her that they would not meddle because they thought she was ded there being a neighbor by said she saw her before in such kind of fits: then I perswaded one man bye; to take her upon his Shoulders & Carrye her home but in a little way going he let her fall upon a place of Stones: w'ch did not awake her w'ch Caused me to thinke she was really dead after that wee Carryed her into her hous & Caused her Cloaths to be taken of & while we were taking of her Cloaths to put her into bed She rises up & laughs in o'r faces. Martha Dutch aged abo't 36 years: testifyeth: to the A bove written and farthar saith that I have sene said parker in such a Condition severall othar tims

Jurat in Curia Sep'r 7: 92. *S Sewall Cle

(Reverse) John Bullock depo

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 2, no. 67, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

In^o Budock aged 36 years testified y^t aboute y^e middle ^{of} ⁽⁶⁷⁾
of January last past one of my neighb^rs told me, y^t in y^e night
did lay upon y^e dirt & snow if I did not take care of her
y^e the would perill where upon I did desire som men y^e
were in mye house to goe & help her: & when they came to her
they would not meddle because they thought she was dead
there being a neighb^r by said she saw her before in such kin
of fits: then I p^rswaded one man bye, to take her upon
his shoulders & carrye her home but when he was
going he let her fall upon a place of stones: w^{ch} did
not awake her w^{ch} caused me to thinke she was really
dead after I wee carryed her into her house & caused
her cloathes to be taken of & while wee ^{were} taking of her
cloathes to put her into bed she rises up & laughs in
or faces. Martha Dutik aged abt 36 years testified y^t above written
and further saith that I have seen said ^{part} in my ^{own} ^{condition}
saw all other times Just in ^{Carra} Sept 7. 92.

- J. Sewall

Testimony of Samuel Shattuck

[+ September 7, 1692]

Samll Shattock aged 41 years testifieth that in the year 1685: Goodwife ? Parker wife to Jno Parker Mariner Came to my hous: & went into the room where my wife & Children were & fauned upon my wife wth very Smooth words in a Short tyme after that Child wch was Supposed to haue bin vnder an ill hand for Seuerall years before: was taken in a Strange & unuceall maner as if his vitalls would have broak out his breast boane drawn upto gather to the uper part of his brest his neck & Eys drawne Soe much aside as if they would never Come to right againe he lay in So Strange a maner that the Docter & others did beleive he was bewitched Soom daysafter Som of the vissiters Cut Som of his hair of to boyle wch they Saide altho they did wth great tendernes ye Child would Shreek out as if he had bin tormented: they put his hair in a Skillet over a fier: wch Stood plaine on the hearth and as Son as they were gon out of the room it was throwne downe & i came immediatly into the room & Could See no Creature in the room they put it on againe & after it had boyled Som tyme the above Said Goodwife Parker Came in & asked if i would buye Soom Chickeens I told her no: the women that were above in the Chamber Said to me it is pittty you did not ask to See her chickens for they did beleiue she had none to Sell: and aduised me to Send to her hous to buy Som wch i did & the messenger brought me word that She told him She had none & that the woman that lived in the Same hous told him that the Said Parker had not had any in three weeks before: Soom days after She wth her husband & two men moor Came to mye hous & to answer their request i went to them: She asked me if i Saide She had bewitched mye Child I told her I did belive She had: She Said to me yow are a wicked man: the lord avenge me of you the lord bring vengance upon you for y r this wrong: one of the men asked her what made you Com to this hous last Saturday She Saide to Sell Chicken: why did not yow let him have them when he Sent for them Said he: She Said becaus She had Sold them he asked to whome She Saide to Such a one: wee Sent presently to the party: & the answer was brought us that he never bought any of h e [Lost] [= her] well you See Saide they you have told us that wch is not true what did yow wth them She was at a Stand but at last Said her Son Carryed them to Sea wth him: her husband told her that was not true for her Son went to Sea last fryday: & if hed had Carryed them to Sea She Could not brough them here the Saturday following She could not give any true account what She did w't them: but went into the room where the Child was & told my wife that She was a wicked woman for Saying Soe of her: & told my wife in these words I hope I Shall See the downfall of you my wife told me and Soe went away in a great anger: & this is all true & reall to the uttermost of my remembrance & after this threatning or Euill

Jurat in Curia

(Reverse) Euill wishing the Child has Continued in a very Sad Condition
fowllow[ed] w'th very Solem fits w'ch hath taken away his understanding

Jurat in Curia

Samll Shattock agst parker.

(Essex County Court Archives, vol. 2, no. 65, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial
Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

John Shattock aged 41 years testifies that in the year 1690. Goodwife
Parker wife to Jn^r Parker Mariner came to my house & went into the room
where my wife & children were & fauned upon my wife wth very smooth
words in a short tyme after that Child w^{ch} was supposed to have bin
vnder an ill hand for severall years before: was taken in a strange &
vnuire all manner as if his vitalls would have brook out his breast boare
& drawn up to gather to the upper part of his breast his neck & Eyes draw
soe much aside as if they would never come to right againe he lay in so
strange a manner y^t the Doctor & others did beleive he was bewitched
Soom days after som of the visiters put som of his hair of to boyle
w^{ch} they saide altho they wth great tendernes y^t Child would shriek out
as if he had bin tormented: they put his hair in a skillet over a fier w^{ch}
stood plaine on the hearth and as soon as they were gone out of y^e room it
was throwne downe & I came immediately into y^e room & could see no rea-
= sure in y^e room they put it on againe & after it had boyled som tyme the
= aboue said Goodwife Parker came in & asked if I would buye soom fluce
= ens I told her no: the women y^e were aboue in the Chamber said to me
it is pittie you did ^{not} ask to see her chickens for they did beleive she had none
to sell: and admitted me to send to her house to buye som w^{ch} I did & y^e mess-
= enger brought me word y^e she told him she had none & y^e woman y^e lived
in the same house told him y^e sure Parker had not had any in three
weeks before: Soom days after she wth her husband & two men moore came
to mye house & to answer their request I went to them: She asked me if I
saide she had bewitched mye Child I told her I did beleive she had: she
said to me ^{you} are a wicked man: y^e lord avenge me of you y^e lord bring ven-
= gance vpon you for this wrong: one of y^e men asked her w^{ch} made you
come to this house last Saturday she saide to sell Chicken: why did not you
let him have y^e when he sent for y^e said he: she saide because she had
sold y^e he asked to whome she saide to such a one: wee sent presently
to y^e party: & the answer was brought vs y^t he neuer bought any of the
= well you saue they you have told vs y^e w^{ch} is not true w^{ch} did you wth y^e she
was at a stand but at last said her son carryed y^e to sea wth him: her hus-
band told her y^e was not true for her son went to sea last Friday: & if he
had carryed y^e to sea she could not brought y^e here y^e Saturday following
she could not give true account w^{ch} she did wth them: but went into y^e room
where y^e Child ^{and} & told my wife y^t she was a wicked woman for saying
soe of her: & wth my wife in these words I hope I shall see the con-
= fall of you ^{my wife told me} and soe went away in a great anger: & this is all true & reall
= to the uttermost of my remembrance & after this threatning or evil
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Sworn in Court

FAINT TEXT

Still wishing the child I had continued in a very bad condition
the very latest file is left taken away his understanding
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