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SALEM WITCH
TRIALS



Ann Pudeator

Warrant for Apprehension of Ann Purdeator and Alice Parker along with Officer's Return

[May 12, 1692]

To the Marshall of Essex or Constable in Salem

You are in their Majesties names hereby required forthwith to apprehend and bring before us Alice Parker the wife of John Parker of Salem and Ann Pudeator of Salem Widdow who stand Charged with Sundry acts of Witchcraft by them Committed this day Contrary to the Laws of our Sov'r Lord & Lady faile not Dated Salem May the .12'th 1692

per us *John: Hathorne] Assis'ts

*Jonathan. Corwin] Assis'ts

May 12'th -- 1692 I have apprehended the above named persons and Brought them att the place apointed by your honers

Per mee *George Herrick Marshall of Essex

(Reverse) Warrant

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 261, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

To the Marshall of Essex or Constable in Salom

You are in their Majties names hereby required forthwith
to apprehend and bring before us Alled. Parker the
wife of John Parker of Salom and John Underaker
of Salom who stand charged with sundry acts
of Witchcraft by them committed this day contrary to
the Lawes of our Sou^e Lord & Lady Haile not Dated
Salom May the 12th 1692

John. Glashorne
J^r. Jonathan Corwin, Depts

May 12th 1692 I have apprehended the a bond named persons
and brought them at y^e place appointed by your Honor
per me George Horrich Marshall of Essex

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Testimony of Sarah Churchill VS Ann Pudeator, Bridget Bishop, and George Jacobs Sr.

[June 1, 1692]

Sarah Churchwell confesseth that Goody Pudeator brought the book to this Examin't and she signed it, but did not know her at that tyme but when she saw her she knew her to be the same and that Goody Bishop als Olliver appeared to this Examinan't & told her she had killed John Trasks Child, (whose Child dyed about that tyme) & said als Bishop Olliver afflicted her as alsoe did old George Jacobs, and before that time this Examin't being afflicted could not doe her service as formerly and her sd Master Jacobs called her bitch witch & ill names & then afflicted her as #[before] above and that Pudeator brought 3: Images like Mercy Lewis, Ann Putnam, Eliza' Hubbard & they brought her thornes & she stuck them in the Images & told her the persons whose likeness they were, would be afflicted, & the other day saw Goody Olliver #[sitt] sate upon her knee,

Jurat in Curia by

Sarah Churchill

this Confession was taken before

John Hathorne

and Jonathan Corwin Esq'rs 1^o Junij 1692, as attests

*Tho: Newton

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 262, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

Sarah Churchill confesseth that Goody p[re]dicator brought the book to this Exam[ina]t[ion]
and she signed it, but did not know ^{the} at that time, but when she saw her picture
her to be the same and that Goody Oliver appeared to this Exam[ina]t[ion] told her
she had killed John Trasko (the) whose Child dyed about that time) said
Bishop etc. Oliver afflicted her as also did sd. George Jacob, and before that time
this Exam[ina]t[ion] being afflicted could not do her service as formerly, and ^{being so}
Master Jacob called her a witch, in name, then afflicted her as ^{above}
and that p[re]dicator brought 3 Images like Mary Snow, Ann Putnam, Elizabeth
Hubbard they brought her the iron staff stuck them in the Images for her
the persons whose names they were, would be afflicted, the other day saw
Goody Oliver sit fast upon her knees.

This Confession was taken before John Hathorn
and Jonathan Corwin Esqrs. 12 Junij 1692, as attests

Jno: Newton

Testat in Curia
Per Sarah Churchill

Examination

[July 2, 1692]

An Puddeater: examined before the Majestrates of Salem July 2: 92

Sarah: Churchwell: was bid to: say what she: had to say of her: You have charged her with bringing: the book to you: A Yes. S'd: Churchwell have you seen her since. A no:

goodwife Puddeater: you have: formerly: bin complaynd of: we now further enquire: here is one person: saith you brought her: the book which is Sarah Churchell: look on the person: ses Churchell: you did bring me the book: I was at goodman Jacobses

Puddeater s'd I never saw the woman before now::it was told Puddeater this mayd charged you with: bringing her: the book: at the last examinat'n Puddeater s'd I never saw: the devils book nor knew: that he had one L't Jer: Neal: was asked what he could say of this woman Neal s'd she had bin an ill carriaged woman: & since my wife has bin sick of the small pox: this woman has come to my house pretending kindnes: and I was glad to see it: she asked: whether she might use our mortar: which was used: for my wife: and I consented to it: but I afterward repented of it: for the nurs told. me my wife was the wors: for senc she was very ill of a flux: which she had not before

When the officer came: for: Puddeater: the nurs s'd you are come to late for. my wife grew wors. till she dyed: s'd Pudeater had often thretned my wife:

Eliz Hubard: s'd she: had seen s'd Pudeater #(but she) s'd Mary Walcut: but she had not hurt her she had seen her with goodwife Nurs

goody Puddeater what did you doe with the ointments that you had in yo'r hous so many of them:: she s'd I never had ointment nor oyl but neats foot oyl in my hous since my husband dyed: but the Constable Joseph Neal affirmd she had: she had near 20 that had oynment or greas: in them: a little in a thing: she s'd she never had any oyntment but neats foot oyl: in the hous but what was in these things the Constabl. Speakes. of.

A: It was greas: to make sope of::but: why: did you put them in so many things when one would have held all: but answerd not the porpose: but the constabl. s'd o. oyntments were of several sorts

Sarah Vibber did you ever se this woman: before now answerd no An putnum s'd she had never seen: her but since she come: to Salem Town last: s'd Putman fell into a fitt: & s'd Puddeater: was commanded to take her by the wrist: & did & s'd Putnum was well presently: Many

Warin fell into: two fitts quickly after. one another: & both times was helped: by
s'd Puddeaters: taking her by the wrist

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 264, Massachusetts Supreme
Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

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Sarah Churchwell was bid to say what she had to say of her: you
have charged her with bringing y^e book to you. A: Yes s^d: Churchwell
have you seen her since y^e no:

goodwife piddeter: you have formerly bin employd of we now
further inquire: here is one person: saith you brought her y^e book
which is Sarah Churchwell: look on y^e person: ses Churchwell: you bid bring
me y^e book: I was at goodman Jacobses

piddeter s^d: I never saw y^e woman before now: it was told piddeter
this mayd charged you with bringing her y^e book: at y^e last examinati

piddeter s^d: I never saw y^e devils book nor knew that he had one
L^t Jer: Neal: was asked what he would say of this woman:

Neal s^d: she had bin an ill carriage woman: & since my wife has
bin sick of y^e small pox: this woman has come to my house pretending
kindnes: and I was glad to see it: she asked whether she might use my
mortar: which was used: for my wife: and I consented to it: but I afterward
repented of it: for y^e nurs told me my wife was y^e wors: for since she was
very ill of a flux: which she had not before
when the officer came: for: piddeter: y^e nurs s^d: you are come to late
for: my wife grew wors: till she dyed: so piddeter had often threaten
my wife:

Elizabeth Hubbard: s^d: she had seen s^d piddeter: ~~but she~~ s^d Mary Walcutt: but
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manded to take her by y^e wrist: & did s^d putman was up
presently: mary warin fell into two fits quickly after: one
an other: & both times was helped: by s^d piddeter: taking her
by y^e wrist

Summons for Witnesses against Ann Putdeator and Alice Parker along with Officer's Return

[September 5, 1692]

W'm & Mary by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen defend' s &c.

To the Sheriff of Essex or deputy Greeting

We Comand you to Warn John Wesgate John Bullock Martha Dutch Susanna Dutch L't Jeremiah Neale John Beckett John Best Jun'r Jno Loader Sarah parott

That they & Every of them appear at the Next Court of Oyer & Terminer holden at Salem on the Next Tuesday at Twelve of the Clock There to Testify the Truth to the best of thier knowledge On certain Indictments to be Exhibited against Alce Parker & Ann Pudeater hereof make return fail not dated in Salem Sep'r 5'th 1692 in the fourth yeare of Our Reign

*Stephen Sewall Cler

(Reverse) Sep't 5'th 1692. I have Sumoned and have Warned all the within named persons John Best Jun'r Except sd Best being Removed to Ipswich that thay and Every of them appeare to Give in their Evid: &c: att time and place within written

P'r me *Geo. Herrick

Dep't sheriff

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James & Mary by the Grace of God of England
Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen

To the Sheriff of Essex or deputy Greeting
Wee command you to summon John Gosgato
John Bullock Martha Duhh Juliana Duhh
Heale John Berkett John Best
Sarah parott

That they & every of them appear at the next
Court of our Exchequer holden at Salem
on the next Tuesday at Twelve of the Clock
there to testify & to swear to the best of their
knowledge on certain Judgments to be exhibited
against Alice Parker & Ann Pudeater herof
make return first not dated in Salem
Sept 5th 1692 the 4th year of our Reign

Stephen Sewall

... hand, where all the
... names ... John ...
... Bond ... removed to ...
... and ... of ... appear to ... in
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... Sheriff

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Indictment for Afflicting Mary Warren

[+ September 7, 1692]

Essex in the Province of the Massachussetts Bay In New England ss]

Annoq'e R R's & Reginae Gulielmi & Mariae Angliae &c Quarto Annoq'e Dom 1692 //

The Juriors for our Sov'r Lord and lady the King & Queen pr'sent That Ann Pudeator of Salem in the County of Essex #[Widow] aforesaid Widdow The second day of July in the Yeare Afore said and divers others days and times as well before as after Certaine detestable Arts called Witchcraft & Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and feloniously hath used practised and Exercised At and within the Township of Salem aforesaid in & upon & against one Mary Warren of Salem aforesaid Single Woeman, by which said Wicked Acts the said Mary Warren the second day of July aforesaid and divers other days and times both before and after was and is Tortured Afflicted Pined Consumed Wasted & Tormented, and also for Sundry other Acts of Witchcraft by the said Ann Pudeator Comitted and done before and Since that time Ags't the peace of Our Sov'r lord & Lady the King & Queen their Crowne and Dignity and ags't the forme of the Stattute in that Case made and Provided

Witnesses

Mary Warren Jurat

Sarah Churchel Jurat

An Putman Jurat

(Reverse) Ann Pudeator

on Mary Warren bila vera

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 260, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

Essex in the Dominion of } Amos R. & Regina Gulielmij & Mariae
the Massachusetts Bay } Anglia &c Quarto Amos Dom 1692.

The Jurors for our Sou Lord and Lady the King & Queen
shew that Ann Pussator of Salem in the County of Essex
~~was~~ ^{Widow} aforesaid, The second day in July in the Yeare aforesaid
and divers other days and times as well before as after
certain detestable acts called Witchcraft & Sorceries Wickedly
Maliciously and feloniously both used practised and
exercised At and within the Township of Salem aforesaid
p. in & upon ^{against one Mary Warren of Salem aforesaid}
single Woman, by which said Wicked acts the said
Mary Warren the second day of July aforesaid and
divers other days and times both before and after was
and is fortwice afflicted Pined Consumed Wasted Tormented
and also for sundry other acts of Witchcraft by the
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that time Agst the peace of our Sou Lord & Lady
the King & Queen thaire Corone and Dignity and
agst the forme of the Statute in y^e last made and
Promised

Witnesses

Mary Warren Jurat
Sarah Church Jurat
An. Putman Jurat

Ann Norton
of New Haven

Testimony of Sarah Churchill, Mary Warren, Elizabeth Hubbard, Ann Putnam Jr, Mary Walcott, Sarah Bibber

[September 6, 1692]

Sarah Churchel: affirmd: to: the Jury of inquest: that Ann Puddeate: #(her) has: greatly afflicted her s'd Churchel by: choaking her pinching her & sticking pinse into her: & by pressing of her: &: making her sett her hand to: the book upon: the oath she hath: taken Sept: 6: 1692
& brought poppets to her to
Stick pins to w'ch she did
Sworne in Court.
& the P'sons afflicted by it

Mary Warin upon her oath: that she hath taken affirms: to the Jury of inquest: that Ann Puddeater: hath often: afflicted me: by biting me pinching me sticking pins in me: & choaking me: and particularly on the 2: day of July: att her examination: s'd Puddeater did: afflict#(e) me greatly: also she or her Apperition: did offer: me the book to sign to: she told: me also that she was the caus of Jno Turners falling off: the cherry tree: to his great: hurt: & which: amazed him in his head & almost kild him: she told me also: she was the caus of: Jeremiah Neals wifes death: & I saw her hurt: Eliz Hubbard: Mary Walcot: & An Putnam: the last night she: afflicted: me also: last night: by her wichcrafts & I doe veryly: beleev: s'd Ann Puddeater is a: wich: she affirms Puddeater: told her: she kild her husband Puddeater: & his first wife and that she was an instrument of Jno Bests: wifes death: Sept'r 7: 1692
Sworne in Court

Eliz Hubberd affirmd: upon: the oath she hath taken: thatt: she hath seen: Ann: Puddeater: Afflict#(ed) Mary: Warin: & that she #(her) or her Apperition did hurt me and Mary Warin the last night before. the Jury of inquest. Sept'r: 7: 1692 & that she hath afflicted her since she came into Court
Jurat in Curia.

An Putnam affirmed: upon: her oath: to: the Jury of inquest: that: she: hath seen Ann Puddeater: afflict Mary Warin: Mary Walcot: & Eliz Hubbard: often: and perticularly: #(ate) att

the time: of her: last examination: before the Majestrates: at Mr Tho. Beadles: she also: hath afflicted me: both then and at other times: Sept'r 7: 1692 Owned her Evidence in Court

Sarah Vibber: upon: her: oath affirmed to the Jury of inquest that shee: hath seen: An Puddeater afflict: Mary Warin: Mary Walcot & An Putnam: both at the time of her examination: at M'r Tho Beadles; and the last night she: together with goodwife Parker. did afflict: the forenamed: WarinWalcot & Putnum: s'd Puddeater: hath afflicted: me: to: and i do beleeve she is a wich. Sept'r 7: 1692

Mary Walcot: upon oath: affirmd to the Jury of inquest: that: she hath seen An Puddeater: afflict Mary: Warin: An Putnam: & Eliz Hubbard: at the time of her examination: at M'r Tho Beadles: and also the last night: I saw: her: afflict Mary Warin #[Mercy Lewis] An Putman & Eliz Hubbard: by wichcraft: & I verily beleev: s'd Pudeater: is a witch September: 7: 92. & that this day she hath afflicted this deponent.
Jurat in Curia Sep'r 10. 92.

Attest *S Sewall

I find: by: my Charracters: which: I took: from at the examination of An Puddeater that it was on the 2 day of July: that she was examined: at m'r Tho Beadles thay bearing: date so: Sept'r 7: 1692

*Simon Willard:

(Reverse) Several Wittnesses against An Pudeator

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 265, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

Sarah Churchel. affirmed: to: y^e Jury of inquest. that
Ann Puddale: has: greatly afflicted her & Churchel
by: chocking her pincking her & striking pins into her: &
by pressing of her: & making her sett her hand to y^e book
upon: y^e oath she hath taken: sept: 6: 1692
& brought up to her to Sworne in Court
I wish my self was glad I & y^e persons afflicted by it

Mary ^{warin} upon her oath: y^e she hath taken affirms: to y^e Jury of inquest that
Ann Puddaler: hath often: afflicted me: by beating me pincking me striking pins
in me: & chocking me and particularly on y^e 2^d Day of July att her ex-
amination: Puddaler: did: afflict me greatly: also she or her Apperition did
offer me the book to sign to: she told me also y^e she was y^e cause of J^r Turners
falling off y^e cherry tree: to his great hurt: & which amazed him in his head
& almost killd him: she told me also: she was the cause of: Jeremiah Neals wife
death: & I saw her hurt: Eliz Hubbard: Mary Walot: & Ann Putnam: y^e last night
she afflicted me also: last night: by her witchcraft & I doe very ly: believe: so
Ann Puddaler is a witch: she affirms Puddaler: told her: she killd her husband
Puddaler: & his first wife and that she was an instrument of J^r Beales wife
death: sept: 7: 1692
Sworne in Court

Eliz Hubbard affirmed: upon y^e oath she hath taken: that she hath seen Ann Pudd-
aler: afflict Mary warin & that she or her Apperition: did hurt me and
Mary warin y^e last night: before y^e Jury of inquest: sept: 7: 1692
I that she hath afflicted her since she came into Court
Sworn in Court
Ann Putnam affirmed: upon her oath: to y^e Jury of inquest: that she hath seen
Ann Puddaler: afflict Mary warin: Mary Walot: & Eliz Hubbard: often and
particularly: att y^e time: of her last examination: before y^e magistrates: at J^r
The Beales: she also: hath afflicted me: both then and at other times: sept: 7: 1692
Sworn her Endowment in Court

Sarah Vibber: upon her oath: affirmed to y^e Jury of inquest that shee: hath seen: Ann
Puddaler: afflict: Mary warin: Mary Walot & Ann Putnam: both at y^e time: of
her examination: at J^r The Beales; and y^e last night she together with good wife
Parker: did afflict y^e forenamed: warin Walot & Putnam: so Puddaler: hath
afflicted me: to: and do believe she is a witch: sept: 7: 1692

Mary Walot: upon oath: affirmed to y^e Jury of inquest: that she hath seen
Ann Puddaler: afflict Mary warin: Ann Putnam: & Eliz Hubbard: att y^e time of her
examination: at J^r The Beales: and also y^e last night: I saw her afflict Mary warin
& Ann Putnam & Eliz Hubbard: by witchcraft & I verily believe: so Pudd-
aler: is a witch: sept: 10: 1692
I that this day she hath afflicted
this deponent: Sworn in Court sept: 10: 92: attest: B. Swall

I find: by my Character: which I think: from: at y^e examination of Ann Puddaler
that it was on y^e 2^d day of July: that she was examined: that bearing my: date
So: sept: 7: 1692
Simon Willard:

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Several Witnesses
Against An Indictor

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Testimony of Samuel Pickworth and Statement by Ann Putnam

[September 7, 1692]

The testimony of samuall pikworth Whou testifieth that about six weckes agoo: I this deponant was coming along salim strete btween ann pudeaters hous and Captin higison hous. it being in the evening; and I this deponant saw a woman: neare Captin higisonn Cornar. the which I sopposed to be ann pudeatar. and in a moment of time she pasid by me as swifte as if a burd flue by me and I saw said woman goo in to ann pudeaters hous

Jurat in Curia

*S Sewall CI

Sam'll Pickworth: affirmeth: that the above written evidence is the truth: upon oath: to:
the Jury. of Inquest: Sept'r 7: 92

(Reverse) september the 7. 92

ann Putnam afarmid to the grand Inquest that ann pudeatar: towld har that she flu by a man in the neight in to a hous Sam Pickw'th

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 266, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

The testimony of Samuel Pikeworth doth witness that ²⁵
about six weeks ago: I this deponent was coming along Sabon
street: between Ann paviours house and Captin Higson house at being
in the evening: and I this deponent saw a woman near Captin
Higsonn Corner the which I supposed to be an paviours and in
a moment of time she pass by me as quick as if a bird flew by
me and I saw said woman go in to Ann paviours house

Jurat in Curia

Edward

Sam^l Pikeworth affirmeth: if y^e above written evidence
is y^e truth: upon oath: to y^e jury of Inquest: Sept^r: 7: 92

September: the 7th 92
ann put down a firmid to the gland - Enquest that ann pade to: low d
that that she flew by orman in the night in a hows

From
Pillager

Testimony of John Best Sr.

[September 7, 1692]

The testimony of Jno Best. Senior aged about 48 yeers Testifieth & saith that some yeers Last past that I this Deponat did often hear my wife saye that Ann pudeater would not Lett her alone untill she had killd her By her often pinching & Bruseing of her Till her Earms & other parts of her Body Looked Black By Reson of her soer pinching of her in the Tyme of her sickness of my wife did affarne [affirm] that itt was an pudeater that did afflict her & stood in the Belefe of itt as Long as she Lived

Jurat in Curia *S Sewall

Cler Sep'r 7'th 92 Jno Best: afirmed: to the truth of the above written: befor. the Jury of inquest.
Sept'r 7: 1692

(Reverse) Jno Best Oath ags't An: Pudeator --

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 268, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

The testimony of J^{no}. Best. Senior aged
about 48 years Testifieth & saith yt some
years last past yt of this Depont did often hear
my wife saye yt Ann prodecker would not
lett her alone vntill she had killed her
my her often pinching & scourging of her
with her thumbs & other parts of her body
Leaues in such a way reason of her soe pinching
of her in ye course of her sickness of my
wife did affaunt yt it was an proceator
yt did afflict her & stood in y^r life of
it as long as she liued

Sept¹⁶ 7. 92

Jurat in Curia

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J^{no} Best. affirmed to y^e truth of y^e above written.
Before y^e Jur^{ys} of inquest Sept¹⁶ 7. 1692

An: Best Cathays
A: Purdator

Testimony of John Best Jr.

[+ September 10, 1692]

The testimony of John best Junear hou testifieth uppon his oath before the grand Inquest that his Mother did severall tims in har siknis complain of ann pudeatar of salim the wife of Jacob pudeatar how she #(did captur) had beewiched har and that she did beleve she would kill har before she had dun: and soo she said severall times duering hear siknis: until har death: allso I this deponant: did severall tims goo in to the wouds to fech my fathars Cowes: and I did drive goode pudeatars Cow back from. our Cowes: and I being all alone: ann pudeatar: would Chide me when [torn] I Came houm: for turning the Cow bak: by Reson of which I this deponant did Conclude said pudeater was a wich

Jurat in Curia

(Reverse) John best: Junior against pudeatar

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no 269, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

The testimony of John Best Juror how testifieth upon his
oath before the grand Inquest that his mother did strike all
times in her sickness com plain of an un pveator of sabin
the wife of Jacob pveator how she ~~did~~ ~~appted~~ had but
with her hat and that she did believe she would kill her
be fore she had down: and soo she said some all times
during her sickness: until her death: also of this depon
ant: did some all times go in to the woods to fetch my fathers
Cows: and I did drive good pveators Cow bak from our
Cows: and I bring all a lone: an un pveature: would
hide me when I come home: for turning
the Cow bak: be ~~person~~ ~~of~~ ~~which~~ of this deponant
did Con Chudi said pveature was a with

Jurat in Curia

John - Oct 1861
against purcellar

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Petition

[++ September 15, 1692]

The humble Petition of Ann Poodeater unto the honoured Judge and Bench now Setting in Judicature in Salem humbly sheweth:

That Whereas your Poor and humble Petitioner being condemned to die and knowing in my own conscience as I shall shortly answer it before the great God of heaven who is the searcher & knower of all hearts: That the Evidence of Jno Best Sen'r and Jno Best Jun'r and Sam'll Pickworth w'ch was given in against me in Court were all of them altogether false & untrue and besides the abovesaid Jno Best hath been formerly whipt and likewise is rcorde for A Lyar I would humbly begg of yo'r honours to Take it into your Judicious and Pious consideratio That my life may not be taken away by such false Evidence and wittnesses as these be likewise the Evidence given in against me by Sarah church and Mary Warren I am altogether ignorant off and know nothing in the least measure about it nor nothing else concernig the crime of witchcraft for w'ch I am condemned to die as will be known to men and angells att the great day of Judgment begging and imploring your prayers att the throne of grace in my behalfe and your poor and humble petition'r shall for ever pray as she is bound in duty for yo'r hon'rs health and happiness in this life and eternall felicity in the world to come

(Reverse) Ann Pudeaters Peticon An Pudeaters

(Essex County Court Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1, no. 267, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judicial Archives, Massachusetts State Archives, Boston, MA.)

The humble Petition of Ann Poodeater unto y^e Honourable
Judge and Bench now sitting in Judicature in Salem humbly
sheweth:

That whereas your Poor and humble Petitioner being condemned
to die and knowing in my own conscience as I shall shortly answer
it before y^e great God of heauen who is the searcher & knower of
all hearts: That the Evidence of Jⁿ Best Sen^r and Jⁿ Best Jun^r and
Sam^l Pickworth w^{ch} was given in against me in Court were all of
them altogether false ^{untrue} and besides the abovesaid Jⁿ Best hath been
formerly whipt and likewise ^{it} is recored for A Year I would humbly
beg of yo^r honours to take it into your Judicious and Pious consideration
That my life may not be taken away by such false Evidence and
witnesses as these be likewise y^e Evidence given in against me by
Sarah Church and Mary Warren I am altogether ignorant off and
know nothing in y^e least measure about it nor nothing else concerning
y^e crime of witchcraft for w^{ch} I am condemned to die as will be known
to men and angels at the great day of Judgment begging and implor-
ing your prayers at this throne of grace in my behalf and your
pious and humble petition shall for ever pray as she is bound in duty
for yo^r hon^r health and happiness in this life and eternall felicity in
y^e word to come

Truelly yours of the Place

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