The Bassett family's story is an interesting and tragic one. William Bassett, Sr. survived the early death of his father and being spirited across the Atlantic at age 11 to become a 17<sup>th</sup>-century war hero during both the King Philips' War & King William's War and a leader of the fledgling Lynn, Essex co., MA community. He then lived to see his children -- the third generation of Bassetts in this line -- absolutely decimated by the 1692 Salem Witchcraft Hysteria. Thanks go to The Nova Anglia Company of Salem, Essex co., MA whose book <u>The Salem Witchcraft Trials: A Documentary</u> <u>History of 1692</u> provides the unvarnished original court documents in most of the Salem Witchcraft Hysteria cases. All transcriptions of the trial proceedings and other legal documents pertaining to the Salem Trials come from this source.

Three of William & Sarah's 12 children were touched by the Salem Witch Hysteria prosecution. Their oldest daughter, Elizabeth, who married John Proctor, lost her husband and everything they had built together. Thomas Lecheford's letter describing how nasty the Sheriff was when he took everything from the home is heart-rending. Two of her children were arrested, tortured and tried and she, herself, was convicted and sentenced to death. Only her pregnancy prevented her execution. By the time she had given birth, the Hysteria was over and she was not hung. William, Jr.'s wife, Sarah [Hood], was also arrested, tortured and tried for witchcraft. Finally, William Sr. & Sarah's daughter Mary, wife of Michael De Rich, was also arrested, tortured and tried for witchcraft. Why this family was so plagued by this hysteria would make for an interesting investigation. The only clue I have is William Bassett, Sr.'s signature on a petition against John Hathorne for serving strong drink. I believe that either this John Hathorne or a near relative was the same John Hathorne who was one of the Salem Hysteria judges.

Heinous as the Salem Witch Hysteria was, it was also a pivotal moment in Colonial history which changed American Jurisprudence to this day. Read, especially, the case of Elizabeth [Bassett] & John Proctor. Sheriff Corwin of Essex County, MA was especially sadistic in his attempts to extract "confessions" from the accused. In his letter to the Boston clergy, John Proctor describes the hog-tying of his teenage son in an attempt by Corwin to extract a confession of witchcraft from him. This was apparently not out of the ordinary for Corwin. (Legend has it that a curse was laid by Giles Corey upon anyone who holds the office of Essex County Sheriff...and enough odd events have befallen those who have done so to keep the legend alive into the 21<sup>st</sup> century) Regardless, changes to the way juries were chosen, confessions were obtained and -- most importantly -- that one was innocent until proven guilty (instead of the traditional other way around) were implemented after this judicial monstrosity. In addition, the use of "spectral evidence" and humiliating "physical examinations" in search of marks of the devil fell out of favor in American courts after this time.

It is also worth nothing that after 1692, several of the Bassetts became Quakers: marrying into known Quaker families; burial in the Friends' Burying Ground & either a lack of birth dates for their children or the birth dates are in Old Style well into the 1700s. Not surprising.

Surname variations include: Baset, Basset, Bassett and Bassit.

#### **First Generation**

**1. Roger<sup>1</sup> BASSETT.** This is one of those rare cases in which we have scads of information about the wife, but know nearly nothing of the husband. All we know of Roger is that he died before 1635 in Dorking, Surrey, England and that on 27 April 1623 Roger married **Ann HOLLAND**, in Dorking, Surrey, England<sup>[2]</sup>.

Ann died sometime between when she wrote her will on 8 January 1665/6 and when that will was probated on 26 June 1673<sup>[1]</sup>.

#### Estate of Ann Burt of Lynn

"the eight of gineuery (1664) The Will of An Bort my Wil is that Willyam Bassir Juner should haue won of my kowes and John bassit should haue Won Cowe and Elisha bassit should haue Won dowe and that samewell bassit should haue the steare And it is my will that theas Children || should haue || the proffit of theas Cattell and the prinsepell when they be eighttene years ould and i giue to Elizebeth basset a new feather bed A boulster and a pillow and a pillow beare A blankit and a Rouge and i giue to Sarah bassit my ould feather bed

a boulster and pillow and A pillow beare A blankit and A tapsterri Couering and i giue to meriam bassir A Copper ketel, A tabel Cloth and half A doson of napkins and a ew shep, han touel and I giue to mary bassit my bigest eiorn pot a long tabel Cloth and four napkins and a han touel, a ew shep And I giue to hannah bassit tow eiorn pots and a warmin pan and a pare of shetes and a pare of pillow bears and a ew shep.

"And i giue to ellin bartrom A ew lam and to hanna batrom an ew lam and I giue to the wife of Willyam bartrom my black brodcloth sute and one puter basson and i giue to liddi Burrill fiue shillens or a ew lam and my will is that ther goodes should not be ewsed till the Childerren doth reseaue them & that these gearls should haue the proffit of theas shep & the prinsepel when thay com to age"

An (her X mark) Bort.

Witness: Francis Burrill and William Crofts. "I doe desier my Brother Francis burrill and good man Craft would see that this my wil be fulfilled."

Allowed in Salem court 26d:4m:1673 and William Bassett appointed administrator.

#### Inventory of the estate of Anne Burt, taken Mar. 18, 1672-3, by William Crofts and Francis Burrill:

one petecot & wastcott, £1 10s. the Remene of her wooling aperill, £5 12s. too fether Beds, too Boulsters, too Pillos, three Blankits, one tapeistre Coverin, £2 18s. more weareing aparill, £1 6s. too cortings, 8s. one Bibil & one other Booke, 6s. fiue peare of shets & one sheet, £3 11s. a rable Cloth & 8 napkins, £1 three pillowbeares & other small things, 7s. three shifts, 8s. small linin, £2 10s. 7d. peuter & tin, 2d. Bras & Iron, £2 18s. too yeards of Peniston, 8s. 3 Chists, too boxes, one trunk, £1 too wheeles, too cheirs & other lumber, £1 one couw, £3 ten shep, 5£ sillver, £2 10s. due to her £3 total £47 2s. 6d.

Attested 26d:4m:1673 by William Bassett.

[Essex County Quarterly Court Files, volume 20, leaves 48, 49 Essex Probate, volume 2, pp. 361-362]

Roger & Ann Bassett had one child: 2 i. William

Generation: G10 Grandparents Person Numbers: 8112/8113

By the time of her migration in 1635 Ann second married **Hugh BURT**, in Dorking, Surrey, England<sup>[1]</sup>. Hugh died in 1661. Hugh, his second wife Ann, her son William and his son Edward came over on the *Abigail* in 1635<sup>[1,3,4]</sup>.

#### Bassett Register Report Second Generation

## Family of Roger BASSETT (1) & Ann HOLLAND

**2. William<sup>2</sup> BASSETT, Sr.** (*Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1624 in Dorking, Surrey, England, was baptized there on 30 May 1624<sup>[2]</sup> and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 31 March 1703; he was 79<sup>[2,5]</sup>.

William emigrated in 1635 aboard the *Abigail*, Robert Hackwell, master. It sailed from London in mid-July. He was nine years old and the Bassett on this voyage. However, his name appears in the midst of the Burt family on the ship's manifest, leading Robert Anderson to conclude that William's mother married Hugh Burt after the death of her first husband Roger and that she and her second husband brought William with them to New England<sup>[3,4,14]</sup>.

William was definitely given enough education to read & write. He signed not only his own will, but that of Hugh Alley in 1673. His inventory also included books<sup>[7,8]</sup>. As an adult, William became a Husbandman<sup>[6]</sup> and also served in the local military. He was elected Sergeant in the Lynn, Essex co., militia by 20 October 1675<sup>[8,15]</sup> and served at that rank in Captain Joseph Gardener's company on the expedition against the Narragansett from December 1675-February 1676, during King Philip's War<sup>[8,16]</sup>.

Gardener's company fought first in The Great Swamp Fight. This battle was centered around the fort which the Narragansett had built in the Great Swamp, near what is now West Kingston, RI. The fort not only served as a base for the Narragansett people, but was also a place of refuge for any Wampanoag & Nipmuc refugees from the war with the English. Hidden agendas were revealed and frayed nerves snapped on 15 December 1675 when first a Narragansett named Stonewall John came to the English at Wickford, RI, ostensibly to sue for peace. However, he had brought with him a band of warriors who remained hidden in the woods, raising suspicions amongst the English that he was, in fact, there to assess the strength of the colonial military & fortifications. Needless to say, peace negotiations were not successful. At the same time, John Bull's garrison -- located 9 miles south of Wickford, RI - was attacked and destroyed in a Narragansett raid. Fourteen or fifteen English were killed and tensions rose further amongst the English troop. These two incidents, combined with dwindling food supplies led the English military to what they perceived as necessary action. Thus, on 19 December, with one "Indian Peter" acting as their guide under threat of hanging, they proceeded to the Narragansett fort. By virtue of what is now accepted as poor leadership by the Narragansett leader Canonchet, the fort was overrun by the English. The overcrowded conditions meant that, once the wigwams were fired, many Indians were driven to their deaths<sup>[74]</sup>.

While the overall battle was an unexpected success for the English, they lost many officers in the fight -- three Captains, several Lieutenants and many other officers. One was Captain Gardener, who fell, mortally wounded, nearly at the feet of Captain Benjamin Church<sup>[74]</sup>.

Regardless of these experiences, William Bassett, Sr. stayed in the militia. By 29 June 1682, William Bassett had made Quartermaster<sup>[8,17]</sup>. He had been elected Ensign by the time he served on an Essex Grand Jury on 28 November 1682<sup>[8,18]</sup>. During the King William's War -- otherwise known as the War of the Grand Alliance of England & Spain against France -- it is generally accepted that he was the "Captain William Bassett" who accompanied now Major Benjamin Church to a council of war at Scarborough, ME on 11 November 1689<sup>[8,19]</sup>.

William's popularity amongst the troops of the militia reflected his good standing in the Lynn, Essex co., MA community at large. He took the Oath of Fidelity in 1677 & 1678<sup>[8,34]</sup> and the Oath of Freeman on 18 April 1691<sup>[33]</sup>. He served on the Essex grand jury on 28 November 1671, 25 June 1672, 28 November 1682, 25 November 1684 and 30 June 1685<sup>[34]</sup> and performed similar service on the Petit jury on 24 June 1662, 29 November 1664, 24 November 1668, 28 June 1670, 30 November 1675, 25 June 1678 and 28 November 1682<sup>[36]</sup>. Finally, he served on the Coroner's jury on 4 December 1680<sup>[37]</sup>.

William was also named as selectman in June 1673, June 1674, June 1675, September 1677, November 1678, June 1679, November 1679 and June 1681<sup>[38]</sup>, served as Constable in June 1666<sup>[39]</sup> and on a committee to lay out a cartway in June of 1678<sup>[8,40]</sup>.

Beyond the public eye, William was also a trusted neighbor. He was named overseer of Christopher Linsy's will on 9

April 1669<sup>[9,10]</sup>. In addition, William was part of a group of 12 men who "...petitioned against their neighbor John Hawthorne for serving too much strong drink despite the 'advice of his friends to the contrary'..."<sup>[10,11]</sup> This John Hawthorne or a near relative with the same name was later a judge at the Salem Trials which so plagued the Bassett family.

Although he was too young to have received any land in the Lynn, Essex co., MA land grants during the early history of the town, William did a fair amount of real estate transactions. On 1 June 1660, William Bassett of Lynn, husbandman, with the consent of Sarah his "now wife," sold to Andrew Mansfield, husbandman, 3 acres of meadow in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[20]</sup>.

In the 7 October 1661 will of his stepfather, Hugh Burt, "my son Will[iam] Bassitt" received 2 acres of salt marsh, 5 acres of upland, and "my wearing apparel"<sup>[21]</sup>.

On 23 February 1664/5, William Bassett of Lynn, husbandman, and Sarah his wife sold to Allen Bread of Lynn, husbandman, 2 acres of salt marsh in Rumney Marsh, Suffolk co., MA<sup>[22]</sup>. On 29 October 1667, Edward Richards of Lynn, joiner, and Ann his wife sold to William Bassett of Lynn, husbandman, 12 acres of land, presumably in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[23]</sup>. On 15 April 1675, Benjamin Chadwell of Lynn, husbandman, with the consent of Elizabeth his wife, sold to William Bassett of Lynn, husbandman, 8 acres of salt marsh in Rumney Marsh, Suffolk co., MA<sup>[24]</sup>. On 28 June 1680, Thomas Wheeler of Stonington, yeoman, sold to William Bassett, Sr. of Lynn, yeoman, 9 acres of fresh marsh, location unknown<sup>[25]</sup>.

On 4 June 1685, the General Court answered a petition by William Bassett and others of Lynn, Reading, Beverly and Hingham, by granting a tract of land "in the Nipmug country, of eight miles square, for their encouragement & others that were serviuceable to the country in the late Indian War [King Philip's War]"<sup>[26,27]</sup>. As with the later government promise of "40 acres, and a mule", no settlement was made on this grant. However, in 1728 many of these petitioners were among those granted land at Narraganset Township No. 3, now Amherst, New Hampshire. William Bassett, Sr. was long dead, but his grant was claimed by 'William Bassett, grandson'<sup>[28]</sup>.

On 10 July 1690, William and Sarah Bassett of Lynn sold to John Bancroft of Lynn two and a quarter acres of meadow in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[29]</sup>. On 10 July 1690, William and Sarah Bassett of Lynn sold to Thomas Bancroft of Lynn 3 acres of meadow, presumably also in Lynn<sup>[30]</sup>. In a deed recorded 9 July 1691, William Bassett, Sr. of Lynn, yeoman, and Sarah his wife sold to William Bassett Jr. of Lynn, 'his son' ten acres of land in two parcels in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[31]</sup>.<sup>[32]</sup>

William Bassett, Sr. wrote his will on 10 February 1701/2 and it was probated on 22 May 1703. In it, "...'William Basset' of Lynn, being 'of good old age,' bequeathed to 'my dear and loving wife' the improvement of the whole estate during her natural life, all moveables to be to her absolute disposal; to 'my eldest son William Bassett.' £5; to 'my son Elisha Bassett.' 50s; to 'my son Samuell Bassett.' 50s; to 'my daughter Elizebeth Bassett alias Richards.' 40s; to 'my daughter Sarah Ellwell.' 40s; to 'my daughter Merriam Sandy.' 40s; to 'my daughter Mary Rich.' 40 s; to 'my daughter Rebecca Bassett.' 40s; to 'my daughter Hannah Lille.' 40s; 'my son William Bassett' sole executor..."<sup>[2,12]</sup>

"The inventory of the estate of 'William Basset of Lyn.' taken 23 April 1703, totalled £110 14s., of which £74 was real estate: 'one old house, half a barn & seven acres & half of land.' £67 10s.; and 'one piece of salt marsh lying by the beach.' £6 10s..."<sup>[2,13]</sup>

Before 1647 when William was 23, he married **Sarah [surname not known]**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[2,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,19,48,49]</sup>. Sarah died circa 1701<sup>[41]</sup>.

They had the following children:

3	i.	Elizabeth
4	ii.	Sarah
5	iii.	William
6	iv.	John

7 v. Mirriam

8	vi.	Mary
9	vii.	Hannah1
10	viii.	Elisha
11	ix.	Samuel
12	х.	Rachell
13	xi.	Hannah2
14	xii.	Rebecca

Generation: G9 Grandparents Person Numbers: 4056/4057

#### Third Generation

#### Family of William BASSETT Sr. (2) & Sarah [surname not known]

3. Elizabeth BASSETT (William<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1647 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>. On 1 April 1674 when Elizabeth was 27, she first married John PROCTOR, in Salem, Essex co., MA<sup>[2]</sup>. As has been widely discussed, John Procter was a good man & neighbor. Of interest to this family, John took inventory of John Cogswell's estate on 25d:7m(September):1653 after Cogswell died on the voyage back from London. In return, Cogswell's son, John Cogswell, III was one of the brave folks who signed a Petition For John & Elizabeth Proctor during the 1692 Salem Witch Hysteria.

They had the following children:

7	i.	William
8	ii.	Sarah
9	iii.	Samuel
10	iv.	Elisha
11	٧.	Abigail

In addition, they had the children from John's first marriage to Elizabeth THORNDICK/THORNDIKE:

, j	Martha
П.	Mary1
iii.	John
iv.	Mary2
۷.	Thorndike
	iv.

Elizabeth & John Proctor were tragic victims of the 1692 Salem Witchcraft Hysteria. John was accused of Witchcraft during the by his 20-year-old servant girl Mary Warren. It is thought that John was rather outspoken and threatened to beat and/or beat Mary when she would have one of "her fits". He was tried on 5 August 1692 and hanged on 19 August 1692. As with all of the "Salem Witches", you will not find a vital record of his death anywhere. Once executed, it was as though a convicted witch never existed. Elizabeth was also tried and condemned for witchcraft, but was not hanged because she was pregnant at the time.

So, outside of losing the patriarch of the family, how did this affect the remains of the Proctor family? I assume that John's four oldest children -- Martha, 26; John, 24; Mary, 23 and Thorndike, 20 -- were married and on their own by 1692. However, John's second family suffered as "greviously" as any in this madness. The two eldest children of John & Elizabeth -- William, aged 18, and Sarah, aged 16 -- were accused and tried in their own right. In John Proctor's letter of 23 July 1692 (immediately below), describes William's tortorous "examination" in prison, where they apparently hog-tied & left him in an attempt to get William to confess to being a witch. Their three younger children were Samuel, aged 7; Elisha, aged 5 and Abigail, aged 3. One can only imagine what it was like for those three children to witness their mother & father dragged away and accused of horrific things with their mother thrown in jail and their father hanged. Not to mention witnessing the visit of the sheriff described below and the almost certain ostracision in the community.

In addition, to the 17<sup>th</sup> century Puritan legal mind, it made perfect sense that when a wife died, the husband simply went out and remarried and the household stayed an intact unit. However, when the husband died, the entire household was inventoried and split up either per the husband's will or per the law if he died intestate. In other words, in the event of the death of the husband, the entire household unit was splintered apart by law with the survivors left to make new lives the best they could after the estate had been divvied up amongst them.

In the case of a "confessed" witch, the law was entitled to take everything. This is why Giles Corey faced the horrific fate of being pressed to death. It was not intended to be a method of execution, but one of eliciting a confession. Since Corey died without "confessing his sin of being a witch", his estate remained safely within the family's ownership. To add insult to injury, the cost of imprisonment & execution was borne by the witch's family and sometimes the judges & executioners in witch cases would even throw themselves a party on the witch's nickel. In the case of George Jacobs, Sr. (executed on 19 August 1692), his wife was forced to buy back from the Essex co. sheriff the very provisions he had impounded from her home in order for her to survive.

Robert Calef, in his <u>More Wonders Of The Invisible World</u> [reprinted in <u>Narratives of the New England Witchcraft</u> <u>Cases</u>, ed. George Lincoln Burr (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1914; reprinted by Dover, 2002)] writes this poignant description of what happened to the Proctor family in this regard. It applies all of the families of the convicted male witches (save Giles Corey):

" John Procter and his Wife being in Prison, the Sheriff came to his House and seized all the Goods, Provisions, and Cattle that he could come at, and sold some of the Cattle at half price, and killed others, and put them up for the West-Indies; threw out the Beer out of a Barrel, and carried away the Barrel; emptied a Pot of Broath, and took away the Pot, and left nothing in the House for the support of the Children: No part of the said Goods are known to be returned. Procter earnestly requested Mr. Noyes to pray with and for him, but it was wholly denied, because he would not own himself to be a Witch..." [pp. 361-2]

Thus, once released, Elizabeth Bassett Proctor had a newborn, three other children under the age of ten and two teenagers who themselves were marked by the horrors of "examination" and nothing with which to support the lot of them. As you can see in the previous paragraph, **everything** was gone. The property was not returned and recompense took its time in coming: In 1696, Elizabeth Proctor petitioned the General Court for return of -- at the very least -- the dower that she and John agreed to in their pre-nuptial agreement and the family was awarded £150 in 1711 as recompense for his execution and her imprisonment.

From the Lynn, Essex co., MA location of her second marriage and the marriages of several of her children, I assume that Elizabeth returned to her parents' home after the nightmare of 1692. On 22 September 1699 when Elizabeth was 52, she second married **Daniel RICHARDS**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[50]</sup>. They must have removed to another town, since there is no death record for either Elizabeth or Daniel in Lynn. Nor is their any marriage or death record for the two youngest Proctor children -- Elisha and Abigail -- in that town.

Thomas Brattle, in a 1692 letter, had the following to say about John Proctor and the other accused witches: "...[they]seemed to be very sincere, upright, and sensible of their circumstances on all accounts; especially [John] Proctor and [John] Willard, whose whole management of themselves, from the Goal [jail] to the Gallows, and whilst at the Gallows, was very affecting and melting to the hearts of some considerable Spectatours, whom I could mention to you: -- but they are executed, and so I leave them..." [p. 177]

On 23 July 1692, Proctor wrote a letter on behalf of himself & the other accused witches to the clergy of Boston and asked to have the trials either moved to Boston or to have new judges appointed. In it, Proctor described the tortures used to elicit confession. While eight ministers took his letter under advisement and held a meeting on the matter on 1 August 1692 from which they emerged with drastically changed positions on spectral evidence and the trials in general, Proctor's life was not spared:

#### The Petition of John Proctor

Mr. Mather, Mr. Allen, Mr. Moody, Mr. Willard, and Mr. Bailey

#### Reverend Gentlemen.

The innocency of our Case with the Enmity of our Accusers and our Judges, and Jury, whom nothing but our Innocent blood will serve their turn, having Condmened us already before our Tryals, being so much incensed and engaged against us by the Devil, makes us bold to Beg and Implore your Favourable Assistance of this our Humble Petition to his Excellency, That if it be possible our Innocent Blood may be spared, which undoubtedly otherwise will be shed, if the Lord doth not mercifully step in. The Magistrates, Ministers, Jewries, and all the People in general, being so much inraged and incensed against us by the Delusion of the Devil, which we can term no other, by reason we know in our own Consciences, we are all Innocent Persons. here are five Persons who have lately confessed themselves to be Witches, and do accuse some of us, of being along with them at a Sacrament, since we were committed into close Prison. which we know to be Lies. Two of the 5 are (Carriers Sons) Youngmen, who would not confess any thing till they tyed them Neck and Heels till the Blood was ready to come out of their Noses, and 'tis credibly believed and reported this was the occasion of making them confess that they never did, by reason they said one had been a Witch a Month, another five Weeks, and that their Mother had made them so, who has been confined here this nine Weeks. My son William Proctor, when he was examin'd, because he would not confess that he was Guilty, when he was Innocent, they tyed him Neck and Heels till the Blood gushed out of his Nose, and would have kept him so 24 Hours, if one more Merciful than the rest, had not taken pity on him, and caused him to be unbound. These actions are very like the Popish Cruelties. They have already undone us in our Estates, and that will not serve their turns, without our Innocent Bloods. If it cannot be granted that we can have our Trials at Boston, we humbly beg that you would endeavour to have these Magistrates changed, and others in their rooms, begging also and beseeching you would be pleased to be here, if not all, some of you at our Trials, hoping thereby you may be the means of saving the shedding our Innocent Bloods, desiring your Prayers to the Lord in our behalf, we rest your Poor Afflicted Servants,

JOHN PROCTOR, etc.

Luckily, his letter influenced the Boston clergy to take action and stop the Salem madness and, hopefully, saved other lives. Regardless, it is generally accepted that the Salem trials were one of the defining moments that changed American jurisprudence from the English system of "guilty, 'til proven innocent" to the current American system of "innocent until proven guilty". In addition, the jury pool in trials was changed from "church-members only" to "all those who have property" in an act which was passed by the General Court on 25 November 1692. Finally, these cases caused Americans to take their first steps away from what we now know as "cruel & unusual punishment" when trying to get someone to confess. It had been a staple of the English legal system, but after 1692 even Cotton Mather urged judges to use "Crosse and Swift Questions" rather than physical torture to gain the truth. These were three significant changes to the nascent American legal system.

Beyond this important historical petition, here are some of the proceedings & documents in the cases against Elizabeth & John Proctor.

## THE CASE OF ELIZABETH PROCTOR

#### Complaint v. Elizabeth Proctor and Sarah Cloyce

This. 'th Aprill. 1692. Capt Jonathan Walcott and Leut Nathaniell Ingerson personally Appeared before us & Exhibited there Compl't in behalfe of theyr Magestyes for them selves & Severall of theyr Neighbours against Sarah Cloyes wife of peter Cloyes of Salem Village & [Eliz.] proctur the wife of Jno Proctur of Salem for High Suspition of Severall Acts of Wichcraft donne or committed by them upon the Bodyes of Abigall Williames & John. Indian of the family of mr Sam'll parries, & Mary Walcott daughter of one of the complainants & Ann. Putnam and Mercy Lewis of the family of Thomas Putnam Whereby great hurt &

damage hath bin donne to the Bodyes of s'd persons & Therefore Craved Justice (Reverse) Walcutt & Ingersol comp'ts

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#### Warrant for Arrest of Elizabeth Proctor and Sarah Cloyce

Salem Aprill. 4'th 1692

There Being Complaint this day made Before us by Capt Jonat Walcott, and Lt Nathaniell Ingersull both of Salem Village, in Behalfe of theire Magesties for themselfes and also for severall of their Neighbours Agains Sarah Cloyce the wife of peter Cloyce of Salem Village; and Wlizabeth Procter the wife of John Procter of Salem farmes for high Suspition of Sundry acts of Witchcraft donne or Committed by them upon the bodys of Abigail Williams, and John Indian both of Mr. Sam parries his family of Salem Village and Mary Walcott daugter of one of the abovesaid Complainants, And Ann Putnam and Marcy Lewis of the family of Thomas Putnam of Salem Village whereby great hurt and damage hath beene donne to the Bodys of s'd persons above named therefore Craved Justice.

You are therefore in theire Majest's names hereby required to apprehend and bring before us Sarah Cloyce the wife of peter Cloyce of Salem Village and Elizabeth procter the wife of John Procter of Salem farmes; on Munday Morneing Next being the Eleventh day of this Instant Aprill aboute Eleven of the Clock, at the publike Meeting house in the Towne, in order to theire Examination Relateing to the premises aboves'd and here of you are. not to faile Dated Salem Aprill 8'th 1692

To George Herick Marshall of the County of essex

\*John Hathorne \*Jonathan. Corwin Assists

You are like wise to warne & order Eliza Hubert and Mary Warren not to faile of being present at the aboves'd tyme & place to give in w't evedence thay know herein

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#### **Officer's Return**

Aprill. 11'th 1692 I have taken the persons of Sarah Cloycie and Elizabeth Procter and brought them befor this honorable Courte to answer above I have also warned the above named Elizabeth Hubbart to answer as above

pr \*Geo. Herrick Marshall of Essex

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#### Examination of Sarah Cloyse and Elizabeth Proctor

At a court held at Salem th April 1692, by the honoured Thomas Danforth, Deputy Governor.

- Q. John; who hurt you?
- A. Goody Procter first, and then Goody Cloyse.
- Q. What did she do to you?
- A. she brought the book to me.
- Q. John! tell the truth, who hurts you? have you been hurt?
- A. The first, was a gentlewoman I saw.
- Q. Who next?
- A. Goody Cloyse.
- Q. but who hurt you next?
- A. Goody Procter.
- Q. What did she do to you?

- A. She choaked me, and brought the book.
- Q. How oft did she come to torment you?
- A. a good many times, she and Goody Cloyse.
- Q. Do they come to you in the night as well as the day?
- A. the come most in the day.
- Q. who?
- A. Goody Cloyse and Goody Procter.
- Q. Where did she take hold of you?
- A. Upon my throat, to stop my breath.
- Q. Do you know Goody Cloyse and Goody Procter?
- A. Yes, here is Goody Cloyse.
- (Cloyse) when did I hurt thee?
- A. A great many times.
- (Cloyse) Oh! you are a grievous liar.
- Q. What did this Goody Cloyse do to you?
- A. She pinched and bit me till the blood came.

- Q. How long since this woman came and hurt you?
- A. Yesterday at meeting.
- Q. At any time before?
- A. Yes a great many times.
- Q. Mary Walcot! who hurts you?
- A. Goody Cloyse.
- Q. What did she do to you?
- A. She hurt me.
- Q. Did she bring the book?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What was you to do with it?
- A. To touch it, and be well. -- Then she fell into a fit.
- Q. Doth she come alone?
- A. Sometimes alone, and sometimes in compant wih Goody Nurse and Goody Corey, and a great many I
- do not known. -- Then she fell into a fit again. --
- Q. Abigail Williams! did you see a company at Mr. Parris's house eat and drink?
- A. Yes Sir, that was their sacrament.
- Q. How many were there?
- A. About forty, and Goody Cloyse and Goody Good were their deacons.
- Q. What was it?
- A. They said it was our blood, and they had it twice that day.
- Q. Mary Walcot! have you seen a white man?
- Yes, Sir, a great many times.
- Q. What sort of man was he?
- A. A fine grave man, and when he came, he made all the witches to tremble. -- Abigail Williams confirmed the same, and that they had such a sight at Deacon Ingersoll's.
- Q. Who was at Deacon Ingersoll's then?
- A. goody Cloyse, goody Nurse, Goody Corey, and Goody Good. -- then Sarah Cloyse asked for water, and sat down as one seized with a dying fainting fit; and several of the afflicted fell into fits, and some of them cried out, Oh! her spirit is gone to prison to her sister Nurse. --
- Q. Elizabeth Procter! you understand whereof you are charged, viz. to be guilty of sundry acts of witchcraft; what say you to it? Speak the truth, and so you that are afflicted, you must speak the trutyh, as you will answer it before God another day. Mary Walcot! doth this woman hurt you?
- A. I never saw her so as to be hurt by her.
- Q. Mary Lewis! does she hurt you? --
- Her mouth was stopped. --
- Q. Ann Putnam, does she hurt you? --
- She could not speak. --
- Q. Abigail Williams! does she hurt you? --
- Her hand was thrust in her own mouth. --
- Q. John! does she hurt you?
- A. This is the woman that came in her shift and choaked me.
- Q. did she ever bring the book?
- A. Yes, Sir.
- Q. What to do?
- A. to write.
- Q. What, this woman?
- A. Yes, Sir.
- Q. Are you sure of it?
- A. Yes, Sir.

-- Again Abigail Williams and Ann Putnam were spoke to by the court, but neither of them could make any answer, by reason of dumbness or other fits.

Q. What do you say Goody Procter to these things?

A. I take God in heaven to be my witness, that I know nothing of it, no more than the child unborn.

Q. Ann Putnam! doth this woman hurt you.

A. Yes Sir, a great many times. -- Then the accused looked upon them and they fell into fits.

Q. She does not bring the book to you, does she?

A. Yes, Sir, often, and saith she hath made her maid set her hand to it.

Q. Abigail Williams! doth this woman hurt you?

A. Yes, Sir, often.

Q. Does she bring the book to you?

A. Yes.

Q. What would she have you do with it?

A. To write in it and I shall be well. --

Did you not, said Abigal, tell me, that your maid had written? (Procter) Dear Child, it is not so. There is another judgement, dear child. --

Then Abigail and Ann had fits.

-- By and by they cried out, look you there is Goody Procter upon the beam. --

By and by, both of them cried out of Goodman Procter himself, and said he was a wizard. -- I immediately, many, if not all of the bewitched, had grievous fits. --

Q. Ann Putnam! who hurt you?

A. Goodman Procter and his wife too. --

Afterwards some of the afflicted cried, there is Procter going to take up Mrs. Pope's feet. -- And her feet were immediately taken up. --

Q. What do you say Goodman Proctor to these things?

A. I know not, I am innocent. --

Abigail Williams cried out, there is Goodman Procter going to Mrs. Pope, and immediately, said Pope fell into a fit. -- You see the devil will deceive you; the children could see what you was going to do before the woman was hurt. I would advise you to repentance, for the devil is bringing you out. -- Abigail

Williams cried out again, there is Goodman Procter going to hurt Good Bibber; and immediately Goody Bibber fell into a fit. There was the lide of Mary Walcot, and divers others. --

Benjamin Gould gave in his testimony, that he had seen Goodman Corey and his wife, Procter and his wife, Goody Cloyse, Goody Nurse, and Goody Griggs in his chamber last thursday night. --Elizabeth Hubbard was in a trance durning the whole examination. --

During the examination of Elizabeth Procter, Abigail Williams and Ann Putnam, both made offer to strike at said Procter; but when Abigail's hand came near, it opened, whereas it was made up into a fist before, and came done [down] exceeding lightly, as it drew near to said Procter, and at length with open and extended fingers, touched Procter's hood very lightly. Immediately Abigail cried out, her fingers, her fingers, burned, and Ann Putnam tood on most greviously, of her head, and sunk down.

Salem, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1692. Mr. Samuel Parris was desired by the honourable

Thomas Danforth, deputy-governor, and the council, to take in writing the aforesaid examinations, and accordingly tood and delivered them in; and upon hearing the same, and seeing what was then seen, together with the charge of the afflicted persons, were by the advice of the council all commetted by us. John Hawthorne,

John Corwin, Assistants.

[Thomas Hutchinson, History of Massachusetts-Bay, II, 21-23]

# Physical Examination of Bridget Bishop, Rebecca Nurse, Elizabeth Proctor, Alice Parker, Susannah Martin, and Sarah Good, No. 1

1692 Salem June 2'd aboute 10 in Morning Wee whose names are under written being commanded by Capt George Crowine Esq'r Sherriffe of the County of Essex this 2'd day of June 1692 for to vew the bodyes of Bridgett Bishop alias Oliver Rebecah Nurse Elizabeth procter Alice parker Susanna Martine Sara Good

The first three, Namely: Bishop: Nurse: procter, by diligent search have discovered apreternathurall Excresence of flesh between the pudendum and Anus much like to Tetts & not usuall in women & much unlike to the other three that hath been searched by us & that they were in all the three women neer the same place

\*J Barton Chyrurgen Alice pickering her marke Jane Woolings her marke Marjery Williams her marke Anna Stephens her marke Elizabeth Hill her marke Elanor Henderson her marke Rebecah Sharpe her marke Lydia Pickman \*Hannah Kezer

Sworne in court June 2'd 1692

Attest \* Step: Sewall Cle

#### Physical Examination of Bridget Bishop, Rebecca Nurse, Elizabeth Proctor, Alice Parker, Susannah Martin, and Sarah Good, No. 2

Salem aboute 4 afternoon June 2'd 1692 .

We whose names are Subscribed to the w'th in mentioned, upon a second search about 3 or 4 houres distance, did find the said Brigett Bishop alias Oliver, in a clear & free state from any p'eter-naturall Excresence, as formerly seen by us alsoe Rebecah Nurse in stead of that Excresence within Mentioned it appears only as a dry skin without sense, & as for Elizabeth procter which Excresence like a tett red & fresh, not any thing appears, but only a proper [pro-cedeulia Ani,] & as for Susanna Martine whose breast in the Morning search appeared to us very full; the Nibbs fresh & starting, now at this searching all lancke & pendant which is all at pr'sent from the w'th in Memtioned subscribers and that that piece of flesh of Goodwife Nursess' formerly seen is gone & only a dry skin nearer to the anus in another place Rebecah Sharpe marke the marke of Elizabeth Hill Lidia Pickman Elanor Henderson her marke \*J Barton Chyrurgen Alice Pickering marke \*Hannah Kezer Marjery Williams

marjery williams marke Anna Stephens Jane Wollings marke

Sworne in Court June 2'd 1692

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#### Mittimus for Sarah Cloyce and Elizabeth Proctor

Salem aprill II -- 1692 At a Councill held at Salem. and pesent Thomas Danforth Esq'r Dept. Gov'er James Russell --John Hathorne Isaac Adington Maj'r Sam Appleton Capt Samuell Sewall Jonath' Corwin Esq'rs

Whereas Complaint was Exhibited by Capt Jonathon Walcot and Leiut Nathaniell Ingersall both of Salem Village, on behalfe of theire Magest's not only for themselfes, but also for severall of theire Neighbours Agains Sarah Cloyce the wife of peter Cloyce of Salem Village, and Elizabeth procter the wife of John procter of Salem farmes for high suspition of Sundry acts of witchcraft donne or Committed by them upon the Bodys of Abigail Williams and John Indian both of mr Sam parries his family in Salem Village, Mary Walcot Ann Putnam and Marcy Lewis &c -- accord'g to s'd Compl't appears.

Salem

Aprill 8'th And Warrants being given forth for theire apprehention s'd Cloyce and procter ware by George Herrick Marshall of Essex brought before us, and mr Samuell parries being desired and appointed to wright the Examination, did take the same & also read itt before the Councill in publicke.

And John procter of Salem farmes being then personally present was by Abigail Williams and Anna Putnam Charged with severall acts of Witchcraft by him Committed on the person of Mrs pope the wife of mr Joseph pope and Others, who ware at s'd tyme accordingly afflicted apparent to all, likewise Marcy Lewis and I got charged s'd John procter at s'd tyme upon w'ch Jno proctor & his wife and Sarah Cloyce ware all Committed to prison per advise of the Councill.

Also further Information being given against s'd Jno procter by mr Samueell parries. Aprill 12'th as appears.

Aprill 12'th 1692

John procter and Elizabeth procter his wife -- and Sarah Cloyce, also; Rebecka Nurse. Martha Cory and Dorothy Good ware sent to Boston Goale per Marshall Geo: Herrick -- upon high Suspition as aboves'd -- (Reverse) Councill at Salem Apr'll 11'th 1692 Sarah Cloyce Eliz. Proctor

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# Mittimus for Martha Corey, Giles Corey, Rebecca Nurse, Dorothy good Sarah cloyce, John Proctor, and Elizabeth Proctor

to the Kepper of their Majest's Goale in Boston

You are in their Majest's name hereby required to take into your care and safe Custody the Bodys of Martha Cory the wife of Giles Cory of Salem farmes husbandman Rebecka Nurse the wife of francs Nurce of Salem village husbandman. Dorothy Good the daugter of Wm Good afores'd husbandman. Sarah Cloyce the sife of peter Cloyce of Salem Village husbandman. John procter of Salem farmes husbandman and Elizabeth the wife of s d John procter of Salem farmes Husbandman who all and every one of them stand charged in behalfe of theire Majest's for feloniously Committeing Sundry Acts of

Witchcraft Lately, at Salem village, on the bodys of Ann Putnam the daugter of Thomas Putnam Abigail Williams Eliz. Hubbert & others of Salem Village afores'd whereby great hurt hath beene donne to theire bodys contrary to the peace of our Sov'r L'd & Lady Wm & Mary of England & King & Queen, whome you are all well to secure until thay shall be delivered by due order of Law And hereof you are not to faile

Dated Boston, May 25't 1692. \*John Hathorne p vs \*Jonathan. Corwin Assis'ts (Reverse) Sarah Good Rebecca Nurss Jno Willard John 'Proctor Eliza Proctor SuSanah Martin Bridgey Bishop all Oliver Alice Parker Tittuba Indian

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## Indictment. v. Elizabeth Proctor, No. 1

Anno Regis et Reginae Willm et Mariae nunc Angliae &c Quarto Essex ss

The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen p'esents That: Elizabeth Procter Wife of John Procter of Salem -- the 11'th Day of Aprill in the fourth Year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary: by the Grace of God of England Scottland France and Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the faith &c and Divers other Dayes and times. as well before, as after, certaine Detestable Arts called witchcraft & sorceries, wickedly and feloniously hath usedractised and Exercised, at and within the Towneship of Salem in the County of Essex aforesaid in upon and ag't on Mary Walcorr of Salem Village Singlewoman -- by which said wicked arts the said Mary WAlcott the II'th Day of Aprill in the forth Year as aboves'd and Divers other Dayes and times as well before; as after was and is Tortured afflicted Pined Consumed wasted and Tormented: aand also for sundry other acts of witchcraft by said Elizabeth Procter Committed and donne be fore and since that time ag't the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady, the King and Queen and ag't the forme of the Statute in that case made and Provided Witnesses. Mary Walcutt Sworn

Ann Putnam Sworn Mercy Lewis Sworn (Reverse) No. El. Procter bill a vera Procter & wife

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## Indictment. v. Elizabeth Proctor, No. 2

Anno Regis et Reginae Willm et Mariae nunc Angliae &c Quarto Essex ss

The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen pbar;'esents that Elizabeth Procter, Wife of John Procter of Salem husbandman -- the II'th day of Aprill in the forth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the Grace of God. of Enland Scottland France and Ireland King and Queen Degenders of the faith &c and Divers other Dayes and times as well before as after, Certain Detestable Arts called Witchcrats and Sorceries Wickedly and feloniously hath used Practised and exercised at and within the Towneship of SAlem in the County of Essex afores'd in Upon and ag't one Marcy Lewis of Salem Villiage in the County afres'd Singlewoman by which said wicked Arts, the said Marcy Lewis the II'th Day of Aprill in the forth year abovesaid and Divers other Dayes and times as well before as after was and is Tortured Afflicted Pined Conumed wasted & Tormented, And also for

Sundry other Actsf Witchcraft by the said Elizabeth. Procter Committed and Done before and since that time. ag't the peace of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen and ag't the forme of the Statute, in that case made and Provided. Witnesses Mercy Lewis. Sworn Ann Putman Sworn Eliz. Hubbard Sworn

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#### Petition for John Proctor and Elizabeth Proctor

We whose names are under written havinge several yeares knowne John Procter and his wife do testify that we never heard or understood that they were ever suspected to be guilty of the crime now charged apon them and several of us being their neare neighbours do testify that to our apprehension they lived Christian life in their family and were ever ready to helpe suce as stood in need of their helpe \*Nathaniel Felton sen: and mary his wife Samuel Marsh and Prescilla his wife \*James Houlton and Ruth his wife \*John Felton \*Nathaniel Felton jun \*Samuell Frayll and an his wife \*Zachariah Marsh and mary his wife \*Samuel Endecorr and hanah his wife \*Samuell Stone \*George Locker \*Samuel Gaskil & provided his wife \*George Smith \*Ed Edward: Gaskile

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#### Daniel Elliott for Elizabeth Proctor

the testimony of Daniel elet aged 27 years or thear abouts who testifieth & saith that I being at the hous of leutennant ingasone one the of march in the year 1692 thear being preasent one of the afflicted persons which cryed out and said thears goody procter William raiment juner being theare present told the garle he beleved she lyed for he saw nothing then goody ingerson told the garl she told aly for thear was nothing: then the garl said that she did it for sport they must have some sport

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#### **Declaration of Arthur Abbott**

This may Certifie all whome this writing shall come before, that on the 'th of October 1692, Arthur Abbut sent for me Daniell Epps and Capt Thomas wade Esqr both of Ipswich, finding himselfe very weake and III by Reason of some sad distempers upon him, in Order to the making his will. leaveing something that might be to the view of the world -- Reffering to the Evidence that he had given in the Honored Court of Oyer and terminer held at Sallem a little before, which was as followeth, Viz:

I Arthur Abbut having a great impulse upon me to declare unto the Honored Court (as abovesayed sitting in Salem) some things that I had formerly discoursed with Goodwife procter of Salem about and seen in her House, And gave Evidence thereof unto the s'd Honored Court, being a short time after sent for by the Wor'll Samuel Appleton Esq'r And by him accused for takeing a false oath therein, I doe humblie acknowledg my weaknes and reale sorrow for mentioning stateing the time, or any way insisting upon that, Butt being Extraordinarily Charged with fallshood as to the things I had both seen and heard in her House, I did with more than ordinarie Expression atest the truth thereof And doe as in the presence of God, before whose Tribunall, both the accuser and the accuser must appeare, Certinly affirme upon good Consideration and deep meditation, that to be true, which I had before declared to the Court, neither did I intend any of those great and solem expressions at Majore Appletons, should any way be understood as to the time, but the tings themselves, and this desired to leave to the world, not knowing how it might please God to deale with me;

This was taken from Arthur Abbut at his Earnest request, at the time above mentioned by us \*Daniell Epps. J: p

Dated this 9'th of November 1692

I also affirme that I did hear the said Arther Abbutt the day above mentioned when Cap't Epps was present declare & affirme that what he had before said was the Truth according as is above Expressed. it being read to him or the like words after it was taken downe from his Mouth. speech Wittness \*Thos Wade: J. P.

(Reverse) Arthur Abbott his declaration when sick before Justices

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#### Elizabeth Hubbard v. Elizabeth Proctor

The Deposistion of Elizabeth Hubburd aged about 17 years who testifieth and saith that about the beginning of April 1692 I saw the Apperishtion of Elizabeth procktor the wife of john prockton sen'r and she did immediately tortor me most greviously all mose redy to choak me to death: urging me to writ in hir book: and so she continewed afflecting of me by times tell the day of hir examination being the Ilth of Aprill and then also I was tortured most greviously during the time of hir examination I could not spake a word and also severall times sene the apperishtion of Elizabeth procktor has tortured me most greviously by biting pinching and almost choaking me to death urging me dreadfully to writ in hir book

mark: Eliz: Hubburd Jurat in Curia (Reverse) Elizabeth Hubbard ag't Eliz Procter Elizabeth Procktor

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#### Mary Warren v. Elizabeth Proctor

The deposistion of mary warrin aged a bout 20 years ho testefieth and saith I have often seen the apperition of Elizabth Procter the wife of John proctor a mong the witches and she hath often tortured me most greviously by biting me and choakeing me and pinching me and pressing my stomack tell the blood Came out of my mouth and also upon the day of hir examingnation I saaw her tortor mary walcoot march lues ann Putnam Elizabeth Hubbert abigell Williams and she hath ever sence at times tortured me most greviously Mary Warrin owned this har testimony to be the truth before the Jurairs of Inqwest this of June 1692

Jurat in Curia (Reverse) Mary Warren Con El. Procter

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#### Abigail Williams v. Elizabeth Proctor

The testimony of Abigail Williams Witnesseth & saith that divers times in the month of March last past, particularly on the. 14. 21. & 29. dayes of the same month, and also divers times in the month of April last past, particularly, on the 2. & 13. dayes, she the said Abigail hath been greviously vexed with the apparition of Eliz: Proctor the wife of John Proctor of Salem, by when apparition she has been greviously pinched, and also her bowels almost pulled out, by this together with the apparition of Rebekah Nurse, & by the afores'd apparition of Elizabeth Proctor has been tempted by the offer of fine things to subscribe to a book the said apparition tendered her the said Abigail Williams.

May 31: 1692 The mark of Abigail Williams attented before Abigail Williams owned to the Jury of inquest: that the above written evidence is the truth: June 30:92 (Reverse) Abig Williams ag'st Eliz: Procter

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## Mary Walcott v. Elizabeth Proctor

The Deposition of mary Walcott aged about 17 years who testifieth and saith that I never saw the Apperishtion of Elizabeth procter the wife of Jno: proctor before the day of hir examination being the II'th Aprill 1692: but sence that time the Apperishtion of Elizabeth Proctor has most geviously afflected me by biting pinching and almost choaking me urging me to writ in hir book

mark Mary Walcott hir Mary Walcut owned her Deposition above written upon her oarth before & unto the Grand inquest on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1692 --Jurat in Curia (Reverse) Mary Walcott against Eliz: proctor

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## Ann Putnam, Jr. v. Elizabeth Proctor

The Deposistion of Ann putnam Jun who testifieth and saith that on the 'th of march 1691/92 I saw the Apperishtion of goody procktor amongst the wicthes & she did almost choake me Immediately and bite and pinch me but I did not know who she was tell the 6'th of march that I saw hir att meeting and then I tould them that held me that that woman was one that did afflect me: and severall times sence she hath greviously afflected me by biting pinching and almost choaking me urging me behemently to writ in hir book: but on the II'th April 1692 the Apperishtion of Elizabeth proctor goe and afflect the bodys of Mistris pope Mary Walcott Mircy lewes Abigail Williams and also all the time of hir examination she and hir: Husband and Sarah Cloys did most greviously afflect Elizabeth Hubboard and would not let hir spake a word as I herd ann Putnam owned this har testimony to be the truth one har oath before the Juriars of Inqwest this 30 da of June; 1692 Jurat in Curia

(Reverse) Ann puttnam ag't Eliza. procter

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#### Stephen Bittford v. Elizabeth Proctor and Rebecca Nurse

The Deposition of Steephen Bittford aged about 23 years who testifieth and saith that about the beginning of April 1692 about midnight as I was a bed att the house of James Darling of Salem I being parfittly awake I saw standing in the chamber Rebekah Nurs and Elizabeth procktor the wife of John procktor whom I very well knew and I was in very grate paine in my nech and could not stir my head nor spake a word but I cannot say that it was they that hurt me and for 2. or 3 dayes after I could not stir my neck but as I moved my wholl body

mark Steephen Bittford his Stephen Bittford owned this his testimony to be the truth on his oath before the Juriars of Inquest this. 30. of June: 1692 Jurat in Curia (Reverse) Stephen bittford testimony

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#### Mercy Lewis v. Elizabeth Proctor

The Deposistion of Mircy lewes aged about 19 years who testifieth and [saith] that on the th march 1692 I saw the Apperishtion of Elizabeth proctor the wife of Jno proctor senr.: and she did most greviously tortor me by biting and pinching me most greviously urging me to writ in hir book and she continewed hurting me by temes tell the II'th April 1692 being the day of hir examination and then also during the time of hir examination she did tortor me most greviously and also severall times sence: also on the day of hir examination I saw the Apperishtion of Elizabeth proctor Mercy Lewes orned this har testimony to be the truth one har oath: before the Juriarts of Inqwest this of June 1692 (Reverse) Mircy lewes against: Elizabeth proctor

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#### William Rayment v. "Some of the Afflicted Persons"

The testimony of William Rayment aged 26 years or there about testifieth and saith that I being at the hous of Left'nt Ingarsols some time in the Later end of march; there discoursing conserning the examining of sewerall persons suspected for wiches: I was saying that I hard that goody procter was to be examined to morrow to which goody Ingarsoll replyed she did not beleve it for she heard nothing of it: some of the afflicted persons being present one of them or more cryed out there goody procter there goody procter and old witch Ile have her hang goody Ingersoll sharply reproved them then they semed to make a jest of it

(Reverse) William raiment

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## Thomas Putnam and Edward Putnam v. Elizabeth Proctor

The Deposistion of Thomas putnam agged 40 years and Edward putnam agged 36 years who testifie and say that we having been conversant with divers of the afflected parsons as mary walcott mercy lewes Eliz Hubburt and ann putnam and we have seen them most dreadfully tormented and complaining of Elizabeth proctor for hurting them: but on the II'th April 1692. being the day of hir examination the afforesaid parsons ware much affleted dureing the time of hir examination also severall times sence we have seen the afforesaid parsons most dreadfully tormented as if all their bones would have been disjoyned complaing of goody proctor for hurting them: and we verily beleve in our hearts that Eliz:P proctor the prisoner at the barr. as very often afflected the affore said parsons by acts of wicthcraft & that thay have seen many bites on the afflicted psons by acts of wicthcraft & that thay have seen many bites on the afflicted psons by acts of wicthcraft & that thay have seen many bites on the selizabeth proctor that did it. Jurat in Curia Attest. \*Stephen Sew'll, C

(Raverse) Tho & Edw. Puttnam

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## Elizabeth Booth v. Elizabeth Proctor

The Deposistion of Eliz: Booth agged about 18: years who testifieth and saith that on the 27 June Elizabeth proctor came to me and did most greviously tortor me by biting pinching and pricking me and allmost choaking me: and tould me that my mother nor I would not beleve that she was a wicth but she said she would make me know she was a wicth before she had don with me. \*Eliza: booth --

Elizabeth Booth owenid this har testimony to be the truth har oath before the Juriarts of Inqwest this 30. dy of June 1692

Jurat in Curia (Reverse) El. Booth

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## Elizabeth Booth v. Elizabeth Proctor and John Proctor

The testimony of Elesebth Booth Aged 18 years or their a bout testifieth & saith that one the 8 day of June father Law Shafling Apered unto me & said Elesebeth procktor Kiled him Because my mother wold not seand for doctor grigs to give him fesede & also Because she was not sent for when he was. first taken sick

Elesebeth Booth

The testimony of Elesebeth Booth Aged 18 years or their a Bout testifieth that one the 8 day of June Robert Stone Sinyer Apered unto me. & told me that John procter Senyer & Elesebeth his wife Kiled him Because they had som diferance in a redninge & also. at the Same time Robert Stone Juner Apered unto me & told me that John prockter & Elesebeth his wife Kiled him be Cause he tooke his fatheirs part Elesebeth Booth

(Reverse) Booth agt procter

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## Elizabeth Booth v. Elizabeth Proctor and John Willard

The testimony of Elisebeth Booth Aged 18 yers of ther a bout testifieth that one the 8 of June hugh Joanes Apered unto me & told me that Elesebeth Procter Kiled him be Cause he had a poght of sider of her which he had not paid her for

Elesebeth Booth.

The testimony of Elesebeth Booth. Aged 18 yers or their a bout testifieth that one the 8 of June Elesebeth Shaw apeared unto me & told me that Elesebeth proctor & John Wilard Kiled Her Because she did not use those doctors she Advised her too

Elesebeth Booth

The testimony of Elesebeth Booth Aged 18 yers or their a bout testifieth that one the 7 of June the wife of John fulton Apered unto me & told me that Elesebeth proctor Kiled her Because she would not give her Aples when she sent for sum

Elesebeth Booth

The testimony of Elesebeth BoothAged 18 yers or their a bout testifieth that one the 8 of June Doc'r Zerubabel Endecot Apered unto me & told me Elesebeth proctor Kiled him because they difered in their judgments a bout thomas veries wife & lickwis the saide Elesebeth proctor would have kiled doct Endecots wife but Cold not But lamed her a Good while

Elesebeth Booth

All the Depositions of Elisabeth Booth written in this side of paper were acknowledge by said Booth before & unto the Grand inquest on the : 30'th Day of June 1692 upon Oath (Reverse) Procter

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## Joseph Bayley v. Elizabeth Proctor

The deposition of Joseph Bayley aged forty four years testifyeth and saith, that I on the: 25'th day of may last my self & my wife being bound tooston, on the road when I came in Sight of the house where John proctor did live, there was a very hard blow strook on my brest which caused great pain in my stomoc & amasement in my head but did see no person near me only my wife behind me on the same hors, and when I came against s'd proctors house according to my understanding I did see John proctor & his wife att s'd house proctor himself loocked out of the windo & his wife did stand Just without the door, I tould my wife of it, & shee did loock that way & could see nothing but a littell maid att the dore I saw no maide there but proctors wife according to my understanding did stand att the dore, afterwards about half a mile from the afores'd house I was taken spechles for sum short time my wife did ask me severall questions and desiered me that if I could not speak I should hould up my hand which I did. and immediately I could speak as well as ever, and when we came to the way where Salem Road cometh into Ipswich road there I received another blow on my brest which cause much pain that I could not sitt on my hors and when I did alite off my hors, to my understanding I saw a woman coming towards us about sisteen or twenty pole from us but did not know who it was my wife could not see her when I did get up on my hors againe to my understanding there Stood a cow where I saw the woman, after that we went to Boston without any father molestation but after I came home againe to newbury I was pinched and nipt by sumthing invisible for sumtime but now through gods goodness to me I am well again Jurat in Curia

by both psons.

(Reverse) Joseph Bayley & wife

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## Samuel Barton and John Houghton for Elizabeth Proctor

the testimony of Samuel Barton aged 28 years or therabouts who testifieth and saith that I being at Thomas putnams a helping to tend the aflickted folks I heard them talking who the children Complained of an I hear them tell mercy lewes that she Cryedd out of goody procter and mercy lewes said that she did not Cry out of goody procter nor nobody she said she did say thear she is but did not teel them who and Thomas putnam & his wife & others told her that she Cryed out of goody procter and marcy lewes said if she did it was when she was out in her head for she said she saw nobody this being the of march [sic - no day given] in the year 1691/2

John Houghton aged 23 testifieth and saith I this Deponenet was present at the same tyme about written and I heard Thomas Purnam, and his wife sayd that mercy Lewis saw or named the wife of John Procter in her fitt and we heard the sayd mercy Lewis affirme that she never sayd that ever she saw her

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## Samuel Parris, Nathaniel Ingersoll and Thomas Putnam v. Elizabeth Proctor

The Deposition of Sam: Parris aged about.39.years, & Nathanael Ingersol aged about fifty & eight year, & Thomas Putnam aged about fourty years all of Salem --

testifyeth & saith that John Indian, Ann Putnam & Abigail Williams & others of the bewitched persons were severall times & greivously tortured at the Examination of Elizabeth Proctor wife to John Proctor of Salem Farmes before the Honoured Magistrated the. II'th April. 1692 . & particularly that Eliza: Hubbard was in a Trance during the whole examination unable to speak a word tho often called upon by s'd Magistrates, & also the said Abigail Williams & Ann Putname then testifyed that they say this Eliza: Proctor & her husband John Proctor severall times afflicting of Bathshua Pope the wife of Joseph Pope of Salem Yeoman, at which times the said Bathshua Pope was seized with violent fits: & farther that the said Abigail Williams & ann Putnam, both of them made offer to strike at said Eliz. Proctor, but when said Abigails hand came near to said Eliz: Proctor it opend (whereas it was made up into a fist before) & came down exceeding lightly as it drew near to said Proctor, & at length with open & extended fingers touche said Proctors hood very lightly, & immediately said Abigail cryed out, Oh! my fingers, my fingers, my fingers burne, & Ann Putman took on most greviously of her head, & sunk down, as far as she could being held up by such as tended her.

Nath: Ingatson and thom. Putman did on their oaths owne this their testimonies to be the truth be fore the Juriors of Inques this 30 of June 1692.

[Boston Public Lobrary -- Dept of Rare Books and Manuscripts]

#### **Petition of Elizabeth Proctor**

To: To the Honourable Generall Court Asembled at Boston may twenty seventh 1696

The Humble petetion of Elizabeth procter widow and Relict of John proctor of salem decesed Humbly sheweth that in the yere of our Lord 1692 when many persons in salem and in other towns ther about were accused by son evill disposed or strangly Influenced persons, as being witches or for being guilty of acting witchcraft my s'd Husband John procter and my selfe were accused of such and we both: my s'd Husband and my selfe were soe farr proceded against that we were condemned but in that sad time of darkness before my said husband was executed it is evident som body had Contrived awill and brought it to him to sign wher in his wholl estat is disposed of not having Regard to a contract in wrighting mad with me before mariag with him; but soe it pleased god to order by his providence that although the sentanc

was executed on my dere husband yet through gods great goodnes to your petitioner I am yet alive; sinc my husbands death the s'd will is proved and aproved by the Judg of probate and by that kind of desposall the wholl estat is disposed of; and although god hath Granted my life yet those that claime my s'd husbands estate by that which thay Call awill will not suffer me to have one peny of the Estat nither upon the acount of my husbands Contract with me before mariage nor yet upon the acount of the dowr which as I humbly conceive doth belong or ought to belong to me by the law for thay say that I am dead in the law and therfore my humble request and petetion to this Honoured Generall Court is that by an act of his honoured Court as god hath Contenewed my life and through gods goodnes without feare of being put to death upon that sentanc you would be pleased to put me Into acapacity to make use of the law to Recover that which of Right by law I ought to have for my nessesary suply and support that as I your petetioner am one of his magestyes subjects I may have the benifett of his laws soe Humbly prateng that fod would direct your honnours in all things to doe that which may be well pleasing to him I subscrib your honours humble petetioner

*Elizabeth procter widow Read 10<sup>th</sup> June. 1692[sic] in councill* 

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#### Abigail Williams v. John Proctor

1692 Apr. 4. Agib: Williams complained of Goodm Proctor & cryed out w't are you come to, you can pinch as well as your wife & more to that purpose

6. At night she complained of Goodm: Proctor again & beat upon her breast & cryed he pinched her. The like I hear at Tho. Putmans house

12 Day, when the Marshall was sent up to enquire of John Proctor & others & I was writing some what thereof as above I met with nothing but interruptions by reason of fits upon John Indian & Abiail, & Mary Walcot happening to come in just before, they one & another cryed out there is Goodm: Proctor very often: And Abigail said there is Goodm: Proctor (for Abigail was immediately seized with a fit) but she was deaf & dumb, yet still a knitting, then Mary recovered her self & confirmed what Abigail had said that goodm: proctor she saw in the Majstrats lap Then John cryed out to the dog under the Table to come away for goodm: Proctor was upon his back, then he cryed out of goody Cloyse, O you old Witch, & fell immediately into a violent fit that 3.men & the Marshall could not without exceeding difficulty hold him: In which fit Mary Walcot that was knitting & well composed said there was Goodm: Proctor & his wife & goody Cloyse helping of him. But so great were the interruptions of John & Abigail by fits while we were observing these things to notify them, that we were fain to send them both away that I might have liberty to write this without disturbance Mary Walcor abiding composed & knitting whilest I was writing & the two other sent away, yet by & by whilst I was writing Mary Walcot said there goody Cloyse has pincht me now

Note. Mary Walcot never saw Proctor nor his wife till last night coming from the examination at Salem & then she saw goody Proctor behind her brother Jonathan all the was from the Widow Gidneys to Phillips where Jonathan made a little stay But this day & time I have been writing this she saw them many times.

Note. Just now as soon as I had made an end of reading this to the Marshall Mary W [torn] immediately cryed O yonder is Good: Proctor & his wife & goody Nurse & Goody Korey & G [torn] Cloyse & Goods Child & then said O Goodm: Proctor is going to choke me & Immediately she was choakt

Munday II'th mo ditto Lut. Nath: Ingersoll Declared that John Procter tould Joseph Pope that if hee hade John Indian in his Costody hee would soone beat the Devell out of him: and so said to severall others

(Reverse) Village papers concerning Sundry persons Under Suspition of Witchcraft Abigail Williams ag't John procter

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#### Indictiment v. John Proctor, No. 1

Anno Regis et Reginae Willm: et mariae nunc. Angliae &c Quarto. Essex ss

The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen psents That: John Procter of Salem Husbandman in the County of Essex: the Eleventh Day of Aprill in the fourth Year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady, William and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scorrland France and Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the faithe &c and divers other Dayes and times as well before as after Certaine Detestable Acts, called Witchcraft and Sorcerites, Wickedly. and feloniously hath. used: Practised and Exercised at and within the Towneship of Salem in the County of Essex aforesd. in upon, and ag't one Mary Walcott of Salem Villiage in the County of Essex Single Woman -- by which said wicked Arts the said:Mary Walcott the II'th Day of April in the Year abovesaid and Divers other Dayes and times as well before. as agter was and is Tortured, Afflicted, Pined, Cionsumed wasted, and tormented, ag't the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King and Queen, and ag't the form of the Statute in that case made and provided Witnesses Mary Wolcot Jurat

Mercy Lewis Jurat Ann Putman Jurat (O.R.) No. 1 Jno Procter Ignoramos Procter & wife

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#### Indictment v. John Proctor, No. 2

Anno Regis et Reginae Willm et Mariae nunc Angliae &c Quarto Essex . ss.

The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen pr'sents That John Procter of Salem in the County of Essex, in New England husbandman the II'th Day of Aprill. in the forth Year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and lady William & Mary by the Grace of God of England Scottland France & Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the faith &c and Divers other Dayes and times as well before as after certaine Detestable Arts called witchcrats and Sorceries wickedly and feloniously hath used Practised and Exercised at and within the Towneship of Salem in the County of Essex aforesd. in upon and ag't one Mercey Lewis of Salem Villiage in the County of Essex afores'd Singlewoman -- by which said wicked arts the said Mercy Lewis the II'th Day of Aprill in the forth Year abovesd and divers other Days and times as well before as after was and is Tortured afflicted Pined: Consumed, wasted and Tormented, and also for sundry other acts of witchcraft by said John Procter Committed and done before and since that time ag't the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King & Queen, and ag;t the form of the Statute in that case made and Provided:

Witnesses Mercy Lewis Sworne Ann Putman Sworne

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#### Indictment v. John Proctor, No. 3

Anno Regis et Reginae Willm et Mariae nunc Angliae &c Quarto Essex. ss.

The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen pr'sents That John Procter of Salem in the County of Essex husbandman the 26'th Day of March in the fourth Year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady William & Mary by the Grace of God of England Scottland France and Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the faith &c and Divers other Dayes and times as well before as after certaine Detestable Arts called Witchcrafts and Sorceries Wickedly and feloniously hath used, Practised and Excercised at, and within the Township of Salem in the County of Essex afores'd in, Upon & ag't one Mary Warren of Salem in the County of Essex Singlewoman -- by which said wicked arts the said mary Warren the Twenty Sixth Day of March in the fourth Year abovesaid and Divers other Dayes & times as well before, as after, was and is Tortured, Afflicted, Pined: Consumed, wasted and Tormented, ag't the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King and Queen and agt. the form of the Statute in that case made and Provided

Witnesses Mary Warren Jurat. Mary Walcott Jurat. (Reverse) bil a vera No. 3. Jno Procter Ind't up'n M: Wa:

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#### Physical Examination of John Proctor and John Willard

We whose names under written having searched the bodyes of John procter sev'r & John Williard now in the Goale & doe not find any thing to farther suspect them

Dated June 2, 1692 Rondel ap're testis \*John Rogers \*Joshua Rea Jun'r \*John Cooke \*J. Barton Chyrg'n \*Jno Gyles \*William Hine \*Ezekiel Cheever (Reverse) Return of Doctor Barton & other men that Search't Willard & Procter

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#### Petition for John Proctor and Elizabeth Proctor

The Humble, & Sincere Declaration of us, Subscribers, Inhabitants, in Ipswich, on the behalf of o'r Neighb'rs Jno Procter & his wife now in Trouble & und'r Suspition of Witchcraft.

Too the Hon'rable Court of Assistants now Sitting In Boston. --

Hon'red & Right Worshipfull!

The foresd John Procter may have Great Reason to Justifie the Divine Sovereigntie of God under thos Severe Remarques of Providence upon his Peac & Hon'r und'r a due Reflection upon his Life past: And

so the Best of us have Reason to Adoar the Great Pittie & Indulgenc of Gods Providenc, that we are not Exposed to the utmost shame, that the Divell can Invent und'r the p'rmissions of Sovereigntie, tho not for that Sin fore Named; yet for o'r many Transgretions; for we Do at present Suppose that it may be A Method w'thin the Seveerer But Just Transaction of the Infinite Majestie of God: that he some times may p'rmitt Sathan to p'rsonate, Dissemble, & therby abuse Inocents, & such as Do in the fear of God Defie the Devill and all his works. The Great Rage he is p'rmitted to attempt holy Job w'th The Abuse he Does the famous Samuell, in Disquieting his Silent Dust, by Sahddowing his venerable P'rson in Answer to theharmes of WitchCraft, & other Instances from Good Hands; may be arg'd Besides the unsearcheable foot stepps of Gods Judgments that are brought to Light Every Morning that Astonish o'r weaker Reasons, To teach us Adoration, Trembling. & Dependance, &ca but --

We must not Trouble y'r Honr's by Being Tedious, Therefore we being Smitten with the Notice of what hath happened, we Recoon it within the Duties of o'r Charitie, That Teacheth us to do, as we would be done by; to offer thus much for the Clearing of o'r Neighb'rs Inocencie; viz: That we never had the Least Knowledge of such a Nefarious wickedness ino'r said Neighbours, since they have been within our acquaintance; Neither doe we remember -- any such Thoughts in us Concerning them; or any Action by them or either of them Directly that way; no more than might be in the lives of any other p'rsons of the Clearest Reputation as to Any such Evills. What god may have Left them to, we Cannot Go into Gods pavilions Cloathed with Cloudes of Darknesse Round About.

But as to what we have ever seen, or heard of them -- upon o'r Consciences we Judge them Innocent of the crime objected.

His Breading hath been Amongst us; and was of Religious Parents in o'r place; & by Reason of Relations, & Proprties w'thin o'r Towne hath had Constant Intercourse w'th us

We speak upon o'r p'rsonall acquaintance, & observations: & so Leave our Neighbours, & this our Testimonie on their Behalfe to the wise Throughts of y'r Honours, & Subscribe &c. \*Jno Wise \*William Story Sen'r \*Thos Chote \*John Burnum sr \*William Thomsonn. \*Tho. Low Sanor \*Isaac Foster \*John Burnum jun'r \*William Goodhew \*John Cogswell \*Thomas Andrews \*Joseph Andrews \*Benjamin marshall \*Isaac perkins \*Nathanill Perkins \*Thomas Lovkine \*William cogswell \*Thomas Varny \*John fellows \*William Cogswell sen \*Jonathan Cogswell \*John cogswell Ju \*John Andrews

\*Jonn Andrews \*John Chote se'r

\*Joseph prockter

\*Samuell Gidding \*John Andrews Ju'r \*William Butler \*William Andrews \*Joseph Euleth. \*Jems White (Reverse) Petition in favor of John Proctor & wife

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## **Testimony of John Pope**

Aprill 11 -- 1692

aged forty one years or thereabouts Joseph Pope testefyeth and Saith that on the s'd day this deponenet heard John Proctor Say that if mr Parish would let him have his Indian hee the s'd Procter would soone Drive the Divell out of him and farther Saith not.

Their testimonies to be the truth before the juriors of Inquest this 30 of June 1692. Copy..

[Essex Institute -- Fowler Papers]

#### Samuel Sibley v. John Proctor

The morning after the examination of Goody Nurse. Sam: Sibly met John Proctor about Mr Phillips w'o called to said Sibly as he was going to sd Phillips & asdt how the folks did at the village He answered he heard they were very bad last night but he had heard nothing this morning Proctor replyed he was going to fetch home his jade he left her there last night & had rather given 40d than let her come up sd Sibly asdt why he talt so Proctor replyed if they were let alone so we should all be Devils & witches quickly they should rather be had to the Whipping post but he would fetch his jade Home & thresh the Devil out of her & more the like purpose crying hang them, hang them. And also added that when she was first taken with fits he dept her close to the Wheel & threated to thresh her, & then she had no more fits till the next day he was gone forth, & then she must have her gits again firsooth &.

Procter ownes he meant Mary Warren attest. \*St. Sewall. Cler (Reverse) Sam'l Sibleys Evidence

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#### Sarah Bibber v. John Proctor

The Deposition of Sarah Vibber aged about 36 years who testifieth and saith that on the june 1692. Jno: proctor. sen'r came to me and did most greviously torment me by pinching pricking and almost pressing me to death urging me to drink: drink as Red as blood which I refusing he did tortor me with a variety of tortors and immediately he vanished away also on the same day I saw Jno: proctor most greviously tortor Susannah Shelden by claping his hands on hir throat and almost choaking hir. also severall times sence Jno: protor sen'r has most greviously tortured me a grat many times with a variety of tortors

Sara vibber owned this har testimony to be the truth on har oath before the Juriars of Inqwest this: 30. of June 1692 Jurat in Curia (Reverse) Sarah vibber

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#### Mary Warren v. John Proctor and Elizabeth proctor

Mary Warrens confession ag't Jo: Proctor & ux Charges them personally to cause her to signe or make a mark in there book and both of them committing acts of Witchcraft & being soe & personally threatned the d'poit with tortures if she would not signe & since con[torn] have of times afflicted & tormented her.large in her Confessions vide.

## Elizabeth Hubbard v. John Proctor

The deposistion of Elizabeth Hubburd aged about 17 years who testifieth and saith that I never saw the Apperishtion of Jno: procktor sen'r before the day of his examination which was the II'th April 1692: but sence that the Apperishtion of Jno: procktor sen't most greviously afflected me a great many times by pinching pricking and beating me almost choaking me to death urging me vehemently to writ in his book

mark Eliz. Jurat in Curia (Reverse) Elizabeth Hubbard ag't John procter

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#### Ann Putnam, Jr. v. John Proctor

The Deposition of Ann Putnam Jun'r who testifieth and saith I have often seen the Apperishtion of Jno procktor senr. amongst the witches but he did not doe me much hurt tell a little before his examination which was on the IIth of April 1692 and then he sett upon me most greviously and did tortor me most dreadfully also in the time of his examination he afflected me very much: and severall times sence the Apperishtion of John procktor senr, has most greviously tortured me by pinching and almost choaking me urging me vehemently to writ in his book also on the day of his examination I saw the Apperishtion of Jno: proctor senr goe and afflect and most greviously tortor the bodys of Mistris pope mary Walcott Mircy lewes. Abigail Williams and Jno: Indian. and he and his wife and Sarah Cloys kept Elizabeth Hubburd speechless all the time of their examination

mark Ann Putnam Ann Putman owned what is above written upon oath before and unto the Grand inquest on the 30'th Day of June 1692 (Reverse) Ann puttnam ag't John procter

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#### Samuel Parris, Nathaniel Ingersoll, and Thomas Putnam v. John Proctor, Elizabeth Proctor, and Sarah Cloyce

The deposition of Sam: Parris aged about. 39. years and Nathanael Ingersoll aged about fifty & eight years & also Thoma Putman aged about fourty years all of Salem --

testifieth & saith that divers of the afflicted by Witchcraft were much tortured at the examination of John Proctor of Salem Farmes before the honoured Magistrates the II'th April. 1692 . & particularly when Mr Joseph Popes wife was severall times afflicted, Ann Putman jun'r & Abigail Williams testified that it was by John Proctor aforesaid & his wife Elizabeth, & also when Mercy Lewes was much afflicted at the same examination said Ann witnessed that it was by said Proctor & his wife & Goody Cloyse, also when Goody Bibber was much afflicted, Abig: Williams just before cryed out there is Goodman Proctor going to hurt Goody bibber, & also said Abigail cryed out there is Goodman Proctor going to hurt immediately Mary Walcot was seized with a violent fit (Reverse) The Depotion of Sam: Parris &c ags't John Proctor

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#### Mary Warren v. John Proctor

The deposition of mary warrin aged 20 y'rs ho testifieth I have seen the apparition of John procter sen'r among the wiches and he hath often tortured me by penching me and biting me and Choakeing me and pressing me one my Stomack tell the blood came out of my mouth and all so I saw hom tortor Mes poap and marcey lues and John Indian a pon the day of his examination and he hath also temted me to right in his book and to eat bread which he brought to me which I Refuseing to doe: Jno proctor did most greviously tortor me with variety of tortures all most Redy to kill me.

Mary Warren owned the above writted upon her oath before & unto the Grand inquest on the 30'th Day of June 1692

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#### Elizabeth Booth v. John Proctor

The deposistion of Eliz: Booth agge 18 years who testifieth and saith that sence I have been afflected I have been most greviously tormented by my neighbor John proctor senr or his appearance also I have seen John proctor senr. or his Apperance most greviously torment and afflect Mary Walcott, Mercy Lewes and Ann Putnam junr. by pinching twinsting and almost Choaking them Jurat in curia (Reverse) El. booth John Proctor

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#### Thomas Putnam and John Putnam, Jr. v. John Proctor

The Deposistion of Thomas Putnam aged 40 years and Jno. Putnam aged 36 years who testifieth andsaith that we ha eing ben conversant with divrs of the afflected parsons as mary Walcott mercy lewes Abigail Williams and Ann Putnam and Elizabeth Hubbert, and have seen them most greviouls tormented and often complaining of John proctor, for hurting them also on the II'th of April 1692 being the day of John proctors examination the affore named parsons ware much afflected during the time of his examination: also severall times sence we have seen the affore said parsons most dreadfully afflected and complaining of John proctor for hurting them and we verily beleve that John proctor the prosoner att the barr has many times afflected and tormented the affore said parsons by acts of witchcraft \*Thomas Putnam. \*Jon Putnam.

(Reverse) Thomas Putman Jon Putman John Proctor

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Abigail Williams v. John Proctor

The Testimony of Abigail Williams witnesseth & saith that divers times in the month of April last past & particularly on the.4.6. eleven &.13. dayes of the same month, she the said Abigail hath been much vexed with the apparition of John Proctor Senior of Salem Husbandman, by which apparition she the said Abigail hath been often pinch't & otherwise tortured.

May 31. 1692. Attested before (Reverse) Abig: Williams ags't John Proctor Sen'r

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#### Mary Walcott and Elizabeth Hubbard b. John Proctor, Elizabeth Proctor, William Proctor, and Sarah Proctor

The deposion of Mary Walcott and Elizabeth Hubbard, s'd that on the of May 1692 we came to see James holten, how lay grevesely tormented and we then saw John prockter and his wife his son Wm procter, Sarah procter, and all of them a pressing of him w'h there hands one his stomack and tormenting of him most grevesely and then quckly after they fell upon us and afflected us most dredfully for a considerable time

Jurat in Curia by both

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#### James Holton v. John Proctor

James holten testifieth.and sd that as soon as mary Walcutt and elizebeth hubard was afflected that at that same time I had ease of my pains Jurat in curia (Reverse) Mary Walcott & Elizabeth ags't Jno proctor & wife &c James Holten

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#### Elizabeth Booth v. Sarah Proctor, John Proctor, and Elizabeth Proctor

May. 20'th: 1692

Elizabeth Booth aged 18 years or thereabouts Testifieth & saith That Sarah Procter appeared unto her and brought her a Book and bid her sett her hand to it, this Deponent told her that she would not, ever sence this Deponent hath been greeviously afflicted by her the said Procter: and John Procter and his wife hath Pinch't & Pricked this Deponent Likewise: several times: and still continues to do to: day (Reverse) Eliz Booth against Sarah procter

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**4. Sarah BASSETT** (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1649 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>. On 23 November 1675 when Sarah was 26, she married **Thomas ELWELL**, in Gloucester, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>.

**5. William<sup>3</sup> BASSETT Jr.** (*William<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born circa 1651 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup> and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Basset, William, "Uncle"" on 16d:8m(October):1732; he was 81<sup>[5]</sup>.

William, Jr. took the Oath of Freeman on 18 April 1691<sup>[33]</sup>. He & Sarah lived on Nahant Street, Lynn, Essex co., MA. On 13 December 1714, William Bassett, Jr. and his brother John Bassett bought 20 acres of salt Marsh and upland or pine Land" from Hugh Floyd for £90. They bought 13 acres more on the Pine River on 22 May 1725<sup>[51]</sup>.

On 25 October 1675 when William was 24, he married **Sarah HOOD**, daughter of **Richard HOOD Sr. & Mary NEWHALL**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1,19,41,45,52,53,44,54,55,56,57,58]</sup>.

Sarah, like so many of her neighbors, was accused of being a witch in 1692. She was tried at Salem on 21 May 1692<sup>[10]</sup> and imprisoned in Boston until 3 December 1692. Note that she gave birth to her son, Joseph, on 15 December. In addition, she took her -month old child (probably Ruth) with her to prison. She named her next daughter "Deliverance" in honor of her freedom. In 1693, she was recompensed a whopping £9 for her experience.

## The Case of Sarah Bassett Indictment v. Sarah Bassett

Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Essex \ Ano RR & Reginae Gulielmi & Mariare Angliae &c Quarto Anoq'e\Dom. 1692.

The Jurors for o'r Sov'r lord & Lady the King & Queen pr'sent The Sarah Bassett wife of William Bassett of Lyn in the County of Essex aforesaid Upon or about the 23'rd day of May last Anno: 1692 aforsaid

And Divers other Days & Times as well before as after Certaine Detestable Arts Called Witchcraft & Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously & felloniously hath used practised & Exercised at & in the Towne of Salem, in the County of Essex aforesaid Upon & Against One Mary Walcott of Salem Single Woman By Which Wicked Arts The Said Mary Walcott is Tortured aflicted Tormented Consumed Wasted & Pined the Day & yeare aforesaid & Divers other Days & times as well before as Contrary to the peace of o'r Sov'r Iord & lady the King & Queen their Crowne & Dignity & the Laws in that Case made & provided.

Wittness Ann Putnam Marcy Lewis Ignoramus Robert Payne foreman Salem Court 3 January 1693"<sup>[61,62]</sup>

#### Complaint v. Sarah Proctor, Sarah Basset, and Susannah Roots

#### Salem May the 21'th 1691

Thomas Putnam and John Putnam, of Salem Village yeomen made Complaint (before us) on behalfe of theire Majest's against [] Basset the wife of Basset of Lynn husbandman and Roote of Beverly widow, and Sarah procter of Salem farmes daugter of John procter of sayd place for Sundry acts of Witchcraft by them donne and Committed on the Bodys of Mary Walcot Abigail Williams Marcy Lewis ann Putnam & others Lately whereby great hurt & Injury hath denne donne them therefore Craves Justice \*Thomas Putnam

\*John Putnam Jun. \*John Putnam Jun. This Compl't was Exhibited Salem 21'th May 1692 \*John Hathorne before us \*Jonathan. Corwin P ord'r of the Govern'r and Councill (At bottom of sheet-inverted) Rebecka Waltham wife of Jno Waltham Bethya Lovett the wife of Jno Lovett Sen'r

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They had the following children:

15	i.	Sarah
16	ii.	William
17	iii.	Mary
18	iv.	John
19	ν.	Hannah
20	vi.	Ruth
21	vii.	Joseph
22	viii.	Deliverance
23	ix.	Abigail

Generation: G8 Grandparents Person Numbers: 2028/2029

**6.** John BASSETT (*William<sup>2</sup>*, *Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born on \_\_\_\_d:9m(November):1653 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>.

**7. Mirriam BASSETT** (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on \_d:7m(September):1655 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>. Before 1681 when Mirriam was 26, she married **Ephriam SANDIN**.

**8.** Mary BASSETT (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on \_d:1m(March):1657/8 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>. Mary was also accused of witchcraft during the 1692 hysteria and was tried at Salem on 23 May 1692<sup>[10]</sup>. Circa 1676 when Mary was 19, she married **Michael DERICH/DERRICK/RICH/DE RICH**.

## THE CASE AGAINST MARY DE RICH Warrant for Arrest of Mary De Rich

To the Marshall of the County of Essex or his Lawfull Deputy or Constable in Salem.

You are in theyr Majests Names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before us, Mary de Rich the Wife of Michaell de Rich of Salem farmes Husbandman, whoe stands Charded w'th Sundry Acts of Witchcraft by hir committed lately on the Bodys of Abigall Williames & Elizabeth Hubbard of Salem village &c. whereby great hurt & Injury hath bin donne them in order to hir Exemination relateing to the same & hereof you are nott to fayle. Salem. Dat. May, 23, 1692. \*John Hathorne \*Jonathan. Corwin P ord'r of the Govern'r & Councill I have apprehended the above named person and brought her as above. P'r \*Jos'h Neal Constable

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#### Complaint v. Benjamin Proctor, Mary De Rich, and Sarah Pease

Lt Nathaniell Ingerall and Thomas Rayment both of Salem Village yeoman Complained on behalfe of theire Majest's, against Benjamin procter the son of John Procter of Salem Farmes, and Mary Derich the wife of Michall Derich and daughter of William Basset of Lyn and [] pease the wife of Robert pease of Salem weaver for Sundry acts of Witchcraft by them Committed on the bodys of mary Warren Abigaile Williams and Eliz Hubbard &c of Salem Village, whereby great hurt is donne them therefore Craves Justice.

Salem May 23'd 1692. *p* \*Nathannil Ingersoll the mark of Thomas c Rayment.

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#### Warrant for Arrest of Benjamin Proctor, Mary De Rich, and Sarah Pease

To: To the Marshall of Essex or dept or Constables in Salem.

You are in theire maest's names hereby required to apprehend and forthwith bring before us Benjamin procter the son of John procter of Salem farmes and Mary Derich the wife of mic'l Derich of Salem farmes husbandman, and Sarah pease the wife of Robert Pease of Salem Weaver who all stand charged of having Committed Sundry acts of Witchcraft on the Bodys of Mary Warren Abigail Williams and Eliz.

Hubbert of Salem Village whereby great hurt is donne them In order to theire examination Relating the abovesaid premises and hereof you are not to faile Dated Salem May the 23'd 1692 \*John Hathorne, \*Jonathan. Corwin p. order of the Gov'r & Councill I doe appoint mr John Puttnam to bee my lawffull Deputy to serve this warrant pr \*Geo Herrick Marshall of Essex (Reverse) I have sesed the body of Benjemin prokter and have brought him to the place within expressed. by me \*John Putnam marshell Debety

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#### Elizabeth Booth v. Sarah Proctor and Mary De Rich

May the 23 1692

Elizabeth Booth aged 18 yeares or therebouts deposeth & saith That Sarah Procter and Mary Derish the wife of Michell Derish appeared to this Deponent in the Night and Called her Jade, Mary Derish asked her whay made her say any thing about Sarah Procter Replyed said it was well.she did not come to the Village that Day: and with all afflicted, & Pinched, her, this Deponent most greviously and so continues to afflict her this Deponet still and John Procter and his wife Likewise whos name is Elizabeth:Procter: (Reverse) Eliz. Booth agst Sarah Procter & Mary Derich

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Salem May 23'd 1692. p \* Nathannil Ingersoll the mark of Thomas c Rayment

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To: To the Marshall of Essex or dept or Constables in Salem.

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\*John Hathorne, \*Jonathan. Corwin. p order of the Gov'r & Councill I doe appoint mr John Puttnam to bee my lawffull Deputy to serve this warrant pr \*Geo Herrick Marshall of Essex (Reverse) I have sesed the body of Benjemin prokter and have brought him to the place within expressed. by me \*John Putnam marshell Debety.

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**9. Hannah1 BASSETT** (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 25d:12m(February):1659/60 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup> and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA circa 1670; she was 11<sup>[1]</sup>.

**10. Elisha BASSETT** (*William<sup>2</sup>*, *Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born circa 1662 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>.

**11. Samuel BASSETT** (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 18d:1m(March):1663/4 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>.

**12. Rachell BASSETT** (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 13d:1m(March):[believed to be 1666] in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>. On 23 January 1693/4 when Rachell was 27, she married **Ephriam SILSBY**, in Salem, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>.

**13. Hannah2 BASSETT** (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1670 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup> and married John LILLE.

**14. Rebecca BASSETT** (*William*<sup>2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born circa 1688 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[1]</sup>. She was still living on 10 February 1701/2, when she was named in her father's will<sup>[1]</sup>.

#### **Fourth Generation**

## Family of William BASSETT Jr. (5) & Sarah HOOD

**15. Sarah BASSETT** (*William*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 6 December 1676 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[63]</sup>.

**16.** William BASSETT, III (*William*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born in November 1678 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[63]</sup> and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 4 March 1762; he was 83<sup>[64]</sup>. On 14d:11m:(January):1703/4 when William was 25, he married **Rebecca BERRY**, daughter of **Thaddeus BERRY** & **Hanna FARRAR**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[64,65]</sup>. Rebecca was born circa 1678 and died on 2 February 1766; she was 88.

17. Mary BASSETT (William<sup>3-2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) was born on 13 June 1680 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[63]</sup>.

**18. John<sup>4</sup> BASSETT** (*William<sup>3-2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 8 September 1682 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[66]</sup> and died as "Basset, John" in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 26 January 1753; he was 70<sup>[64,67]</sup>. John was a Husbandman<sup>[68]</sup>.

On 9d:12m(February):1704/5 when John was 21, he married **Abigail BERRY**, daughter of **Thaddeus BERRY** & **Hanna FARRAR**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[64,69,70]</sup>. An intention was also filed in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 13 January 1704/5 under both "John Basset of Lynn & Abigail Berry of Boston" and as "Berry, Abigall of Rumney Marsh, and John Bassett, s. William".

They had the following children:

24	i.	Desire
25	ii.	Zaphania
26	iii.	Mary
27	iv.	Isaiah
28	٧.	Lydia
29	vi.	Daniel

Generation: G7 Grandparents Person Numbers: 1014/1015

**19. Hannah BASSETT** (William<sup>3-2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 February 1685 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[63]</sup>.

**20.** Ruth BASSETT (*William*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 16 March 1689/90 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[63]</sup>. Ruth was imprisoned with her mother during the Witch Hysteria.

21. Joseph BASSETT (William<sup>3-2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) was born on 15 December 1692/3 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[63]</sup>.

**22. Deliverance BASSETT** (*William*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 August 1695 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[63]</sup> and married **Samuel BREED, Jr.**, son of **Samuel BREED & Anna HOOD**. Deliverancewas named for her mother's "deliverance" from prison after the Witch Hysteria.

**23.** Abigail BASSETT. (*William*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) We currently know nothing more of her.

## **Fifth Generation**

## Family of John BASSETT (18) & Abigail BERRY

**24.** Desire BASSETT (John<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3-2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1705/1706 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

**25. Zaphania BASSETT** (*John*<sup>4</sup>, *William*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Roger*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1707 in Lynn, Essex co., MA. Her name is variously spelled as Zaphania and Gephemiah.

**26.** Mary<sup>5</sup> BASSETT (*John<sup>4</sup>*, *William<sup>3-2</sup>*, *Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 13 August 1709 in Lynn, Essex co., MA and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 24d:6m(August):1793; she was 83. Mary is buried in The Friends' Burying Ground in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

Mary's will was written on 14 March 1782 and probated on 6 August 1793.

#### The Will of Mary Bassett Breed

- \*...to my beloved daughter Hannah Mower 1 silver pepper box / 2 large silver spoons, 1 round spring table and one GRISSET gown.
- \*to my beloved daughter Anna Burrill one silver cream post, 1 large silver spoon, 1 pair silver tea ton[g]s, 1 brown silk gown.
- \*To my beloved daughter Alice Newhall, 5 shillings.
- \*To my beloved daughter Mary Sawyer one silver can, one large silver spoon, one silver snuff box.
- \*to my beloved grandson William Breed, son of Nehemiah, one large sivler spoon.
- \*to my beloved grandson Albert Gray, 2 large silver spoons and one pair of stone sleeve buttons set in silver.

\*to my beloved granddaughter Abigail Mower, 3 silver tea spoons.

\*to my beloved granddaughter Allice Burrill 2 silver tea spoons.

\*The remainder of my wearing appearal unto my 3 daughters, named above, to be equally divided.

\*Whatever estate left I may be possessed of at the time of my death and not herein before disposed of I give to my 3 sons, Ezra, Zephaniah, Daniel, and to my daughters (above) together with my grandson Albert Gray to be equally divided.

\*Lastly I ordain my beloved son Ezra sole Executor.

Witnesses: Richard Pratt, Samuel Breed, Nathan Breed.

. [Essex Probate 3234; Book 362, p. 484]

On 28 October 1728 when Mary was 19, she married **Nathan BREED**, son of **Samuel BREED** & **Anna HOOD**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[71]</sup>.

They had the following children (surnamed BREED):

- i. Hannah1
- ii. Hannah2
- iii. Ezra
- iv. Abigail
- v. Zephaniah vi. John
- vii. Daniel
- vii. Danie viii. Alice
- ix. Anna
- x. Mary
- xi. Enoch

Generation: G6 Grandparents Person Numbers: 506/507

**27.** Isaiah BASSETT (*John<sup>4</sup>*, *William<sup>3-2</sup>*, *Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1711/1712 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

**28.** Lydia BASSETT (*John<sup>4</sup>*, *William<sup>3-2</sup>*, *Roger<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1713 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

**29.** Daniel BASSETT (John<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3-2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 September 1716 in Lynn, Essex co., MA.

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