

The examination of
(1) Beliverance Hobbs. 22 Apr. 1692
At a court held at Salem village by
John Hawthorn }
Jonah: Conwin } 29/4

Mery Lewis do you know her that stands
at the Bar (for the Magistrates had privately
ordered who should be brought in, & not suf-
fered her name to be mentioned) Do
you know her? speaking to another; but
both were struck dumb.

Ann Putman just said it was Goody
Hobbs, & she hath hurt her much.

John Indian said he had seen her, &
she choakt him.

Mary Walcott said, yesterday was the first
time that she saw her. i.e. as a Tormentor.

Why do you hurt these persons?

It is unknown to me.

How come you to commit acts of witchcraft?

I know nothing of it.

It is you, or your appearance, how comes
this about? Tell us the truth.

I cannot tell.

Tell us what you know in this case. Who hurt
them if you do not?

There are a great many persons hurt in all.
But it is your appearance.

I do not know it.

Have not you consented to it, that they
should be hurt?

No in the sight of God, & man, as I shall
answer another day.

It is said you were afflicted, how came
that about?

I have seen sundry sights.

What sights.

Last Lords day in ^{this} meeting house & out of
the door, I saw a great many cats & dogs,
& heard a voice say come away.

What have you seen since?

The shapes of several persons.

What did they say?

Nothing.

What neither the birds, nor persons?

No.

What persons did you see?

Goody Wilds & the shape of Mery Lewis.

What is that? Did either of them hurt you?

None but Goody Wilds, who tore me almost
to pieces.

Where was you then?

In bed.

Was not the book brought to you to signe?

No.

Were not you threatened by any body, if
you did not signe the book?

No, by no body.

What were you tempted to under your
affliction?

I was not tempted at all.

Is it not a solemn thing, that last Lords
day you were tormented, & now you are
become a tormentor, so that you have
changed sides, how comes this to pass?

Abig. Williams ~~and~~ Ann Putman
just cry out there is Goody Hobbs upon
the beam, she is not at the Bar, they
cannot see her there: tho' there she stood.

What do you say to this, that tho' you are
at the Bar in person, yet they see your
appearance upon the beam, & whereas
a few days past you were tormented, now
you are become a Tormentor? Tell us
how this change comes. Tell true.

I have done nothing.

What have you resolved you will not con-
fess? Hath any body threatened you if you
do confess? You can tell how this change
comes.

The book upon John Indian, & then
another, & then they fell into fits.

Tell us the reason of this change: Tell us
the truth what have you done?

I cannot speak.

What do you say? What have you done?

I cannot tell.

Have you signed to any book?

It is very lately then.

When was it?

The night before the last.

Will the Lord open your heart to confess
the truth. Who brought the book to you?

It was Goody Wilds.

What did you make your mark with
in the book?

Pen & Ink. The pen & Ink?
They that brought the book: Goody Wilds.

Did they threaten you if you did not
signe?

Yes, to tear me in pieces.

Was there any else in company?

No Sir.

What did you afflict others by? Did
they bring images?

Yes.

Who brought the images?

Goody Wild & Goody Bburn.

What did you put into those images
pins, Sir.

What do you well tell us who have you
seen of this company?

None but those two.



I am amazed
 can you remember how many were brought
 out with the small ones brought
 but not they being the image of John
 Nichols his child?
 Yes
 Did not you see that child a
 year ago

No they changed their way again
 They changed some then, to some point
 was it goodly with in body or appearance
 for appearance
 was there any man with them?
 you a little man, with a high crown'd hat
 Do you know no more of them?
 No Sir.
 Note: All the papers for the affair
 during the examination after which
 the began to compare, it is hardly
 since they were most affected with them

Note: Was on yesterday at Salem in regard
 they were at the Magistrate's office
 and then Mr. Justice, Mr. Holt, showing
 also where, Ben^d Hobbins for such as he
 with a paper, & he appeared before the
 said Mr. Justice said, oh you have
 struck him on the right side. Whereupon
 the Magistrate asking her after the child
 examination whether she had received any
 last yesterday, she said yes in her right side
 a blow, & that it was very sore, & that when she
 was in a trance, telling also in what house
 soon it was done. Whereupon the Magistrate
 when in prison, she found it was the child
 & she said she had seen it in the
 hospital in her right eye, the Magistrate
 the affected father said that Ben^d Hobbins
 would be up with the same papers, & was
 going to the place there was a mark which the
 Magistrate being by said so was was.

Salem Village, April 22nd 1736

I am your loving friend to take
 in writing my best commendation of
 Peter Dummer's best best beloved
 as a father
 and upon hearing my the same and
 being to my wife the same
 with the charge of the officers papers
 against them, I do on command
 that

John Hathorne

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