

# Researching Crimes and Criminals in Colonial America

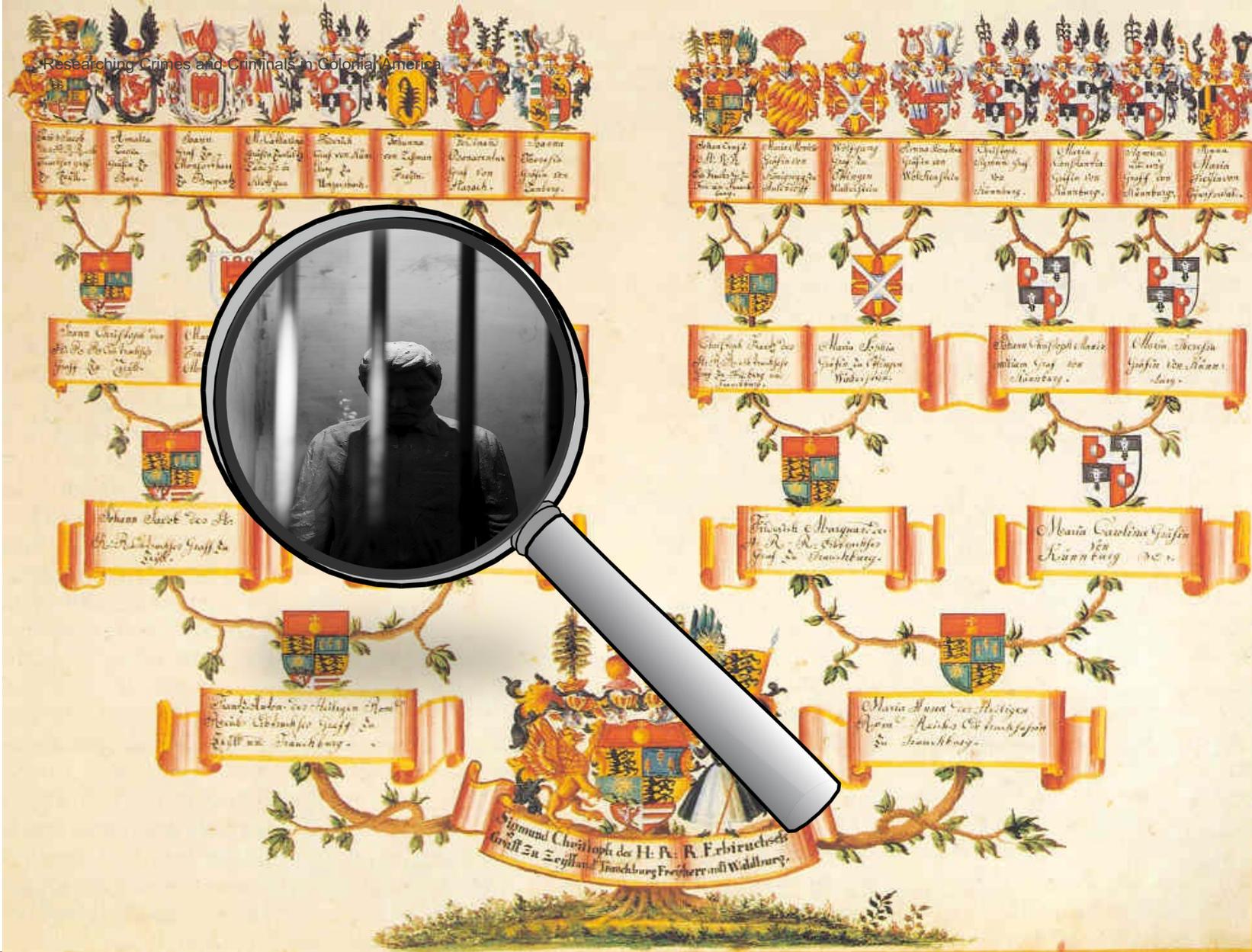
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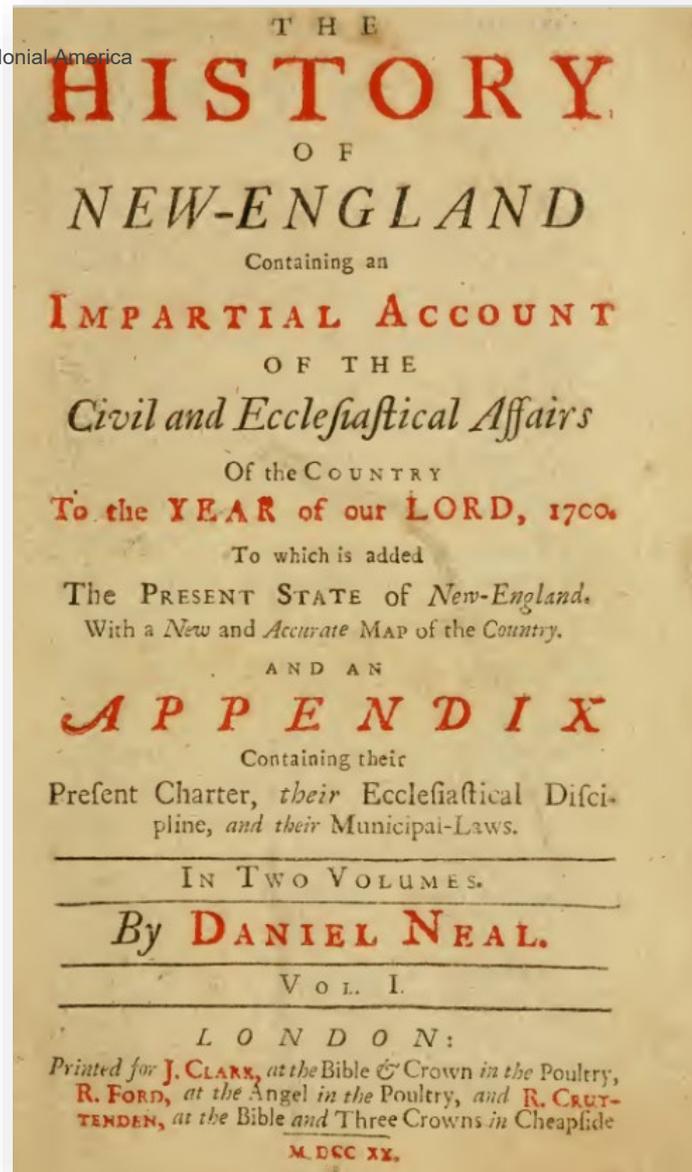
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# Colonial Crimes



## *Civil and Ecclesiastical Affairs (1720)*

**T H A T** there shall be no more *Powawing* among them, upon Penalty of twenty Shillings for every Offence.

**T H A T** whosoever shall be Drunk shall forfeit twenty Shillings.

**T H A T** if any be convicted of Stealing, he shall restore fourfold.

**T H A T** whosoever shall prophane the Sabbath shall pay twenty Shillings.

**T H A T** whosoever shall commit Fornication, shall pay twenty Shillings if a Man, and ten Shillings if a Woman.

**W I L F U L** Murder, Adultery, and Lying with a Beast to be punished with Death.

**N O N E** to beat their Wives, on penalty of twenty Shillings.

**T H E Y** resolved to lay aside their old Ceremonies of howling, greating their Bodies, adorning their Hair; and to follow the *Englisch* Fashions.

**T H E Y** agreed to pray in their *Wigwams*, and to say *Grace* before and after Meat.

# Crimes

- **Adultery:** “If any Person commit Adultery with a marry’d Woman, Maid, or Woman espoused, both Man and Woman shall be put to Death”
- **Apparel:** “All persons not worth 200 £, wearing Gold or Silver Lace, or Buttons, or Bone-Lace, above 2 s. per Yard, or Silk Hoods, or Scarfs, may be presented by the Grand-Jury, and shall pay 10 s. for every Offence”

# Crimes

- **Bastardy:** “The Father of a Bastard convict shall maintain it, or allow the Mother what the Court thinks fit The Oath of the Woman alone makes him liable to this charge...”
- **Bestiality:** “If a Man or Woman lye with a Beast, the Beast to be slain and buried, and the Person put to Death”

# Crimes

- **Blasphemy:** “Blasphemy against the Holy Name of God, the Father, Son, or the Holy Ghost, either in Express Words, or by an obstinate Denial of the true God and his Worship, shall be punish’d with Death”
- **Breach of the Peace:** “If one Man beats or hurts another, he shall pay to him, or the county, or both, what the proper Judge determines, who may fine him according to the circumstance of the Offence”

# Crimes

- **Burglary or Robbery:** “Burglary and Robbery on the Highway shall be punish’d for the first Offence, with burning in the Forehead, with the Letter B: and the Loss of an Ear, if on the Sabbath; for the second, with Burning and Whipping; and the Loss of t’other Ear, if on the Sabbath; for the third, with Death”

# Crimes

- **Children:** “All Parents to teach their Children to read, and all Masters to acquaint their Families with the capital Laws, on Penalty of 20 s. and the catechise them once a Week”
- “Tis Death for any Child, above 16 Years of Age, and sound understanding, to strike, or curse his Parent, unless provokd by extreme correction, or in their own Defence”

# Crimes

- **Surgeons and Midwives:** “No Surgeon, Midwife, or Physician, shall practice on any, without consent of the Person, or nearest Relation”
- **Condemned Persons:** “None to be executed ‘till 4 Days after condemnation, but in case of martial Law, or some special cause, nor to remain unburied 12 Hours, but in case of Anatomy”

# Crimes

- **Conspiracy:** “Conspiracy against the Commonwealth, by attempting an Invasion, Insurrection, Rebellion or by attempting to seize any Towns or Forts, to be punish’d with Death”
- **Cruelty:** “No Court can punish with above Forty Stripes” “No man must correct any under him with Cruelty or be cruel to a Beast”

# Crimes

- **Dancing:** “No Dancing in Publick Houses, on Penalty of 5 s.”
- **Fisherman:** “Fisherman disobeying Orders, or getting drunk, to pay the first Offence 20 s, for the second 40 s. and to be imprisoned three months for the third”
- **Fornication:** “Punish’d by compelling Marriage, Fines, or as the Court sees fit”

# Crimes

- **Galloping Horses:** “No one to gallop a Horse in Boston, on Penalty of 3 s. 4 d.”
- **Shuffleboard:** “No playing of Shuffleboard or Bowls at a Public House, on Penalty of 20 s. to the Master, and 5 to the Player”
- **Idle Persons:** “Idle are to be Presented and punish’d as the Court sees fit”

# Crimes

- **Manslaughter:** “If any one shall kill another in defending himself, or one who attempts to rob, or murder, or break into a Dwelling House, he shall be blameless”
- **Marriage:** “None are to be marry’d till it has been publish’d in the Meeting, where they dwell three Times, or affix’d to the Meetinghouse Doors for 14 Days”

# Crimes

- **Murder:** “Wilful Murder is punish’d with Death”
- **Rape:** “Rapes are punish’d with Death, or some grievous Punishment the Court appoints instead of it”
- **Self Murder:** “All Self-murtheses must be buried in the High way, with a Load of Stones on their Grave”

# Criminal Case Research

# Criminal Cases

- **Misdemeanor Crime:** The lesser of Criminal cases which punishment was a fine or a varied length of confinement.
- **Felonies:** These rank as the most severe crimes including murder, rape, and robbery. These crimes had longer confinement and occasionally the sentence of death was handed out.

# Records

- **Docket Books:** these volumes serve the court with an abbreviated chronological list of prosecuted criminal cases
- **Record Books:** more detailed than Docket Books; Records books often contain transcriptions of the Case File Papers
- **Case File Papers:** individual papers associated with each criminal trial; serve to offer the greatest narrative of the case

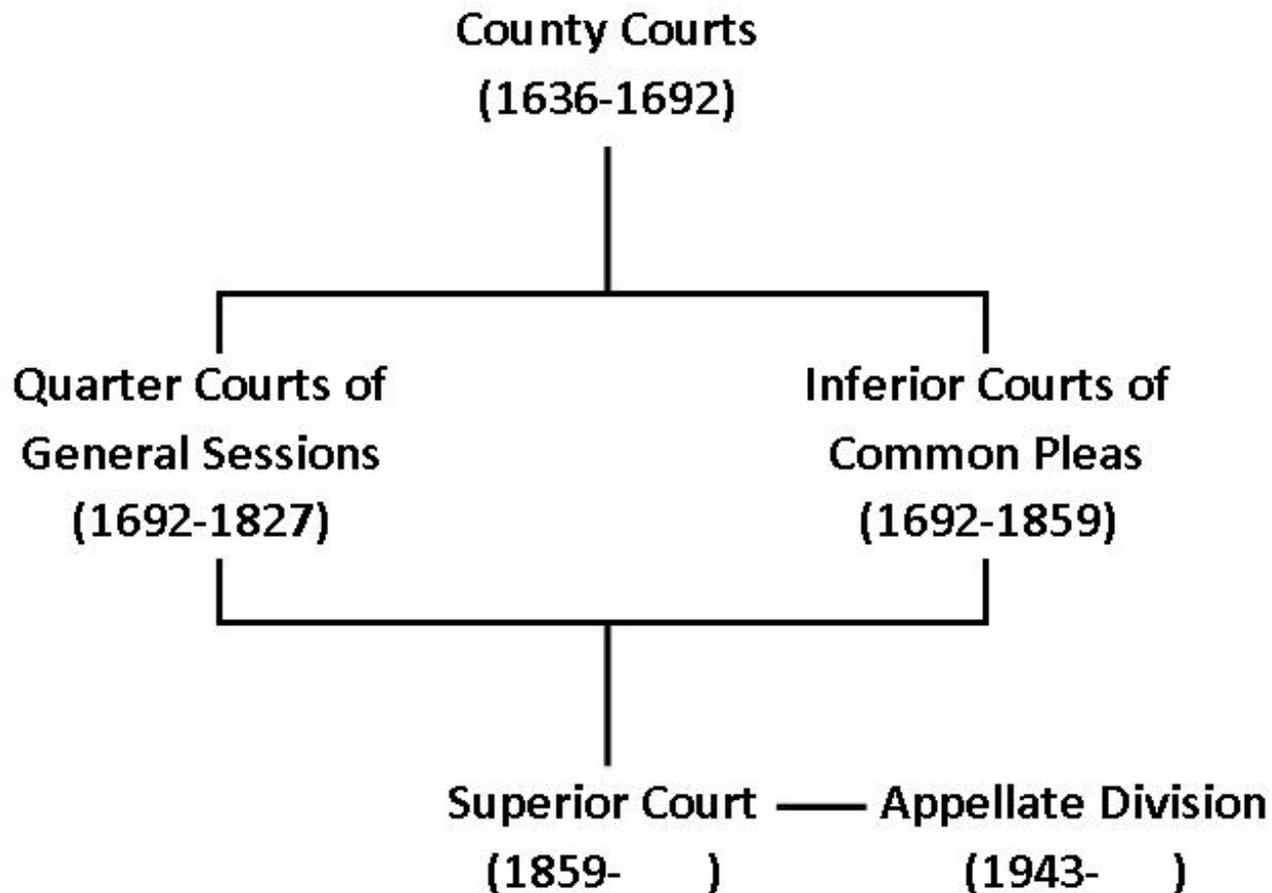
# Criminal Case File Papers

- Warrant for Arrest
- Indictment
- Sentencing Documents
- Mittimus (court order for delivery to prison or gallows, etc.)

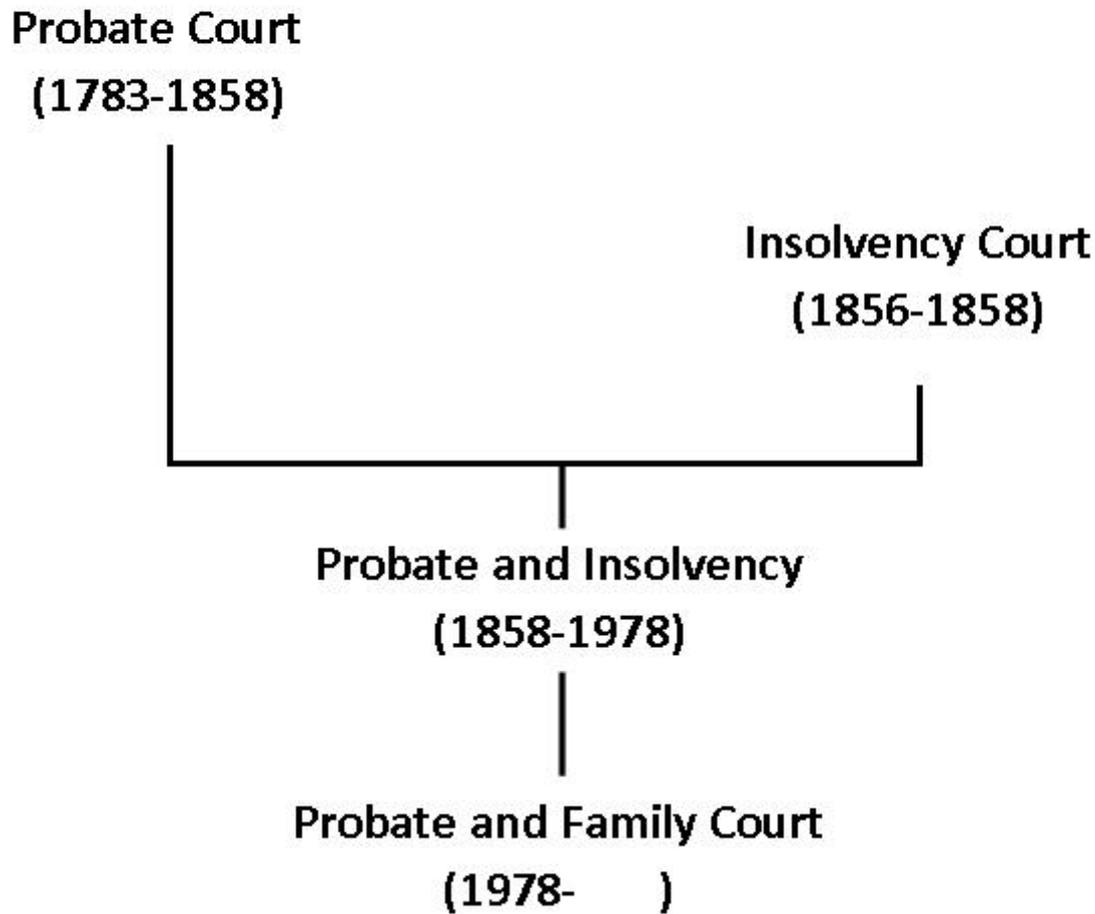


# Searching Early Court Records (Massachusetts)

# SUPERIOR COURT



# PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT



# Quarterly Courts

- An inferior court to handle criminal misdemeanors and civil matters dealing with small sums
- Existed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and were replaced by the county courts
- Some have been published such as the Quarterly Courts of Essex County; also recorded vital records such as births and marriages

# Court of Assistants 1630-1692

- Tried Jury-heard cases
- Court of Assistants heard appeals from lower courts

# RECORDS

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OF THE

## COURT OF ASSISTANTS

OF THE

### COLONY

OF THE

## MASSACHUSETTS BAY

1630-1692

VOL. III. PRINTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF

JOHN F. CRONIN

CLERK OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

VOL. III.

BOSTON

PUBLISHED BY THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

1928

Wee find this bill and leaue hir to  
further tryall James Euerell  
in the name of the rest

We find her guilty of lying in bed with Peter Turpin Tho: Deane  
foreman.

On further going out y<sup>e</sup> Jury returned a special virdict i e If by law  
Bethjah Bullojue lying in bed w<sup>th</sup> Peter Turpin be adultery wee find  
her Guilty: If by lawe Bethjah Bullojue lying in bed w<sup>th</sup> Peter Turpin  
be not adultery wee find her not guilty

Tho: Deane foreman.

[Third paper].— Elisabeth Hudson wife of Nathaniel Hudson is In-  
dicted by the name of Elisabeth Hudson for not hauing the feare of God  
before her eyes & being Instigated by the diuill did in or about the last  
weeke in December last lye in bed w<sup>th</sup> Peter Turpin & Comitt Adultery  
w<sup>th</sup> him y<sup>e</sup> sd Turpin as by the euidences may fully Appeare Contrary to  
the peace of our Soueraigne Lord y<sup>e</sup> King his Crowne & dignity & the whole-  
some lawes of this Jurisdiccon in that case made & prouided.

We find this Bill and leaue hir to  
further tryall James Euerell  
in the name of the rest

Wee find her guilty of lying in bed with Peter Turpin

Tho: Deane in  
y<sup>e</sup> name of ye rest.

[Eleventh paper] A Speciall verditt  
If by law, Elisabeth Hudsons lieinge in Bed with Peter Turpin be  
Aultery we find her Guilty

If by law, Elisabeth Hudsons lieinge in Bed with Peter Turpin be not  
adultery we find her not guilty

Tho: Deane foreman

A Speciall verditt

If by law Beththia Bullines lieinge in Bed with Peter Turpin be Adul-  
tery we find her guilty

If by law Beththia Bullines lieinge in Bed with Peter Turpin be not  
Adultery we find her not guilty

Tho: Deane foreman.

[Twelfth paper] Elisabeth Hudson &c the Court sencethe yow to  
be by the marshall Generall or his order on ye next lecture day presently  
after the lecture carried to the Gallowes & there by y<sup>e</sup> executioner set on

# Court of Common Pleas 1685-1870s (Civil Cases)

- In 1821 this court became a mid-level court for criminal and civil cases
- After 1821 smaller police courts, justices of the peace-held trials, and municipal courts were created for small matters; lasted until 1870s when replaced by District Courts

# Court of General Sessions of the Peace (1685)

- Worcester General Sessions of the Peace - 1733

1733-| *Worcester County, Massachusetts.* 71

Peter Corly of Leicester in y<sup>e</sup> County of Worcester husbandman being bound over To this Court by way of Recognizance To answer To his presentment by y<sup>e</sup> Grandjury for prophane Swearing &c<sup>t</sup> came into Court & pleaded Guilty Its therefore ordered by the Court that he pay as a fine To our Lord the King five Shillings & Costs, & Stand Committed till Sentence is performed which he paid in Court and was Dismissed

William M<sup>l</sup>Michell & Margaret his wife of Woodstock In y<sup>e</sup> County of Worcester came into Court and Complained of themselves for being Guilty of y<sup>e</sup> Crime of fornication before marriage, were find Each Thirty Shillings To our Lord y<sup>e</sup> King & Costs which they paid & were Dismissed

Alexander Turner of Worcester & Mary his wife came into Court and complained of themselves for being Guilty of y<sup>e</sup> Crime of fornication before marriage, were find To our Lord y<sup>e</sup> King the Sum of Thirty Shillings, Each & Cost, which they paid & were dismissed

Solomon Johnson of Leicester in y<sup>e</sup> County of Worcester Gent being presented by the Grandjurors for being drunk<sup>l</sup> &c<sup>t</sup>, came into Court & put himself on Tryall and was acquitted paying Cost which he paid & was Dismissed

Phillip Chase of Worcester In y<sup>e</sup> County of Worcester husbandman being presented by the Grandjurors for Working unecessarily on the Lords day &c<sup>t</sup> came into Court & put himself upon Tryall and was acquitted paying Cost

# Superior Court of Judicature 1692-1780

- Highest Trial and Appeals Court
- Capital Criminal Trials (Salem Witchcraft Trials)
- Matters regarding Equity
- Larger Civil Cases
- After the Revolutionary War this became the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

~~John Taylor~~  
John Taylor of Boston in the County of Suffolk Tallow Chandler being bound over unto this Court for endangering one John Wagwood to make false Money &c was discharged by Proclamation

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John Stevens of Boston in the County of Suffolk Sword Cutler being bound over unto this Court for fitting and buying several pieces of eight of base and bad metal, was discharged by Proclamation

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Thomas Way being bound over unto this Court for Corresponding and Receiving and holding of Money and Goods from Cap<sup>t</sup>. William Kidd, and some of his accomplices reputed Pirates &c was discharged by Proclamation

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Upon Reading the Petition of Steven Minott a Boston Administrator of John Minott

# Superior Court

- Civil and Criminal Cases
- Juvenile
- Law and Equity
- Mittimuses
- Divorces
- Jury Lists
- Prison Records
- Murder Indictments
- Bastardy Bonds
- Venires

# Supreme Judicial Court (1780- )

- Records on file at the Massachusetts State Archives
- These records and those of the earlier courts are under the jurisdiction of the SJC Archivist
- Decisions of the SJC since 1804 are published in a series called *Massachusetts Reports*



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# Town Records

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## The case of Martha (Parker) Horsly

- **December 11, 1677:** The same day Goodwif **Horsley** was called before the Select men and admonished Concerning her entaining p'sons at her hous and warned against it for future.
- At a meeting of the Select men the 17 12 [*17 December 1678*] at the hous of Lifnt Capen **John Parker** Came and Engaged to secuer the secuer the towne of Dorchester in behalf of his daughter **Martha Horsley** if she might be let out of the house of Correction, which engagement is one file.



# Martha Parker (1649)

## Martha Parker

Born **1 Mar 1649** in **Cambridge, Middlesex, Massachusetts Bay Colony?**

Daughter of [John Parker](#) and [Joanna E.\(James\) Parker](#)

ANCESTORS

Sister of [John Parker Sr.](#), [Thomas Parker](#), [Sarah Parker](#), [Jonathan Parker](#) and [Lydia Parker](#)

Wife of **James Hosley** — married [date unknown] [location unknown]

Mother of [James Hosley](#)

DESCENDANTS

Died [date unknown] [location unknown]

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## Biography

Martha was born in 1649.

## Sources

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- Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626-2001," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPZY-VTPP> : 19 April 2021), James Hosley and Martha Parker, 13 Oct 1674; citing Marriage, Dorchester, Suffolk, Massachusetts Bay Colony, British Colonial America, Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston; FHL microfilm 007009469.

# Warnings Out

- Who was warned out?
  - Outsiders
  - Impoverished
  - Those without family support

Research from the *Records and Proceedings of the Town of Pownalborough*

Whereas Edward Shelton & wife with three children the Widow Martha Cummings with two Children and John Rumble are now residing and dwelling in the Town of Pownalborough but have not either of them dwelt in said Town for more than three Months past and had been out of said Town for more than a year together before their Parents and last Removal into said

his Majesty's Name to or the above said Persons to leave the said Town of Pownalborough as soon as may be and to give Notice of your doings hereon to our Town Clerk as soon as may be at Pownalborough of Jan<sup>y</sup> in the Seventh anno Domini 1767

Agreable to the Above Warrant of 26<sup>th</sup> 1767 I warrant to leave the Town of Pownalborough I warned Edward Kell & John Rumble to leave said Town

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Lincoln J<sup>r</sup> To the Constable of the Town of Pownalborough

In his Majesty's Name you are Required furthwith to warn & give Notice to Henry Bickford & his wife & Mother & three Children their names being Abigail Bickford his wife Elizabeth Bickford Paul Aron & Alis Bickford his Children under 12 years of age that they immediately leave & depart out of this Town & you are to make due return of your doings to our Town Clerk as soon as may be

Pownalborough  
9 March 28<sup>th</sup> 1767

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1767  
Then Warned the within Named Persons agreable to the Within Warrant  
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Gen<sup>l</sup> Williamson } Select Men  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Godwin }

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# Warning Out – Pownalboro, ME

# Early Newspapers

B O S T O N.

On Wednesday Evening last an Indian Fellow belonging to Mr. *Howard* of Bridgewater, was committed to our Goal for barbarously murdering one Mr. *Rogers* of Pembroke, by stabbing him with a Knife in his Breast, the day before, of which Wound he dy'd in a few Minutes. Mr. *Rogers* had taken up the said Indian as a Runaway from his Master, and conveying him home, when the horrid Fact was committed. Mr. *Rogers* was a Widower, and has left three Children.

The Man that struck the Woman with an Iron Spade, (as mention'd before) at Rhode-Island, has had his Trial, was found guilty of murder, and receiv'd Sentence of Death.

Last Tuesday were committed to his Majesty's Gaol in this Town, Elizabeth Ames, of Roxford, and her Son, Jonathan Ames, jun. both of whom on Examination, gave great Occasion to conclude that they were concerned in poisoning the Wife of said Jonathan Ames, of which we gave an Account in our last Paper.

**JOHN ALLEN** of St George's Great-Island, on the 19th Day of August 1770, about Midnight, being a lawful Prisoner upon the Execution of Thomas Flucker, Esq; in the Custody of Moses Copeland, a Deputy-Sheriff of the County of Lincoln, was rescued by a Number of Persons who riotously assembled together, and broke open the Dwelling-House of the said Moses in order to effect it : All Persons are therefore requested to be aiding and assisting in retaking said Escaper : And whoever shall retake said Allen, and cause him to be committed to his Majesty's Gaol in Pownalborough, shall have a Reward of TEN Dollars, and his necessary Charges paid him.

St. George's, Sept. 5. 1770.

MOSES COPELAND,  
Deputy-Sheriff.

**R** An-away on the second of this Instant *July*, from his Master Mr. *George Tilley*, Shop-keeper in Kingstreet *Boston*, a Negro Man-Servant named *Coffee*, about 35 Years of Age, of middling Stature. He had on when he went away, a Cotton and Linnen Shirt, Oznabrigs Frock & Trousers, Old Shoes, a pretty good Hat, Speaks good English, and has had the Small Pox. Whoever shall take up the abovesaid Runaway, and him convey to his abovesaid Master, shall be well rewarded for their Pains and Trouble, & all necessary Charges.

**R**an away from his Master William Pepperil Esq. at Kittery, in the Province of Maine, a Negro Man Slave named Peter, aged about 20, speaks good English, of a pretty brown Complexion, middle Stature, has on a mixt gray home-spun Coat, white home spun Jacket and Breeches, French fall Shoes, sad coloured Stockings, or a mixt worsted pair, and a black Hat. Whosoever shall take up said Negro, and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him either to his Master, or to Andrew Belcher Esqr. at Boston, shall be well rewarded for his pains, and all reasonable charges paid besides.

**L**ately Deserted Her Majesties Service in the Province of Maine, an Indian Man ( under the Command of Capt Joseph Brown ) named Isaac Pummatick, was seen at Newbury, in Company with the above Runaway Negro; he is a short Fellow not very thick, speaks very good English, he liv'd formerly with Mr. Samuel Thacker of Hingham; he has on English Cloaths, a sad coloured old coat, or else a new light coloured drugged Coat, with buttons, holes and lining of black, black breeches, gray yarn Stockings, a black hat almost new. Whosoever shall apprehend said Indian, and him convey to his said Captain, or to Andrew Belcher Esq. at Boston, shall have a sufficient reward besides his Charges.

**A**T the Desire of several Gentlemen Merchants and others

On Fryday was carried to the Place of Execution seven Pirates to be Executed, viz. Capt. John Quelch, John Lambert, Christopher Scudamore, John Miller, Erasmus Peterson, Peter Roach & Francis King; all of which were Executed, excepting the last named, who had a Reprieve from His Excellency. / And notwithstanding all the great labour and pains taken by the Reverend Ministers of the Town of Boston, ever since they were first Seized and brought to Town, both before and since their Tryal and Condemnation, to instruct, admonish, preach and pray for them; yet as they led a wicked and vitious life, so to appearance they dyed very obdardately and impenitently, hardened in their Sin.

Boston News-Letter, 3 July 1704

# Diaries



# Samuel Sewall's Diary

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July, 2<sup>d</sup> Lords Day, Madam Paige is buried from her own house, where Mrs. Perry is Tenant, between 6 and 7. p.m. Bearers L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Povey, Usher; Sewall, Addington; Col. Phillips, Foxcroft. Rings and Scarves. The Tomb was near Messengers. The Gov<sup>r</sup>, his Lady and family there. Note. By my Order, the diggers of M<sup>m</sup> Paiges Tomb dugg a Grave for Lambert, where he was laid in the Old burying place Friday night about midnight near some of his Relations: Body was given to his Widow. Son and others made Suit to me.<sup>1</sup>

July, 3, *Feria Secunda*, I read the three first sheets of the Trial of the Pirats. July, 4. Send David to Cambridge with Joseph's cloths. July 15. *Feria quarta*. Last night very refreshing Thunder shower. Rains this morning. Goe to Cambridge with Mr. Tho. Brattle in Stedman's Calash. Spent the forenoon in the Meetinghouse. Waited on the Gov<sup>r</sup> from Dinner Time till the last Question: Then follow'd the Govr in. Mr. Gibbs<sup>2</sup> was holding the last Question. Dr. Duñer<sup>3</sup> rose up and in very fluent good Latin ask'd Leave, and made an oposition; and then took Leave again with Comendation of the Respondent. Came home with Col. Townsend.

Mr. Dudley<sup>4</sup> made a good Oration in the morning. men-

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they had many occasional Exhortations." The exhortation of the ministers on the scaffold is given, and the prayer of one of them, of considerable length, is reported *verbatim*. In Captain Quelch's dying speech, there appears none of the bravado to which Sewall alludes, though he warned the by-standers to beware "how they brought Money into New England to be hanged for it." — Eds.

<sup>1</sup> We do not know why Lambert should thus have been allowed burial apart from the other pirates. He may have had respectable connections here. — Eds.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps Henry Gibbs, who graduated in 1685. — Eds.



## King's Chapel Burying Ground

# Study Projects

# Great Migration Project Study

## 1620-1635

### JOHN BILLINGTON

**ORIGIN:** Unknown

**MIGRATION:** 1620 on *Mayflower*

**FIRST RESIDENCE:** Plymouth

**ESTATE:** In the 1623 Plymouth land division John Billington received three acres as a passenger on the *Mayflower* [PCR 12:4]. In the 1627 Plymouth cattle division John Billington Senior, Hellen Billington and Francis Billington were the eleventh through thirteenth persons in the seventh company, and John Billington [Jr.] was the tenth person in the ninth company [PCR 12:11, 12].

**BIRTH:** By about 1582 based on estimated date of marriage.

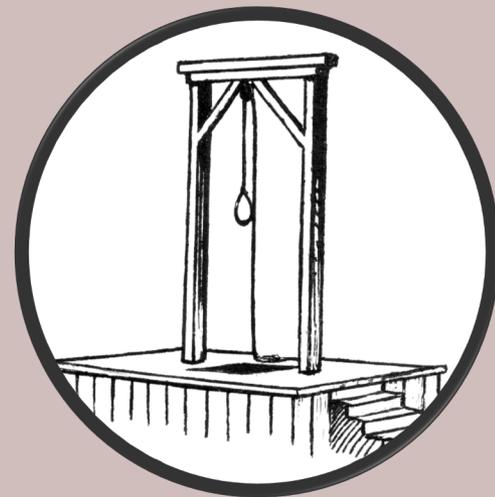
**DEATH:** Hanged September 1630 at Plymouth [Bradford 234; WJ 1:43].

**MARRIAGE:** By about 1607 Elinor \_\_\_\_; she married (2) between 14 and 21 September 1638 Gregory Armstrong and was living as late as 2 March 1642/3 [MF 5:34].

**CHILDREN:**

i JOHN, b. say 1604; d. Plymouth between 22 May 1627 and September 1630.

ii FRANCIS, b. about 1606 (deposed 10 July 1674 "68 years of



# Great Migration Project Study

## 1620-1635

### ANTHONY MORSE

*ORIGIN:* Marlborough, Wiltshire.

*MIGRATION:* 1635 on the *James* (on or about 5 April 1635, "Anthony Morse" and "William Morse," of "Marlborough, shoemakers," were adjacent entries in the passenger list of the *James*, about to set sail from Southampton for New England [Drake's Founders 56]).

*FIRST RESIDENCE:* Newbury.

*OCCUPATION:* Shoemaker [Drake's Founders 56]. On 30 March 1669, Percival Lowell and John Webster deposed about an event that took place "near Anthony Morsis shop" [EQC 4:127].

*CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:* Admission to Newbury church prior to 25 May 1636 implied by freemanship. In the 1669 dispute between the Rev. Thomas Parker and Mr. Edward Woodman, Anthony Morse took the side of Woodman [EQC 4:359]. As a result, he was fined 13s. 6d. [EQC 4:366-67].

*FREEMAN:* 25 May 1636 (as "Anthony Mosse," third in a sequence of three Newbury men) [MBCR 1:371].



On 31 May 1649, "Anthony Mose of Newbery [was] fined for digging a pit, a child being drowned in it" [EQC 1:168]. On 26 March 1650, "Anthony Mose [was] fined five pounds for digging a pit and not filling it up, whereby a child was drowned. Respited until next court" [EQC 1:188]. On 24 September 1650, "Anthony Mose had part of his fine respited" [EQC 1:200].

# Ipswich Quarterly Court

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IPSWICH QUARTERLY COURT

[Sept.

Humph. Broadstreet and John Broadstreet had their bond of good behavior discharged.

John Herdman and Henry Lenord bound for the former's appearance at the next court at Salem.

Larence Turner attached Henry Lenord, but did not enter the writ. Anthony Mose had part of his fine respitted.

John Tillison fined for his many offences, and bound to good behavior. Tho. Colman and John [Willm.—*Waste Book.*] Tittman, sureties.

[Wit. in case of Jo. Tilleson: Mr. John Spencer, Nicolas Noice, Richard Browne, Tho. D—— and Robt. Long, who said that the elders would transgress for a morsel of bread.—*Waste Book.*]

Mr. Henrye Sewall fined and to make humble acknowledgment in the church of Rowly in one month and to pay twelve shillings to Math. Boyce.\*

# Ipswich Quarterly Court



\*Henrye Sewell, sr., of Rowley was presented, 10 : 8 mo : 1650, for disturbance in the time of the public ordinances. Wit : Ezekiel Rogers and Lt. Remington. Also presented for doing violence upon the son of William Acey of Rowley and drawing blood. Wit : the mother and sister of the child.

# Ipswich Quarterly Court

Town of Ipswich, presented\* for defect in the pound, now made sufficient, was discharged.

Town of Ipswich, presented 10: 8: 1650, for defect in the highway, † now mended, was discharged, paying the fees of court.

Martha, wife of Joseph Fowlar, fined for lying. ‡

Alexander Knight fined for lying. Wit: Jeames How. §

Job Bishop fined or to be whipped for suspicion of fornication. ¶

Ed. Gillman, sr., bound to answer his son, John Gillman's presentment. John Gillman was discharged. ¶

Frances Usellton fined or to be whipped on his presentment. Jo. Knight promised to pay the fine.\*\*

Theophilus Salter fined for lying in 1650 and 1651, and to acknowledge his offence of encouraging to steal apples. ††

# Penalties

# Plymouth Colony Courts 1630s

- **Stealing:** Whipping or Burn on the Shoulder
- **Fornication:** Whipping or sit in the stocks
- **Drunkenness:** Fines or Whipping
- **Tobacco Smoking:** Fines
- **Lord's Day Violations:** Fines or Whipping
- **Lewd behavior:** Whipping or Banishment

# Thomas Lucas of Plymouth

## Offences between 1658-1675

- Excessive drinking
- Abusive behavior towards his wife and neighbors at various times.
- Swearing and breaking the King's Peace
- Found at the home of his neighbor's wife on the Lord's Day  
*“being found drunke att the same time under a hedge, in uncivell and beastly manor”*

# Suffolk County Court 1670s

- **Stealing:** Fines, Whipping or Restitution
- **Fornication:** Fines or Whipping
- **Burglary:** Whipping or Branding
- **Drunkenness:** Fines or Whipping
- **Attending a Quaker Meeting:** Fines
- **Runaway Servants:** Fines or Whipping

# Prison Records

# New England Prisons (1700)

- Malefactors are to be covey'd to Prison at their own Charge, if they are able to bear it.
- County Court is to appoint a House of Correction in Every County, and a Master for it
- Selectmen are to provide Materials for Work, the Profit is the Master's, he allowing to the Offenders mean Food, or half what they earn
- Everyone must be whipp'd at his Entrance, under 10 Stripes, and then employ'd by Task till discharg'd

# New England Prisons (1700)

- If [*the prisoner*] won't work, the Master must correct and abridge them of Food, and not discharge when without Warrant.
- Whoever helps a Prisoner to escape, shall answer for him; and suffer besides, as the Court determines.
- The Goaler [*aka Jailer*] is to suffer what the Prisoner deserv'd, if he escapes thro' his Neglect.
- Goalers must give to the Courts from time to time true Lists of their Prisoners.
- The ordinary Allowance is 2s. 6d. Per Week for each Prisoner.  
[*In 2022: approx. \$1,060.00 per week*]

# List of Debtors in Boston Jail County of Suffolk

Names	at whose Suit	when Committed	place of abode	by whom Discharged
Francis C Goodale	John Lewis	1799 August 14	Boston	Swore out September 13 - 1799
Samuel Underwood	Benjamin Callender	— 17 —	Boston	by Creditor August 20 - 1799
Samuel Underwood	Benjamin Henderson	— 17 —	Boston	by Creditor August 20 - 1799
Samuel Underwood	Thomas	— 17 —	Boston	out on Baile August 20 - 1799
John Plumb	Joshua & Cain	— 20 —	New Bedford	by a gamory August 22 - 1799
John Miltimore	Jabez Wilson	— 26 —	Londerry	out on Baile August 26 - 1799
John Miltimore	Jabez Wilson	— 26 —	Londerry	out on Baile August 26 - 1799
Isaac Pratt	Jeremiah White	— 26 —	Boston	Swore out October 8 - 1799
Thomas Tibey	Robert Shear	— 29 —	Boston	by John Williams September 2 - 1799
Daniel Colt	Luther Pines	September 4	Boston	Discharged No Execution Left February 15 - 1800
William Cook	Benezer Clenton	— 6 —	Boston	by Creditor September 15 - 1799
Micah Bomp	Syrus Lewis	— 9 —	Boston	by paying the Demand September 18 - 1799
John Low	William Appleton	— 11 —	Boston	Swore out October 11 - 1799
Daniel Colt	William Williams	— 17 —	Boston	by Satisfying Judgement February 15 - 1800
Henry Edgar	Isakel High	— 18 —	Capan	by satisfying the Demand September 26 - 1799
Stephen Wats	John Hall	— 18 —	Boston	by Creditor September 23 - 1799

1814

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## Boston.

Names	Abode	Date Commit	by whom Commit	Cause of Commitment
Antoine Feraci	Boston	July 2	J. W. Folsom	Assault
Belinda Olney	"	4	J. W. Folsom	Examination
Jack Thomas	"	5	Donnison	assault
Antonio Feraci	"	"	Hastings	Assault
Mary Wright	"	"	Hastings	Assault
Thomas Carter	"	"	etc	"
John Bennett				
Betsy Watson				
Betsy Parker				
Elizabeth Lindsey				
Isabella Smith				
John Carter				
Jack Bowen				

## July 1814

1814

Description	Age	Remarks
Dark	5, 3, 27	M. C. Sent to State prison July 9 <sup>th</sup> 1814 - <sup>also</sup> in for fine & costs.
Black	5, 0, 28	Disch <sup>d</sup> by Mr Folsom 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1814
Dark	5, 2, 24	M. C. Disch <sup>d</sup> in all Court 7 <sup>th</sup> July 1814
Dark	5, 4, 23	M. C. Sent to State Prison July 9 <sup>th</sup> 1814 -
Black		Fine & costs. Disch <sup>d</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup> Oct 1814 -
Black	5 8 50	disch <sup>d</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> July b <sup>o</sup> fine & - committed for fine & costs see 7 <sup>th</sup> July -
Black		M. C. Disch <sup>d</sup> in all C. 3 Aug 1814 M. C. Recognized 8 <sup>th</sup> July 1814,
Black		Fine & costs. - Disch <sup>d</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. note to Treas <sup>r</sup>
Black		Fine & costs. Disch <sup>d</sup> August - 2 <sup>th</sup> 1814
Black	5, 4, 25	M. C. Sentenced 4 months Aug. 3 <sup>o</sup> Disch <sup>d</sup> 3 Dec 1814
Black	5, 4, 23	M. C. Sent to State Prison July 9 <sup>th</sup> 1814 -

Names	time of conv <sup>ts</sup>	What court	What country	term of time	Liberated	Escaped	Dead
Nash Bumpar	May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1789	Sup <sup>m</sup> Judicial	Plymouth	1 year	May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1790		
John Conolly	- 25 -	d <sup>o</sup>	Worcester	3 years	" 25 <sup>th</sup> 1792		
Daniel O'Neil	June 19	Gen <sup>l</sup> Sessions	Middlesex	1 year	June 19 1790		
Samuel Sample	20	Sup <sup>m</sup> Judicial	Essex	his natural life	- - -	Aug 25 1790	
Michael Hays	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	3 years	June 20 <sup>th</sup> 1792		
Robert Steward	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	3 years			Sept 20 179
Samuel Webber	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	3 years	June 20 <sup>th</sup> 1792		
Edward Johnson	Aug 6	Gov <sup>r</sup> & council	Middlesex	natural life	- - -	Aug 2 1793	
David Barr	Sept 5	Gen <sup>l</sup> Sessions	Worcester	7 years	Sept 7 1795		
Eben Root	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	- - -	Aug 2 1793	
Edward Brooks	Aug 20	d <sup>o</sup>	Suffolk	9 months	May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1790		



VIEW OF THE NEW JAIL FOR WORSHIP COUNTY, 1848. DESIGNED BY JOHN GIBBY OF BOSTON UNDER SUPERVISION & SUPERVISOR JOHN S. ...

1848

JOSIAS QUINCY JR. ARCHT.

Map 34.1

G. J. BRYAN, ASSISTANT

# Charlestown State Prison (1805-1930)

Entries of Convicts received into the STATE PRISON, in

Names.	Age.	Height.		Description.			Where Born.	
		Feet.	Inch.	Eyes.	Hair.	Complexion.	Town.	County.
Richard Hart	41	5	7 1/2	Blue	Light	Light	Dorchester	Worcester
John Green	38	5	10	Dark	Black	Light	Dorchester	Worcester
William Derriff	22	5	8 1/2	Dark	Black	Dark	Newburyport	Essex
Sylvanus Cabon	27	5	10	Dark	Black	Dark	Haverhill	Barrenstable
Asaon. Peasly	29	5	11	Dark	Black	Dark	Newtown	Newhamphshire
W. John Southwick	31	6	5	Light	Black	Dark	Boston	Suffolk
James Wingate	38	5	8 1/2	Dark	Black	Dark	Haverhill	Essex
Silas Libermore	40	5	6 1/2	Light	grey	Dark	Woburn	Middlesex
William Jennings	37	5	3	Light	dark	Dark	Salem	Essex
W. Paul W. Shupple	32	5	11 1/2	Light	dark	Dark	Gloucester	Worcester
Charles Blake	15	5	5 1/2	Light	dark	Light	Penna.	Worcester
W. John Carbridge	35	5	5	Light	brown	Light	Mendon	Worcester
Reuben Peters	19	4	8	grey	brown	Light	Middleton	Middlesex
Thomas Row	38	5	8	grey	light	Light	Middleton	Middlesex
William Medford	28	5	8 1/2	Light	Light	Light	Worcester	Worcester
Liza Curtis	20	5	7 1/2	Dark	Black	Light	Danvers	Worthshire
Wm. Southwick	27	5	6	Light	Dark	Light	Salem	Essex
John Hubbard	39	5	8	grey	grey	Light	Wareham	Plymouth
John Roberts	23	5	10	Light	Dark	Light	Methuen	Essex
Solomon Willard	33	5	8 1/2	grey	grey	Dark	Brookfield	Worcester
James Johnson	41	5	6 1/2	Dark	grey	Light	Andover	Worcester
Thomas Brad	41	5	5 1/2	Light	grey	Light	Hartford	Hartford
Lease Moore	27	5	6	Light	Dark	Dark	East St. Henry	Middlesex
George White	36	5	8	Dark	Black	Light	Taunton	Bristol
John Collins	22	5	8 1/2	Grey	Light	Light	Dublin	Dublin
James Shephard	25	5	6	Light	Dark	Light	Cashhill	Worcester
Amos Kittle	34	5	7	Light	Dark	Light	Herrington	Worcester
Eli Peck	41	5	6	grey	Brown	Light	Reading	Middlesex
James Norman	20	5	10 1/2	Dark	Light	Light	Smithfield	Providence
Robt. Rawlin	18	5	7 1/2	Dark	grey	Dark	Bedford	Middlesex
Dan. Wilson	30	5	8	blue	Dark	Light	Brain	Hampshire
Milton Turel	25	5	8	blue	Dark	Dark	Stafford	Stafford
William Brown	30	5	8 1/2	blue	Dark	Light	Woburn	Essex
Geo. Spenser	15	5	1 1/2	Dark	Black	Black	Andover	Essex

Charlestown, Massachusetts, in the Year 1805.

Where Born.	When Convicted.	Where Convicted.	When Admitted	Term of Confinement.		When Discharged.
				Hard Labour.	Slaves.	
Connecticut	Sept 25 1805	Dedham	Dec 12 1805	two years	the ft.	Jan 1 1807
Massachusetts	Oct 3 1805	Dedham	Dec 12	two years	the ft.	Oct 3 1807
Ditto	May 24 1805	Plymouth	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	Dec 2 1807
Ditto	May 24 1805	Ditto	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	Dec 2 1807
Newhamphshire	May 4 1805	Spurwich	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	June 27 1807
Massachusetts	June 1805	Boston	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	June 27 1807
Ditto	May 11 1805	Spurwich	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	June 27 1807
Ditto	April 7 1805	Boston	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	June 27 1807
Ditto	Nov 23 1805	Boston	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	June 27 1807
Rhode Island	June 1805	Boston	Dec 13	five years	for forgery	March 18 1807
Germany	March 13 1805	Boston	Dec 13	five years	for forgery	March 18 1807
Massachusetts	June 14 1805	Boston	Dec 13	five years	for forgery	March 18 1807
Rhode Island	May 2 1805	Lenox	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	June 1 1807
Connecticut	Sept 24 1804	Lenox	Dec 13	three years	for forgery	July 5 1807
Dorchester	Sept 16 1804	Lenox	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	March 19 1807
Massachusetts	May 2 1805	Lenox	Dec 13	three years	for forgery	June 28 1807
Ditto	Aug 31 1805	Boston	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	Dec 2 1807
Ditto	Nov 19 1804	Plymouth	Dec 13	three years	the ft.	Dec 2 1807
Ditto	May 26 1805	Portland	Dec 16	one year	the ft.	May 26 1807
Ditto	May 26 1805	Portland	Dec 16	two years	for forgery	May 26 1807
England	May 26 1805	Portland	Dec 16	two years	for forgery	May 26 1807
Connecticut	Nov 5 1802	Cambridge	Dec 16	five years	the ft.	March 18 1807
Massachusetts	Nov 15 1804	Cambridge	Dec 16	seven years	the ft.	March 18 1807
Ditto	Oct 22 1803	Taunton	Dec 16	seven years	the ft.	March 18 1807
Ireland	Oct 13 1804	Taunton	Dec 16	three years	the ft.	Dec 13 1807
Ditto	Oct 1802	Taunton	Dec 16	five years	the ft.	March 18 1807
Connecticut	Nov 15 1804	Cambridge	Dec 16	five years	the ft.	March 18 1807
Massachusetts	Sept 24 1796	Worcester	Dec 17	one year	for forgery	June 19 1807
Rhode Island	April 22 1805	Worcester	Dec 17	one year	for forgery	June 19 1807
Connecticut	Sept 22 1804	Northampton	Dec 19	four years	for forgery	Sept 22 1807
Massachusetts	Sept 21 1805	Northampton	Dec 19	three years	the ft.	Sept 22 1807
Virginia	Nov 20 1805	Salem	Dec 24	seven years	the ft.	March 18 1807
Ireland	Nov 20 1804	Salem	Dec 24	seven years	the ft.	March 18 1807
Massachusetts	May 12 1804	Spurwich	Dec 24	five years	for forgery	March 18 1807
Massachusetts	May 22 1792	Plymouth	Jan 22 1806	17 years	theft	Jan 22 1806

Charlestown Prison Register (1805)

Entries of Convicts received into the STATE PRISON, in

Charlestown, Massachusetts, in the Year 180 .

Names.	Age.		Height.		Description.			Where Born.	
	Years	Mon.	Feet.	Inch.	Eyes.	Hair.	Complexion	Town.	County.
772. Thomas McElroy Passing a counterfeit bill.	30	"	5	6	blk.	dark	light	Boston	Suffolk
773. Will <sup>m</sup> Smith Stealing from J <sup>r</sup> . Forbes du <sup>m</sup> 81 vol. B.	15	"	5	3	blk.	brown	light	Philad <sup>a</sup>	Sailor
774. Will <sup>m</sup> Gentry Stealing from J. Gale & Needham	20	"	5	7	blue	brown	light	Edenburgh	Sailor
775. George Raymond Stealing J. Forbes	15	"	4	10	blk.	blk.	yellow	Boston	

Where Born. State or Kingdom.	When Convicted.	Where Convicted.	When Admitted	Term of Confinement.		When Discharged.
				Hard Labour.	Solitary.	
Massachusetts	Mar. 14.	Boston M.C.	Mar. 15 <sup>1817</sup>	1 year	5 days	Deed 7 Sept. 15 1817
Pennsylvania	ditto	Ditto	Mar. 15	1 sent - 6 months 2 <sup>d</sup> sent 6 months	5 days 5 days	Mar. 26 1818
Scotland	ditto	Ditto	Mar. 15	6 months 4 years	5 days 5 days 26 days over	Oct. 21. 1821.
Massachusetts	ditto	Ditto	Mar. 15	6 months 6 months	5 days 5 days	25. Mar. 1818
				6 months	5 days	



Sept. 1817

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 Walker Pi Jucacal & Op  
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 " Cal li x H  
 Hander Emet Cathe  
 Goodenough Do Do

Sunday 28

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 Hander Nutt Ant  
 Whitehouse Pi Cal Sp & Op  
 " Emp. Ves. li  
 " Pi Op  
 The rest as yesterday

Monday 29

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 Witham Pi Ruffe et 5. Linn  
 & Sulph et 5  
 Hart cont Antem Tart  
 Smith Injct Juce  
 Carb Magnis & R. Cam

Names Medicines  
Monday eve

Porter R. & M. Buchana  
 Stephens Ol Riv & Renna  
 & Sulph  
 Joudan Pi Ruffe  
 Carb Jop  
 Quin The Dig Pump  
 Walker R. Cam & Renna  
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 Cal li x x  
 Henderson Injct Tart Ant  
 Sulph Tabler  
 Thompson Sulph et 5  
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 Ransallor Injctura Juce  
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September 1817

Names Medicines  
Tuesday 30

Book died this morn  
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 which last she had  
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 she had become on complit  
 most of ulcerations & almost  
 putridity - she had had her  
 mouth made sore with  
 Colomel - & had taken the  
 Bark of Wine as liberally  
 as possible

R. Renna  
 Juce Vegetal Puff  
 Sweet Buchana  
 Carb Magnis &  
 Juce Renna  
 Do Do  
 Porter R. Renna & Cinnam  
 Quin Juce Vegetal Puff  
 Gray Pi Ant Cal & Op  
 Walker Pi Op  
 Bigelow Juce Dig Pump

Names Medicines  
Wednesday Oct 1

Morse R. Renna & Cinnam  
 Smith Ol Riv & Renna  
 R. Cam  
 Collins R. Cam Juce  
 Carb Magnis  
 Ransallor Carb Magnis & Renna  
 Hart Pi Sp Cal & Op  
 Whitehouse Emul Am. Pi Sp Cal  
 Parker Pi Sp Cal & Op  
 Stevens R. Cam & Renna  
 Gray R. Dig Pump  
 Bigelow Do Do  
 Henderson Do Do  
 Stephens Pulv Juce Juce  
 Ant Tart li

Thursday Oct 2

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 " Vin. J. Carb 3i  
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 Pritchard Nutt Carb Calus  
 White Sweet Buchana  
 Joudan R. Renna & Cinnam  
 Lane Emp. Ves. li & Renna

Register of convicts committed to the State Prison in Concord New Hampshire

Names	Age	Where born	when convicted	Crime	when committed	Term of confinement	when discharged	Remarks
John Drew	31	3	Parsnstead N.H. Septemr. 1812	Horse Stealing	Novemr. 23 1812	Four years	Paroled May 15. 1816	
William Hill	21	8	Lee do February 1813	Ditto	Febry 27 1813	Four years	do Janry 28 1815	
William Holland	26	5	Portsmouth do Septemba "	Larceny	Oct. 2 "	Five years	Oct. 2 1818	
Israel Arlen	44	5	Lee do " "	Horse Stealing	" " "	Two years	" " 1815	
Benjamin Morrill	23	1	Chichester do " "	Stealing	" " "	Two years	" " "	1st time
Charles Bowles	21	2	Northfield do " "	Ditto	" " "	One Year	" " 1814	
Hepsy Cole (female)	48	"	Hilley Mass " "	Ditto	" " "	One Year	" " "	
William Davis	23	"	Goucester do Octoba "	Ditto	" 12 "	Two Years	" 12 1815	
Dennis Shed	30	3	Pittsria do " "	Ditto	" " "	Two Years	" " "	
Abigail Swett	21	"	Timmouth do " "	Ditto	" " "	One Year	" " 1814	
Benjamin N. Cotton	25	"	Wentworth N.H. November "	Ditto	Novemr. 6 "	One Year 41 mo. sol.	Novemr. 5 "	
John Phelps	25	9	Hebron do " "	Forgery	" 9 "	Three Years	Decemr 9 1816	
Joseph Felker	52	3	Parrington do February 1814	Horse Stealing	Febry 10 1814	Four Years	Escaped July 1 1815	
Samuel Dolloff	28	5	New Hampsh. " "	Stealing	" " "	Two Years	Febry 10 1816	
John Kimball	31	"	Merideth " " "	Ditto	" " "	Two Years	Paroled June 10, 1815	
Daniel Johnson	20	9	Allentown " " "	Ditto	" " "	Four Years	Febry 10 1818	
John Lewyc	36	6	Exeter " " "	Ditto	" " "	Two Years	Escaped July 1. 1815	
Daniel Turner	18	6	Strafford do May "	Ditto	May 23 "	One Year	May 23 1815	



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# Salem Witchcraft Trial

# Before the Salem Witchcraft Hysteria

- **1550-1650 (Germany):** Thousands of convicted witches were burned to death
- **1577 (Toulouse, France):** Forty convicted witches were burned to death
- **1645 (England):** 19 persons were convicted of witchcraft and hanged





*Examination of Witch* (1853) by T. H. Matteson

Tip  
Accused witches were  
not burned at Salem

# 1692 to 1693

- **February 1692 to May 1693:** Over 200 were accused and thirty were found guilty of witchcraft
- **Thirty** individuals were found guilty.
- **Nineteen** were hanged (5 men and 14 women)
- **Giles Corey** was pressed to death for not pleading
- Others died in prison



# Annals of Witchcraft in New England

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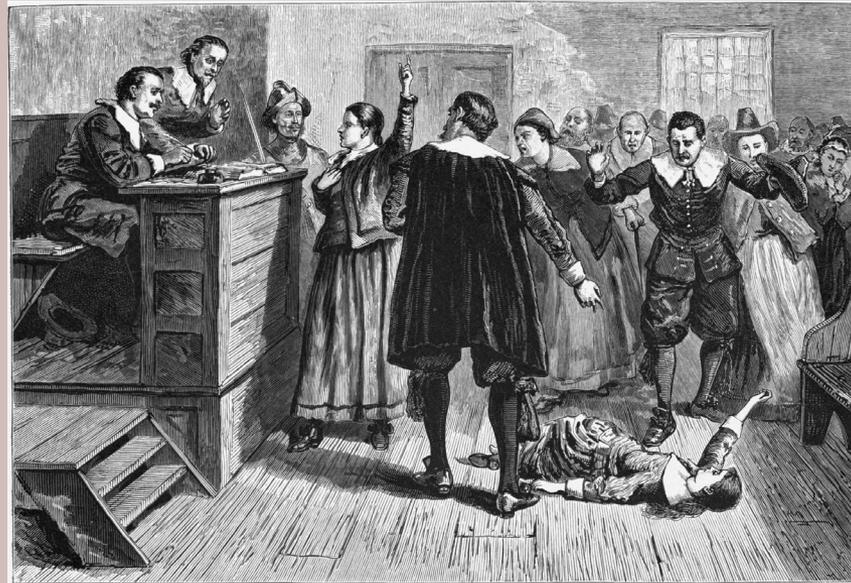
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Essex in the Dominion of the Massachusetts Bay in New England

Anno R<sup>e</sup> & Reginae Guiselmi & Mariae Angliae & Quarta  
 Ann<sup>o</sup>q<sup>ue</sup> Domini 1692.

The Jurors for our Sovereign Lord & Lady the King & Queen doe  
 present That Margard Jacobs of Salem Single Woman  
 - - - - In the County of Essex - aforesaid -  
 At or upon the Eleventh day of May - - - -  
 In the years aforesaid and divers other days and times as well  
 before as after Containe detestable arts called Witchcraft &  
 Sorceries Wickedly Malignant and feloniously hath used  
 practised and Exercised at and in the Town of Salem  
 in the County of Essex - - aforesaid in upon & against one

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of the Massachusetts  
Bay in New England  
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Charlo R R C Regina Guiselmi & Maria Anglia & C<sup>o</sup> Quarto  
Annoq3 Domini 1692.

The Jurors for our Sovereign Lord & Lady the King & Queen doe  
present That Margarett Jacobs of Salem Single Woman  
- - - In the County of Essex - aforesaid -  
All or upon the Eleventh day of May - - -

In the years aforesaid and divers other days and times as well  
before as after Certain detestable acts called Witchcraft &  
Sorceries Wickedly Malignant and feloniously hath used  
practised and Exercised at and in the Towne of Salem  
in the County of Essex - - aforesaid in upon & against one  
Elizabeth Hobert of Salem - - - aforesaid -

Single Woman - - - by which said Wicked acts & in  
the Elizabeth Hobert the day & year - aforesaid & divers other  
days and times both before and after was and is Tortured  
afflicted Consumed Wasted Pined and Tormented, and also for  
Sundry other acts of Witchcraft by the said Margarett  
Jacobs committed and done before and since that time against  
our said Lord and Lady the King & Queen their Person  
and Dignity and the forme in the Statute in that behalf  
made and Provided.

# Indictment of Rebecca Jacobs

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Honored Gentlemen, we have received your Notification & send this to  
 signify our Desires that our good mother Mrs Mary Bradburys name may  
 be inserted in the list proposed for taking off the attainde &c. She thro  
 faith obtained a good report among all Christians for her Exemplary piety  
 & vertus & was ever lookt on as an Innocent in her sufferings in that dark &  
 gloomy day & we doubt not but you will be as far as can be in this method  
 to restore her reputation. She endured about six months imprisonment  
 which putt our Honored father & sum of us her children upon very great Exp-  
 =ents of which we have indeed no particular account but are well assured  
 =ed by what we have heard our father Cap Bradbury say of y<sup>e</sup> money he expended  
 on that account or attaintion & by our own observation & contents in the Case  
 as well as others of the family that it could be less than twenty pounds at the  
 Lowest Calculation be his time & trouble. We doubt not but some others might  
 suffer more in their Estates & it seems very just & reasonable that restitution be  
 in sum measure made as far as the Case will bear & therefore we would not  
 discourage so just & good a Designe by any excessive Demands but rather comply  
 with any thing which your Honors shall think meet to allow there fore we not  
 expressly fix upon any sum but leave it to your honors favorable Consideration  
 only pray that we may have that reasonable Consideration & allowance which  
 you make to others of Equall circumstances & which may be consistent with  
 rather Inturrays than Discourays the gen<sup>l</sup> Designe now on foot our business is  
 shurt at home we cant well attend your Honors at this juncture but hope our  
 writing may as earnestly answer the Ende being confident that such is your  
 Justice & Goodwill that you will not improve our moderation in our Demands to our  
 Disadvantage we subscribe & your most Humble servants & petitioners  
 Salisbury Sep<sup>r</sup> 11 - 1710

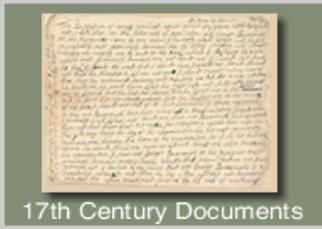
Henry } Trust  
 & James }  
 Executors of will of  
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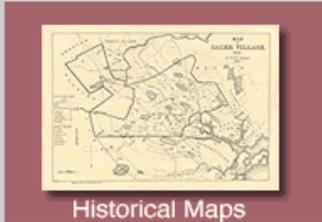
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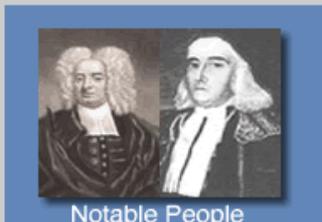
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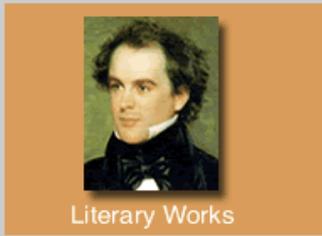
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died yesterday and is buried to day.<sup>1</sup> I heard not a word of it, and so neither saw him sick, nor was at his Burial. The Lord grant the Landlady and her Children may be also ready.

Thursday, Sept. 1, 1692. Major John Richards marries Mistress Anne Winthrop before W<sup>m</sup> Stoughton Esqr. the Lieut. Governour, at the House of Madam Usher.

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Major Richards accompanies his Bride to our Meeting, morning and evening. Note. Mr. Randolph came to Town last Friday.

Monday, Sept. 19, 1692. About noon, at Salem, Giles Corey was press'd to death for standing Mute;<sup>2</sup> much pains was used with him two days, one after another, by the Court and Capt. Gardner of Nantucket who had been of his acquaintance: but all in vain.

Sept. 20. Now I hear from Salem that about 18 years agoe, he was suspected to have stampd and press'd a man to death, but was cleared. 'Twas not remembred till Añe Putnam was told of it by said Corey's Spectre the Sabbath-day night before the Execution.

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## SALEM WITCHES II: GEORGE JACOBS

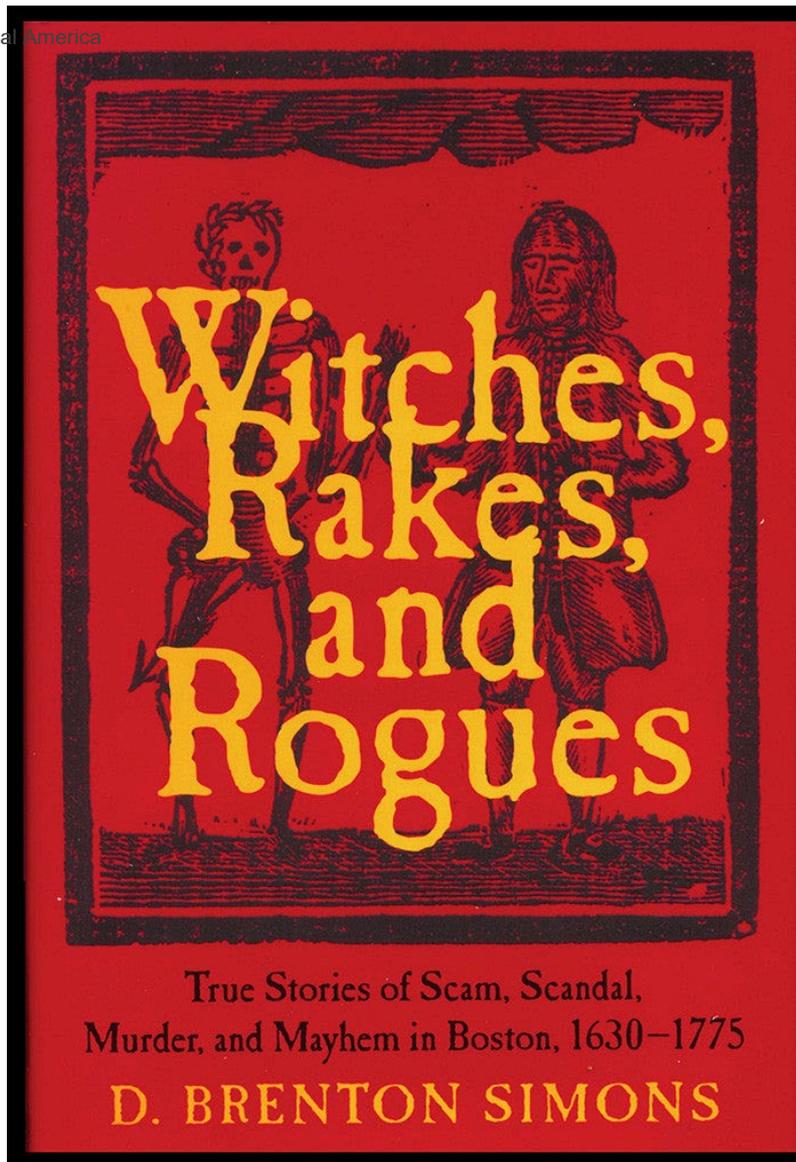
BY DAVID L. GREENE, Ph.D., F.A.S.G.

George Jacobs Sr. was hanged on Gallows Hill, Salem, Massachusetts, 19 Aug. 1692. He is said to have been 80 years of age--perhaps an exaggeration--and was the only one of a family of accused witches to be executed. Also charged with witchcraft were his son, George Jacobs Jr.; his daughter-in-law, Rebecca (Andrews)(Frost) Jacobs; his granddaughter, Margaret Jacobs; and George Jacobs Jr.'s brother-in-law, Daniel Andrews or Andrew.

According to Sidney Perley (*History of Salem* 3:109), George Jacobs Sr. "came to Salem in or before 1674." This statement is literally correct but misleading, because George Jacob--his name frequently appears thus spelled--was of Salem on 25 9m. (Nov.) 1658 when he purchased for £16 a house and ten-acre lot in Salem from Richard Waters and wife Joyce (Essex Co. Deeds 2:9). Jacobs's previous history is unknown. He had only two known children: George, b. ca. 1649; and Ann, who, from the marriage dates of her known children, was probably younger than her brother. Perley (*loc. cit.*) suggests that George Jacobs Sr. was born ca. 1612, but that year may be early because it would make him around 37 when his older child was born. He was, however, of "Extreame Age" when he made a will on 29 Jan. 1691/2, and the testimony against him when he was accused of witchcraft indicates that to the community he was an old man. Standard genealogical dictionaries suggest no obvious possibility for his parentage, and it is likely that he was an immigrant.

The land George purchased from Richard Waters was in Northfields, a section of Salem now on the Danvers-Beverly border. He also obtained in "Royal Side" or "Rial Side," an area of Salem next to Salem Village and now part of Danvers, and he added to it on 15 March 1666 [1665/6] when he purchased for £11/10 from Francis Nurse a "neck of land" "three acres of land, or three acres and a halfe, be it more or lesse," in "Ryall's side" next to "the said George Jacobs marsh" (Essex Co. Deeds 3:14). He added further to his Rial Side land by purchasing on 22 Sept. 1666 for "a valuable sume" from Thomas Robbins three quarters of an acre of marsh (*ibid.* 3:25) and by purchasing another three-quarter acre tract of salt marsh for £6 from John Massey on 17 12m (Feb.) 1666/7 (*ibid.* 3:34). In 1677, George Jacobs Sr., in company with ten others, leased four acres in "Royall side" from the town (see Salem Town Records in *Essex Institute Historical Collections* [hereafter EIHC], vol. 49 & seq.)





*Witches, Rakes and Rogues*

SARAH GOOD  
HANGED  
JULY 19, 1692

IN MEMORY OF THOSE INNOCENTS  
WHO DIED DURING THE  
SALEM VILLAGE WITCHCRAFT HYSTERIA  
OF 1692

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# Tips for finding Early Criminal Ancestors

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