

30<sup>th</sup> Constable of Topsfield  
 You are in their Majesties Names hereby Required to appear  
 before us Elizabeth Howe & her husband John Howe  
 of Topsfield husband man on Tuesday next being the  
 first day of May about ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon at  
 house of Lt Nathaniel Ingersoll of Salem Village to be  
 further charged w<sup>th</sup> sundry other witchcraft done  
 out upon the body of Mary Walcott Abigail Williams  
 & others of Salem Village to be further about Court in order  
 to their examination & relation of ye above premises  
 And if you are not to fail. D<sup>td</sup> Salem May 29. 1692

John Hathorne  
 Jonathan Corwin & J<sup>r</sup>

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WARRANT FOR MRS. HOWE'S ARREST

From: N. V. Q. P. A. L. T. Y. S. A. L. E. V. I. V. A. D. E. W. I. T. C. H. E. D. 1  
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# MRS. HOWE'S CASE

SUNDAY, May 29, 1692, Ephraim Wildes, constable of Topsfield, with a capias signed by John Hathorne and Jonathan Corwin, Assistants, went to the home of James Howe, Jr., in Ipswich Farms, and took into custody the wife and mother as a witch.

She was charged with sundry acts of witchcraft upon the bodies of Mary Walcott and Abigail Williams, and others of Salem Village. She was examined the next Wednesday at the house of Nathaniel Ingersoll of that place. She pleaded *not guilty*, denied all knowledge of the matter and testified that she had never heard of the girls, Mary and Abigail, till their names were read in the warrant. But in court they fell down, they cried out, they were pinched and pricked, and they accused Mrs. Howe. She was remanded to prison to await the action of the Jury of Inquest. Her case was called Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30, 1692.

## THE SUNDAY WARRANT AND ITS SUNDAY SERVICE

To the Constable of Topsfield:

You are in their Majesties Names hereby Requested to Apprehend & bring before us Elizabeth Howe wife of James How of Topsfield Husbandman on Tuesday next being the thirty-first day of May about ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon.



at ye house of Leut Nathaniel Ingersolls of Salem Village Whoe Stand Charged with Sundry Acts of Witchcraft done or committed on ye bodies of Mary Wolcott Abigail Williams & others of Salem Village, to theyr great hurt, in order to her examination Relating to ye abovesd premises & hereof you are nott to fayle.

Dat<sup>s</sup> Salem May 28th, 1692.

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JOHN HATHORNE }  
JONATHAN CORWIN } Assists.

In obedience to this warrant I have apprehended Elizabeth How the wife of Jems how on the 29th of May 1692 and have brought har unto the house of leftiant nathaniell englosons according too ye warrant as atested by me Ephraim Wildes constabell for the town of Topsfield.

Dated may 31st 1692.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION  
SHE NEVER HEARD OF HER ACCUSERS BEFORE

Mercy Lewis & Mary Walcott fell in a fit quickly after the examinant came in. Mary Walcott said that this woman the examinant had pincht her & Choakt this month. Ann Putnam said she had hurt her three times

*Question.* What say you to this charge? Here are them that charge you with witchcraft

*Answer.* If it was the last moment I was to live God knows I am innocent of anything of this nature

*Q.* Did not you take notice that now when you lookt upon Mercy Lewis she was struck down?

*A.* I cannot help it.

*Q.* You are charged here what doe you say?

*A.* I am innocent of anything of this nature

*Q.* Is this the first time that ever you were accused

*A.* Yes Sr

*Q.* Do not you know that one at Ipswich hath accused you?

*A.* This is the first time that ever I heard of it.

*Q.* You say that you never heard of these folks before.

Mercy Lewis at length spake & charged this woman with hurting & pinching her. And then Abigail Williams cryed she hath hurt me a great many times, a great while and she hath brought me the book. Ann Putnam had a pin stuck in her hand.

*Q.* What do you say to this?

*A.* I cannot help it.

*Q.* What consent have you given?

Abig Williams cryed out that she was pincht & great prints were seen in her arm. Mary Warren cryed out she was prickt

*Q.* Have you not seen some apparition?

*A.* No never in all my life.



*Q.* Those that have confessed they tell us they used images and pins now tell us what have you used

*A.* You would not have me confess that which I know not

She looked upon Mary Warren & said Warren violently fell down. Look upon this maid, viz.: Mary Walcott her back being towards the examinant. Mary Warren & Ann Putnam said they saw this woman upon her. Susan Sheldon saith this was the woman that carryd her yesterday to the Pond. *S<sup>ts</sup>*. Sheldon carried to the examinant in a fit & was well upon grasping her arm.

*Q.* You said you never heard before of these people.

*A.* Not before the warrant was served me last Sabbath day.

John Indian cryed out Oh she bites & fell into a greivous fit & so carried to her in his fit & was well upon her grasping him.

*Q.* What do you say to these things — they cannot come to you.

*A.* Sr I am unable to give account of it.

*Q.* Cannot you tell what keeps them off from your body?

*A.* I cannot tell I know not what it is.

This a true account of the examination of Eliz: How taken from my characters written at the time thereof.

Witness my hand

[Signed] SAM PARRIS.

THE INDICTMENT. THE CASE  
HEARD JUNE 29TH AND 30TH AND JULY 1ST

The jurors of our Sovereign Lord and Lady the King and Queen represent That Elizabeth How wife of James of Ips. the 31st day of May the fourth year of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady Wm. and Mary by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and Queen defenders of the faith &c. and Divers other days and times as well before as after Certaine De-testable Acts called Witchcraft and sorceries wickedly and feloniously hath used Practiced and Exercised at and within the Township of Salem in the county of Essex aforesaid in upon and against one Mary Walcott of Salem Village singlewoman by which said wicked arts the said Mary Walcott the 31th day of May in the 4th year aforesaid 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 Elizabeth How Committed and Done before and since that time agt the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen and against the form of the statute in that case made and Provided.



THE WITNESSES  
TIMOTHY AND DEBORAH PERLEY

the first of iune 1692 the deposition of timothi Perley and deborah Perley his wife timoth Perley aged about 39 and his wife about 33 there being som difference between goode how that is now seized namely Elizabeth How wife of James How Junr and timothi Peri abovesaid about som bords the night following our cous lay out and finding of them the next morning we went to milk them and one of them did not give but two or thre spoone fuls of milk and one of the other cous did not give above halfe a Pinte and the other gave aboute a quart and these cous used to give three or four quarts at a meale two of these cous continued to give litle or nothing four or five meals and yet thes went to a good inglish pasture and within four dais the cous gave ther full Proportion that thir used to give.

further deborah Perley testifieth and as conserning hanah Perley Samuel Perleys daughter that was so sore afflicted her mother and she coming to our house hanah Perley being suddinli scared & so thers that woman she goes into the oven and out againe and then fell into a drefull fit and when I have asked her when she said that woman what woman she ment she tould me ieams hows wife sometimes hanah Perley went along with me to ieams hows an some fell into a fitt goode how was ueri louing to her and when the garl and I came away i asked whi she talked so of goode how being

she was so louing to her she tould me that if i were afflicted as she was that I would talk as bad of her as she did at another tim i saw goode how and hanah Perley together and thai were ueri louing together and after goode How was gone i asked whi she was so louing to good how when thai were together she tould me that she was afraid to doe otherwise for then goode how would kil her.

DEBORAH PERLEY  
Testified to June 30th before the Jury of Inquest

## SAMUEL AND RUTH PERLEY

the first of iune 1692 the deposition of Samuel Perley and his wife aged about 52 and his wife 46 years of age we hauing a daffter about ten years of age being in a sorrowful condition this being some after a falling out thai had bene between ieams how and his wife and miself our daughter told us that it was ieams hows wife that afflicted her both night and day sometimes complaining of being Pricked with Pins and sometimes falling down into drefull fits and often sai i could neuer afflict a dog as goode how afflicts me mi wife and i did often chide her for naming goode how being loth her name shold be defamed but our daughter would tel us that though we would not beleue her now yet you will know it one day we went to seuerl docters and thai tould us that she was under an evil hand our daughter tould us that when she came nere the fire or water this witch Puls me in and was often sorri burnt and she



would tel us what cloaths she wore and would sai there she goes and there she goes and now she is gone into the oven and at these sights falling down into dredful fits and thus our daughter continuing about two or three years constantly affirming to the last that this goode how that is now seised was the cause of her sorrows and pined awai to Skin and bone and ended her sorrowful life and this we can atest upon oath rith Perley's mark.

Sam'l Pearly & his wife declare ye above written to be the truth upon oath. After this the aboute said goode how had a mind to join ipswich church thai being unsatisfied sent to us to bring in what we had against her and when we had declared to them what we knew thei see cause to Put a stop to her coming into the Church within a few dais after I had a cow wel in the morning as far as we knew this cow was taken strainingli running about like a mad thing a litle while and then run into a great Pon and drowned herself and as sone as she was dead mi sons and miself towed her to the shore and she stunk so that we had much a doe to flea her.

As for the time daughters being taken ill it was in the yere of our Lord 1682.

Testified to before the Jury of Inquest

June 30 '92

REV. SAMUEL PHILLIPS

The testimony of Samuel Phillips aged about 67 minister of the word of God in Rowley who sayth that mr payson (minister of Gods word alsoe

in Rowley) and myself went, being desired to Samuel pearly of ipswich to se thiene young daughter who was viseted with strang fits and in her fits (as her father and mother affermed) did mention good wife How the wife of James How Junior of Ipswich as if she was in the house and afflict her; when we were in the house the child had one of her fits but made no mention of good wife how; & and when the fit was over and she came to herself, goodwife how went to the child and took her by the hand & askt her whether she had ever done her any hurt And she answered noe never and if I did complain of you in my fits I knew not that I did soe: I further can affirm upon oath that young Samuel Pearly, Brother to the afflicted gile looking out of a chamber (I and the afflicted child being with outdores together) and sayd to his sister Say goodwife How is a witch say she is a witch & the child spake not a word that way, but I lookt up to the window where the youth stood & rebuked him for his boldness to stir up his sister to accuse the said goodw: How when as she had cleared her from doing any hurt to his sister in both our hearing & I added no wonder that the child in her fits did mention Goodwife How when her nearest relatives were soe frequent in expressing theire suspicions in the childs hearing when she was out of her fits that she sayed Goodwife How was an Instrument of mischeif to the child

SAMUEL PHILLIPS.

Rowley 3 June 1692



REV. EDWARD PAYSON

I Edward Payson of ye Town abouesd Thoh present at ye place & time aforesd yet cannot evidence in all the particulars mentioned: Thus much is yet in my remembrance viz: being in ye abouesd Pearley's house some considerable time before ye sd Goodw: How came in: their afflicted Daughter upon something that her mother spake to her with tartness presently fell into on of her usual strange fits, during which she made no mention (as I observed) of ye above sd How her name or any thing relating to her, sometime after the sd How came in when sd Girl had recovered her capacity, her fit being over sd How took sd Girl by ye hand, asked her whether she had ever done her any hurt: ye child answered no never; with several expressions to yt purpose which I am not able particularly to recount &c.

EDWARD PAYSON

Rowley June 3 1692.

DEBORAH HADLEY

The Deposition of Debory Hadley aged about 70 years; this Deponant testifieth & sth that I have lived near to Elizabeth How (ye wife of James How Junior of Ipswich) 24 year & have found a neighborly woman Conscientious in her dealings faithful to her promises & Christianlike in her Conversation so far as I have observed & further saith nt.

June 24 1692

DEBORAH HADLEY.

DANIEL, JOHN, SARAH WARREN

from Ipswich Ju ye 25 1692 this may certify houe it may conserve we being desired to wright some thing in ye behalfe of Ye Wife of Jams how Junior of Ipswich hoe is apprehended upon suspicion of being gilly of ye Sin of witchcraft & now in Salem prison upon ye same account for ouer own partes we haue bin well acquainted wt hur for aboue twenty yeers we neuer see but yt she cared it very wel & yt both hur wordes & actions wer always such as well become a good Cristian: we ofte spake to hur of somethings yt wer reported of hur yt gaue some suspicion of yt she is now charged wt & she always profesing hur Inoseny yr in often desiring our prayers to god for hur yt god would keep hur in his fear & yt god would support hur under hur burdin we haue often herd hur Speaking of those persons yt raised thos reports of hur and we neuer heered hur Speake badly of y for ye same but in ouer heering hath often said yt she desired god that he would sanctify yt affliction as well as others for hur spiritual good.

DANIEL WARNER senr

JOHN WARNER senr

SARAH WARNER

SIMON AND MARY CHAPMAN

Ipswich June the 25th 1692 The testimony of Simon Chapman About 48 years testifieth and



sayth that he hath ben Acquainted with the wiife of James how iunn as a naybar for this 9 or 10 yers and he neuer saw any harm by hur but that That hath bin good for I found hur Joust In hur dellling fayth fooll too hur promicises I haue had acation to be in the compiny of goodwief howe by the fortnight together at Thayer hous: and at other tims and I found at all Tims by hur discors shee was a woman of affliktion and mourning for sin in her selues and others and when she met with eny Affliktion she semid to iostifi god and say that Itt was all better than she dessuifd that it was By falls aqusations from men and she yust to bles god that she got good by affliktions for it med hur examin hur oun hart I neuer herd hur reffl any person that hath akusid hur with witchcraft but pittied them and sayid i pray god forgiue then for thay harm them selues more then me. Thof i am a gret sinar yit i am cler of that sayed she and such kind of affliktions doth but set me a exsaming my oun hart and I find god wonderfollly seporting me and comfarting me by his word and promisis she semid to be a woman thron in that grat work of conuiktion an conerction which I pray god mak us all

SIMON CHAPMAN

My wief Mary Chapman came Testifi to the most of this abou retan as witness my hand

MARY CHAPMAN.

ISAAC CUMMINGS, Sr.

June 27 1692 disposition of Isaac commins syner aget about sixty years or thare abouts who testyfyeth and saith that about aight yers ago James how iunn of ipswich came to my hous to borow a hors I not being at home my son isaac told him as my son told me whan I cam home i hade no hoes to ride on but my son isaac did tell the said how that he hade no hors to ride on but he hade a mare the whiah he though his father would not be willing to lend this being upon a thursday the next day being fryday I took the mare and myself and my wife did ride on this maer aboute half a mile to an neighbours hous and home again and when we came home I turned the maer out the maer being as well to my thinking as ever she was next morning it being Saturday about sun rising this said maer stood neer my doore and the said maer as i did apercend did show as if she had bin much abused by riding and here flesh as I thovg myvch wasted and her movth myvch semently to my aperhantion myvch abused and hurt with ye bridel bits I seing ye maer in sych a sad condition I toke up the said maer and put her into my barn and she wold eate no maner of thing as for provender or any thing we i give her then I sent for my brother Thomas Andros which was living in boxford the said anderos came to my hous I not being at home when I came home a litle afore night my brother anderos told me he heard giving the said mear southing for the bots but as



he could perseve it did do her no good but said he I cannot tell but she may have the baly ach and said he I wel try one thing more my brother anderos said he would take pipe of tobaco and lite it and put itt into the fondement of the mare I told him that I thought it was not lawfull he said it was lawfull for man or beast then I toke a clen pipe and filled it with tobaco and did lite it and went with the pipe lite to the barn then the said anderos used the pipe as he said before he wold and the pipe of tobaco did blaze and burn blew then I said to my brother Anderos you shall try no more it is not lawfull he said I will try again once mor which he did and that arose a blaze from the pipe of tobaco which seemed to me to cover the buttocks of the said mear the blaze went upward towards the roof of the barn and in roof of the barn thar was a grate crackling as if the barn wold have falen or bin burnt which seemed so to us which ware within and some that ware without and we hade no other fier in the barn bvt only a candil and a pipe of tobaco and then I said I thought my barn or my mear must goe the next being Lord's day I spoke to my brother anderos at noone to come to see the said mear and said anderos came and what h did I say not the same Lords day at night my neighbours John Haukins came to my boys and he and I went into my barn to see this mear said houkins said and if I ware as you i woldv of a pece of this mear and burn it I said no not to-day but if she lived til to morrow morning he might cut of a

pece off of her and burn if he wold presently as we hade spoken these words we stept out of the barn and immediately this said mear fell down dade and never stvred as we covld purseve after she fell down but lay dead

Isac Comings Senr declared to ye Jury of Inquest that ye aboue written evidence is the truth upon oath June 30 1692

#### JOSEPH AND MARY KNOWLTON

from Ipswich June 27 1692 Joseph Knowlton being aquainte with the wife of James How Junr as a neighbour & somtimes bording in the house, and at my first coming to live in those parts which was about ten years ago I hard a bad Report of her about Samuill perleys garle which caused me to take speshall noates of her life & conneration ever sence and I haue asked her if she could freely forgive them that Raised such Reports of her she tould me Yes with all her heart desiering that god would give her a heart to be more humble vnder such a providences and further she sayed she was willing to doe any good she could to them as had done vnnighbourly by her also This I haue taken notes of that she would deny herself to doe a neighbour a good turn and also I haue known her to be faithfull in the word and honest in her dealings as far as ever I saw.

JOSEPH KNOWLTON aged forty tu  
MARY KNOWLTON aged thurty tu



JAMES HOWE, Sr. (ninety-four yrs. old)  
information for Elizabeth How the wife of Jams  
How Junr.

Jams How sear aged about 94 sayth he liueing  
by her for about thirty years hath taken notes  
that she hath caried it well becoming her place as a  
daughter as a wife in all Relations setting side  
humain infirmitys as becometh a Christian with  
Respect to myself as a father very dutyfully  
& a wiffe to my son carefull loueing obedient and  
kind considering his want of eye sight tenderly  
leading him about by the hand Now desiering  
god may guide your honours to se a differans  
between predigous and Consents I Rest yours to  
Sarve

JAMES HOW Seur of Ipswich  
dated this 28 day of June 1692

ISAAC CUMMINGS, Jr.

June 28th 1692 the testimony of Isaac Comings  
Juner aged about 27 years Testifeth & saeth yt  
James Hough came to my fathers house when he  
was not at home he asked me if my father had  
euer a hors & I told him no he asked me if he had  
Euer a maer & I told him yesh he asked me if I  
thought my father would lend him his maer & I  
told him I did not Think would upon wch in a  
short Tyme after my father & Mother Ridd their  
maer to Their neighbours house ye same maer wch  
sd Hough would haue Borrowed wch semingly was  
well when my fathr & motrh came home I seeing

ye same sd maer ye nex morning could Judge  
noe other butt yt she had bin Rid ye other part  
of yt night or other ways horribly abused vpon  
wch my fathr seeing wt a condition his maer was  
in sent for his brother Thomas Andros wch when  
he came he give her severall Things wch he  
Thought to be good for her butt did her not any  
good vpon wch he said he would try one thing  
more wch was a pipe & some Tobaco wch he ap-  
plid to her Thinking itt might doe her good  
against ye Belly ake Thinking yt might be her  
discese wch when they vsed ye pipe with Tobaco  
in itt abought ye sd maer ye pipe being Litt itt  
blazed so much yt it was as much as two persons  
could putt itt ought wth both of Their hands vpon  
wch my father said we will Trye no more his  
brother my uncle sd he would trye once more ye  
wch he did the pipe being Litt ye fyer Blazed out of  
ye same sd pipe more vehemently than before  
vpon wch my father answered he had Rather  
Loose his maer yn his barn ye very next night  
following ye sd maer following my father in his  
barn from one side to ye other side fell down  
imediately Dead against ye sell of ye Barn before  
my fathr had well cleered him selfe from her furthr  
sath not.

MARY CUMMINGS, Sr.

June 27 1692 The disposition of many cummings  
ye wif of isaac cummings sear aged about sixty yers  
or thare abouts tescifeith and sath my husband



not being at home I was sent to by som parsons of ipsweg sent to me for to have me to write what I cold say of James how iunr his wife elisebeth consarning her life or conversation and that I would say what I cold say for or against her when the said hows wife sought to aiojn with the church at ipsweg and I spoke to my son Isaac to write that we hade vsed no brimston nor oyl nor no combustables to give to our maer becavs thare was a report that the said hows wife had said that we had given the maer brimston and oyl and the like and a short time after I hade written my testimony consarning this hows wife my son Isaac his maer was missing that he covld not find her in to or thre days and in a short time after my son isaacs maer came in sight not fare from the hovs and my son isaac praid me to go ovt and look on his maer when I came to her asked me what I thought on her her and I said if he wold have my thoughts I covld not complain it nothing elce but that she wriden with a hot bridil for she hade divises brvses as if she had bin runing over rocks and mvch wronged and where the bridil went was as if it had bin burnt with a hot bridil then I bide Isaac take ye mare and have her vp amongst the naghbors that peopl might see her for I hered that James how iunr or his wife or both had said that we kept vp ovr maer that people might not see her and isaac did show his maer to saviril and then the said how as i hered did report that isac had riden to Lin spring and caryed his gairl

and so soffited th maer the which was not so.

Mary Cumins owned this her testimony to be truth before the Juryes for Inques this 29th of June 1692.

MARY CUMINGS, SR.

Jvn 27 1692 I mary cumins aged abovt sixty yers thar abovts the wife of isaac cumins syner I being at my neighbour Samuel partys hovs samuel partys daytger hannah being in a straing condition asked me if J did see goodee how in the hovs going rovrnd vpon the wall as gyrl drichted her finger along rovrnd in won place and another of the hovs J teled her no J looked as dliegently as i cold and i covld see nothing of her the gyrls mother then did chek her and told her she was alwas foll of such kind of notions and bid her hold her toong then she told her mother she would believe it one day and som thing mor which shold hav bin mantioned as the garl poynted to show me whare goode how was she asked me if I did not se her go ovt at that crak which she poynted at.

Mary Cumins owned this har testimony one her oath to be the truth before the Jurians of Inquest this 29 of June 92. Jurat in Curia.

MARY CUMINGS

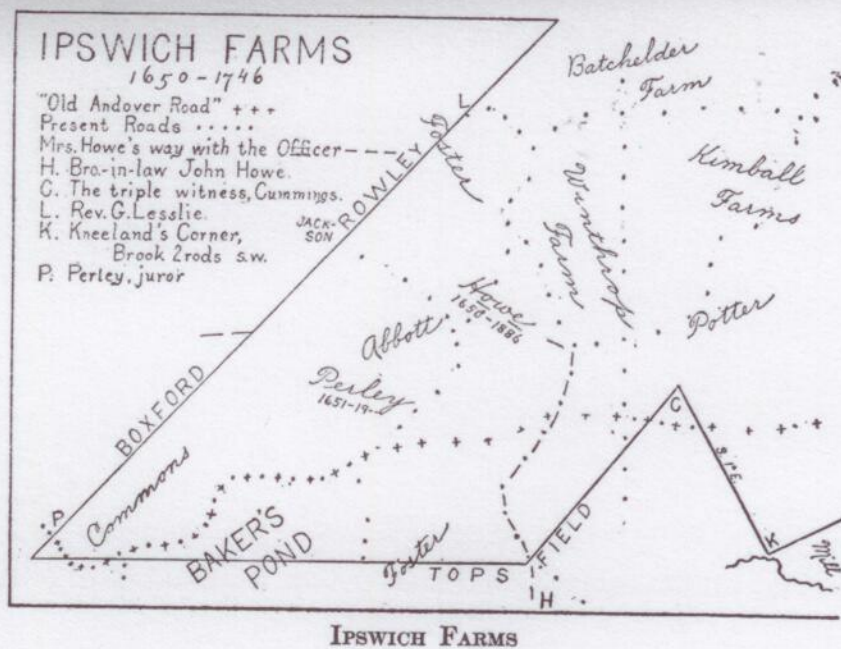
Jvn 27 1692 The disposition of Mary cumins aged abovt sixty yers or there abovts ho testefieeth and saieth that above too yeres agou J went to



viset my neighbovr sherins wife and she told me that James how ivnr had bin thare to give her a siset and he did sharply talk to her asking her what hopes she hade of her salvation her answer was to him that she did bild her hopes upon that sver rock Jesvs christ this the said serius vife did tell me and she told me also that she had never talked of the said how or his wife byt she was wors for it afterwards and she said also when she lay sick of the same sickness whereof she dyed that the said how would come som time into the roome to see but she covld not tell how to bare to see him nor that he shovld be in the hoves Mary Comins ownid that this har testimony on har oath before the Juryars for Inques this 29 of June 1692 Jurat in Curia

FRANCIS LANE

Francis Lane aged 27 yeares testifiyeth & saith that about seauen yeares agoe James How the husband of Elizabeth How of Ipswich farmes hired sd Lane to get him a parcell of posts & railles & sd Lane hired John Pearly the son of samuel Pearly of Ipswich to help him in getting of them And after they had got said Posts & railles the said Lane went to the said James How that he might goe with him & take delivery of said Posts & railles & Elizabeth How the wife of sd James how told said Lane that she did not beleive that sd Posts & railles would doe because that said John Pearly helped him & she said that if he had got them





alone & had not got John Pearly to help him she beleeved that they would haue done but seeing that said Pearly had helped about them she beleeued that they would not doe so sd James How went with said Lane for to take deliuey of sd Posts & rails & the said James How toke severell of the said rails as they lay in heaps up by the end & they broke of so many of them broke that said Lane was forced to get thirty or forty more & when said how came home he told his wife thereof & she said to him that she had told him before that they would not doe because said Pearly helped about them which rails said Lane testifyeth that in his aprehention were sound rails Francis Lane declared to ye Jury of inques to ye truth of ye above written evidence upon oath June 30 1692 Jurat in Curia

## JOHN HOWE

The testimony of John How aged about 50 yers saith that on that day that my brother James his wife was Caried to Salem farmes upon examination she was at my house and would a have had me to go with her to Salem farmes I could hur that if she had ben sent for upon almost any a Count but witchcraft I would a have gone with hur byt one that a Count I would not for ten pounds but said I If you are a witch tell me how long you have ben a witch and what mischeue you have done and then J will go with you for said J to hur you have ben acused by Samuel

pearly's Child and suspected by Daken Cumins for witchcraft; she semed to be angry with me, stell asked me to come on the morrow I told hur I did not know but I might com to morrow but my ocasions cald me to go to Ipswich one the morrow and came whome a bout suns set and standing nere my door talking with one of my Naibours I had a sow with six small pigs in the yard the sow was as well so fare as I knew as euer one a suding she leaped up about three or fouer foot hie and turned about and gave one squeake and fell downe daed I told my naibour that was with me I thought my sow was bewitched for said I I think she is dead he lafed at me but It proved true for she fell downe daed he bed me cut of hur care the which I did and my hand I had my knife in was so numb and full of paine that night and sauerall days after that I could not doe any work and is not wholly wall now and I suspected no other person but my sd sister Elizabeth How Capt. John How declared ye above written evidence to be the truth before ye Jury of inquest. June 30th 1692 upon his oath in Court

## JACOB FOSTER

The deposition of Jacob Foster aged about 29 yeares the deponant saith that some yeares agoe good wife How the wife of James how was about to Joyne with the church of Ipswich my father was an instrumentall means of her being denyed admission quickly after my mare turned out to



grass on the tusday and on thursday I went to seek my mare to go to lecture I sought my mare and could not find her I sought all friday and found her not on Saturday I sought till noon & I found my mare standing leaning with her buttock against a tree I hit her with a small whip she gave a heave from a tree and fell back to the tree again then I took of her fetters and struck her again she did the same again then I set my shoulder to her side and thrust her of from the tree and moved her feet. then she went home and leapt into the pasture and my mare lookt as if she had been miserably beaten and abused Jacob ffoster declared ye evidence to be ye truth before ye Jury of inquest on oath June 30 92

## JOSEPH SAFFORD

The deposition of Joseph Safford aged about 60 he testefyeth and saith that my wife was much afraid of Elizabeth how the wife of James how upon the Reports that were of her about Samuell perleys child but upon a tim after thes Reports James how and his wife coming to my house nether mysele nor my wife were at home and good wife how asked my children wher their mother was and they said at the next nayboacers hoves she desired them to Coll ther mother which they did when my wife cam whom my wife told me that she was much startled to se goode how but she took her by the hand and said goode Safford I beleue that you are not ignorant of

the grete scandall that I Ly under upon the euill Report that is Raised upon me about Samuell perleys child and other things Joseph Safford saith that after this his wife was taken beyond Rason and all parswasion to tek the part of this woman after this the wife of this James how pronounced herselfe to com into the church of Ipswich wher upon sum objection a Rose by sum unsatisfied bretheren wher upon ther was a meeting apointed by our elders of the church to consider of things brought in against her my wife was more than ordenery earnest to goe to lecture the church meeting being on that day notwithstanding the many arguments I used to perswade her to the Contrery yet I obtained a promiss of her that she would not goe to the church meeting but meeting with som of the naybourhood they perswaded her to go with them to the church meeting at elder pains and told her that shee need say nothing ther, but good wife how then being Rether Rendred guilty than cleered my wife took her by the hand after meeting and told her though she wer condemned before men she was Justfeyed before god. the next Sabath after this my son that carried my wife to Lectur was taken after a strange manar the Saturday after that my wife was taken after a Rauing frenzy manar expressing in a Raging manar that goode how must com into the church and that shee was a precious saint and though shee wer condemned befor men shee was justfeyed befor god and continued in this fram for the space of thre or four hours after that



my wife fell into a kind of trance for the space of two or thre minits shee then coming to herselfe opened her eye and said ha J was mistaken, no answer was med by the standars by, and again shee said ha J was mistaken Majar appleton's wife standing by said wherein art mistaken I was mistaken said she for J thought goode how had bene a precious saint of god but now I see she is a witch fer shee hath bewitched me and my child and we shall neuer be well till ther is testimony for her that she may be taken into the church after after this there was A meeting of the elders at my hous and thay desired that goode how might be at the meeting insigh wallis went with myselfe to invite goode how to this meeting she coming in discours at that time she said two or thre times shee was sorry to se my wife at the church meeting at eldar pains after this shee said she was afflicted by the aparishion of goode how a few dayes after she was taken shee said the caus of her changing her opinion consarning goode how was becaus shee apeared to her throg a creuis of the clambouerds which she knew no good person could do and at thre seuerall times after was afflicted by the aperishion of goode how and goode olleuer and funder this deponit saith that Rising erly in the morning and kindling a fir in the other Room in wife shrieked out I presently Ran into the room wher my wife was and as soon as euer I opened the dore my said ther be the euill one take them whereupon I Replied wher are they I will take them if I can shee said you

will not tek them and then sprang out of the bed herselfe and went to the window and said thar they went out thar wer both bigger than she and they went out ther but she could not then J Replied who be they she said goode how and goode olleuer goode olleuer said J you never saw the woman in your Life no said she I neuer saw her in my Life but so she is Represented to me goode olleuer of Sallam the millar Joseph Safford declared to ye Jury of inquest that ye evidence above written & on the other side of this paper is ye truth upon oath

June 30 1692

Jurat in Curia

THOMAS ANDREWS

July 1st 1692

The testimony of Thomas Andrews of Boxford aged about 50 yars this deponant Testifeth & saith yt Jsiah Comings senior of Topsfield sent for me to help help a mare yt was not well & when I came thare ye mare was in such a condition yt I could not tell wt she ailed for J neuer sawe yt like her lips ware exceedingly swelled yt ye Jsuides of Them Turned outward & Look Black & blue & gelled, her Tung was in ye same Condition J told ye said Comings I could not tell wt to doe for her J perceined she had not ye Botts weh J did att first think she had but J said she might haue some great heat in her Body & I would applie a pipe of Tobacco to her & yt that was concented & I lit a pipe of Tobacco & putt



itt under her fundiment & there came a Blew flame out of ye Bowle & Run along ye stem of sd pipe & took hold of ye haer of sd Maer & Burnt itt & we tried itt 2 or 3 times together & itt did ye same itt sened to Burn blew butt Run Like fyer yt is sett on the grass to Burn itt in ye spring Tyme & we struck itt out with our hands & ye sd Comings sd yt he would trye no more for sd he J had rather loose my mare yn my barn & J this deponant doe testifi yt to ye Best of my understanding was ye same mare yt James Hough Junior Belonging to Ipswich farmes husband to Elizabeth Hough would have borrowed of ye sd Comings

THO. ANDREWS

#### REMOVAL OF ATTAINDER AND REIMBURSEMENT

"Ipswich ye 9 of September, 1710

"Whereas ye honored General Court has appointed a committee to consider what damage persons have sustained in their names and estates in the year 1692 by their sufferings in that as was called witch craft, ye odium whereof was as if they are one of ye worst of mankind, we Mary How and Abigail How: ye only survivors in this family also do groundedly believe that our honored mother Elizabeth How suffered as innocent of the crime charged with as any person in the world, and as to the damage done to our estate we can not give a particular account but this we know that

our honored father went twice a week ye whole time of her imprisonment to carry her maintenance which was provided with much difficulty and one of us went with him because he could not go alone for want of sight also one journey to Boston for a replevey and for maintenance 5s. money left with her the first coming down 20s. the second time and 40s. so that sometimes more some less yt never under 5s. per week which we know for charge for her and necessary charge for ourselves and horses cannot be less than £20 money yet notwithstanding so that ye name may be repaired we are content if your honors shall allow £12.

Yours to serve

MARY HOW & ABIGAIL HOW."

"This petition was presented to said Court by Capt. John How and Abraham How uncles of said Mary and Abigail for relief in the premises and pray that the petition may be allowed the same."

The petition was referred to the committee referred to therein.

"The committee met at Salem, 13th, Sept. 1710, and the 14th reported allowing the Misses How the £12 asked for."

THOS. NOYES  
JOHN BURRILL } Committee  
NAH. JEWETT }