

Fayrefield sept^r. 14 1692. At a court of Assistants held by special order of the gen^l Court

a Bill exhibited against Elizabeth Dawson wife of Stephen Dawson of Stamford in the County of Fayrefield in the Colony of Connecticut.

Elizabeth Dawson is comprayned of & accused as guilty of witchcraft for that on the 25th of Aprill 1692. & in the 4th years of their Ma^{ties} reign & at sundry other times she hath by the justigation & help of the diuell in a pretternaturall way afflicted & done Harme to the bodies & estates of sundry of their Ma^{ties} subjects or to some of them contrary to the law of God the peace of our soveraigne Lord & Lady the King & Queen their crown & dignity.

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Billa Vera

The testimony of Ebenezer Lawson aged 51 years:

he saith that he lived neare neighbour to good wife Lawson many years & did always observe her to be a woman for peace and to counsel for peace & which she hath had provocations from her neighbours would answer & say we must live in peace for we are neighbours & would never to my observation give threatening words nor did I hear of her as one much to malice: & further saith not:

Clement Dutton aged about 40 years being present & also being near neighbour to the above said Lawson & testifieth to all of above written as witness our hand, subscribed this: 6th June 1692: Clement Dutton

Clement Dutton

The above written subscribers declare the above written & signed it with their own hands before me Jonathan Bull Comissioner.

Standford June 30th 1692

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Mary Newman: aged thirty three years: or thereabouts
left eyes: that about two years past: that she
had some difference with Goody Clayson: & ^{angry} went past
to know them: & the next day following: they
of woman had 3 sheep dyed red only: & they opened
them & could not fynde by anny thing within them the
cause of their death: & some neighbors of they believe
they were bewitched: this she is ready to be dyed: if
of J. of ~~the~~: — — —

Jonathan Selwick Composed

Sworn in court
at vs John Allyn Secy
Sept. 15 1692

The testimony of Thomas Percie he saith that of sheep of Mary Newman mentioned
 that dyed which she gives in ^{as he have} testimony, & she thought was bewitched to both eyes
 thirty last spring was four year it being before he went for England, & next summer
 after he came whom from England was a contention between goodman Clason and
 Mary Newman about of Jack taking of apples or nuts or graft or sowing such thing
 out of goodman Clasons lot: goodman Clason said to Mary Newman: as many
 Newman could at his house if if she allowed her children to steal what they was
 young how would they be when they were old: whereby of which goodman Clason
 there: Ledge Percie his wife being present at of same time and can witness
 to all of above written. & both are ready to give oath to of above written
 testimony when called thereunto

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The above written of Thomas Percie
 appeared this 12th septemb 1692. & made
 oath to the above written testimony
 for himselfe before me John
 Court

The Testimonie of Abram Adams & Jonath Squire saith that when Eliz. Claugton was
 down her head ^{was} put into the water she swam like a cork & ~~by~~ ^{one} laboured to pray her into
 the water & she boyed up like a cork Sworn in court Sept 15 1692 at all ages

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John Mlyn Secretary

we had warrants on her order returned 23
 having been appointed by the hundred
 Court to search the two women namely
 goodly the same and goodly de Brown that
 which is said to be a private robbery
 goodly the same we find in her private parts
 more than is common to women and we
 have say that found something of silver
 and goodly de Brown we found something like
 it had agreed to be goodly the same a dark
 red and de Brown of a pale red
 sworn in court Sept 14 1602
 always John Lilly sey

being gold
 an woman

in the robes
 of the robes
 with a heavy & mercha woman
 being by the court appointed to
 make search on the body of Eliz. Clapton when arrested
 the same & the find of 20 or 25 pence appearing that
 now is seen by us which we could not find before
 at Stanford on the body of Eliz. Clapton, & an empty
 body they find when they saw on her was
 grown somewhat less than a male breast
 they saw not before sworn in court
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the test; none of Richard Holmes ever about 5th this
deponent testifies as follows that his mother being 24
mid wife in Stamford there being a bout at that time
~~that~~ a report amongst them in the town that good
wife Chaffon was not as other women were upon which
he had a moment ~~made~~ name upon
understanding that my mother had lived here with Tom of
her children to look an oration be it along with my mother
to see her whether that report that was to and against
~~that~~ concerning good wife Chaffon was true that is that she
was not as other women were my mother told me that
the report was true and that she was not as other women
was and further ~~not~~ not

deposed upon oath in
24th of Dec^r 1692
also 1692 before me

Chas. Smith Commiss^r