

A special Court held at Fayerfield Sept<sup>r</sup> 19 1692  
A Bill exhibited against Mercy Disborough wife of Thomas Disborough of Compo in Fayerfield in the  
County of Fayerfield in the Colony of Connecticut  
Mercy Disborough is comprayned of & accused as guilty of witchcraft forther on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1692  
& on the 4<sup>th</sup> years of their <sup>Chr<sup>ty</sup></sup> reigns & at sundry other times she hath by the instigation & help of the  
diuill in a preternaturall way afflicted & don harme to the bodies & estates of sundry of their <sup>Chr<sup>ty</sup></sup> subjects  
as to some of them contrary to the Law of God the peace of our Soueraigne Lord & Lady the King &  
Queen their crown & dignity.

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Gula Vera

A cōpye.

Mercy Disborough wife of Thomas Disborough of Compo in Sayresfield thou art here judicid by the name of  
Mercy Disborough thou not having the fear of God before thine eyes thou hast had familiarity with Sater the  
grand enemy of God & man & thou by his instigation & help thou hast in a private & wicked way afflicted the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Haem to the bodies & estates of sundry of their Ma<sup>ty</sup> subjects or to some of them contrary to the  
peace of our sovereigns Lord the King & Queen their crowne & dignity & that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Aprill  
of their Ma<sup>ty</sup> reign & on sundry other times for which by the laws of God & this colony thou  
deservest to dye

Sayresfield. 15 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1692

John Allyn Secretary

Mr. John W. Chapman aged 32 years. By Sam<sup>l</sup>. Squire and de. oath that  
 they saw ~~the~~ Cherry Disbrow, put into the water & that she  
 swam upon the water, they done in court Sept<sup>r</sup> 15 1692 Test

John Allen Secy

John Barlow sayed 24 yers or there about  
 faith and <sup>as</sup> testifith that some time  
 this last year that as I was in Boad  
 in the house that road Jernop then Lound in  
 that maresy Debory came to me and layed hold  
 on my feet and <sup>threw</sup> ~~threw~~ me <sup>in</sup> my face and I  
 strove to rise and could not and too speak and could  
 not ~~see~~ all the time that she was with me it was  
 light as day as it seemd to me — but when she was  
~~was gone~~ it was dark and I arose and had a paine  
 in my foot and legs some time after an our or two  
 it somendred — <sup>some time</sup> ~~some time~~ <sup>she</sup> ~~she~~ <sup>toed</sup> ~~toed~~ <sup>this</sup> ~~this~~  
 this afore <sup>her</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>marcy</sup> ~~marcy~~ and I had a falling out and  
 she sayed that if she had but ~~strength~~ <sup>strength</sup> of her  
~~had~~ me in <sup>power</sup> ~~power~~  
 would <sup>over</sup> ~~over~~

Sworn in Court Sept. 19. 92. attorn. <sup>John</sup> ~~John~~ <sup>Barlow</sup> ~~Barlow~~

Simon Cowd testifies to the fouling of a prisoner with John Barlow  
 & her threatening to Tear him to pieces. or threatening words

Sworn in Court J. Alley

The testimony of - Rester Cromment aged thirty four years or  
 thereabouts testified that when shee lay sick some time  
 in may last shee saw a boughs mixed with or pass the window  
 saying that is the shape of - her person and she says of manner  
 as break sitting upon the floor by the two chests that stand  
 by the side of the hay in the great room and in her  
 hand shee saw concerning you the beds feet with a white top  
 in her hand and professed to mee three times

1691 sworn in Court Sept 15. 1692  
 as attorn John Allyn Secy

May it please your <sup>W<sup>th</sup></sup> Court we the Grand or quill now sitting for the  
 County of Fairfield being made sensible, not only by common sense but by  
 Testimony <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>case</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>said</sup> <sup>widow</sup> <sup>Stapley</sup> <sup>Mary</sup> <sup>Harvey</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>wife</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>Josiah</sup>  
 Harvey & Hannah Harvey the daughter of the said Josiah <sup>of Fairfield</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>opinion</sup>  
 of aging Witchcraft, which is abominable both in the sight of God & man and ought  
 to be witnessed against. we do therefore in compliance to our duty, the discharge of  
 our oaths <sup>and</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>trust</sup> <sup>reposed</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>us</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>predecessors</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>above</sup> <sup>mentioned</sup> <sup>persons</sup>  
 to the Court of Assistants now sitting in Fairfield that they may be taken  
 in to custody & proceeded against according to their demerits

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Fairfield 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1734

in behalf of the Grand Jury  
 Joseph Bassford foreman