



Testimony of Samuel Gray

Salem Massachusetts

May 30, 1692

Samuel Gray of Salem, aged about 42 years, testifieth and saith that about fourteen years ago, he going to bed well one Lord's Day at night, and after he had been asleep some time, he awakened. And look[ing] up, saw the house light as if a candle or candles were lighted in it, and the door locked and that little fire there was, raked up. He did then see a woman standing between the cradle in the room and the bedside, and seemed to look upon him. So he did rise up in his bed, and it vanished or disappeared. Then he went to the door and found it locked, and unlocking and opening the door, he went to the entry door and looked out, and then again did see the same woman he had a little before seen in the room, and in the same garb she was in before. Then he said to her, in the name of God, what do you come for? Then she vanished away.

So he locked the door again and went to bed. And between sleeping and waking, he felt something come to his mouth or lips, cold, and thereupon started and looked up, and again did see the same woman with something between both her hands holding before his mouth. Upon which she moved, and the child in the cradle gave a great screech out, as if it was greatly hurt, and she disappeared. And taking the child up, could not quiet it in some hours. From which time, the child, that before was a very likely, thriving child, did pine away and was never well, although it lived some months after, yet in a sad condition, and so died.

Some time after, within a week or less, he did see the same woman, in the same garb and clothes, that appeared to him as aforesaid. And, although he knew not her nor her name before, yet both by her countenance and garb, doth testify that it was the same woman that they now call Bridget Bishop, alias Oliver, of Salem.

Samuel Gray
Sworn, Salem, May 30th, 1692 before me
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