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Episode 11: Bridget Bishop

Source List

Content note: This episode discusses domestic violence, imprisonment, forced body searches and execution.

Court records, histories and contextual sources

- Bridget Bishop case file, SWP No. 13, Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project, University of Virginia: examinations recorded by Samuel Parris and Ezekiel Cheever (Apr. 19, 1692); indictments (June 2); depositions of William Stacy, Samuel Gray, Samuel and Sarah Shattuck, John Louder, John and William Bly, John and Rebecca Bly, Richard Coman, John Cook, Susannah Sheldon, Mary Warren; physical examination by the jury of women (June 2, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.); death warrant signed by William Stoughton (June 8) and Sheriff George Corwin's return (June 10)
- Sarah Bishop case file, SWP No. 14, and the note on the Bishop mix-up in the SWP transcription notes
- David L. Greene, "Salem Witches I: Bridget Bishop," The American Genealogist 57, no. 3 (July 1981): 129–138, with Greene's follow-up "Bridget Bishop Correction"
- Bridget Bishop, biography by Sarah-Nell Walsh, Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive (after Bernard Rosenthal, Salem Story)
- Cotton Mather, "The Tryal of Bridget Bishop, alias Oliver," in The Wonders of the Invisible World (Boston, 1692; London, 1693); 1862 London reprint with an unsigned introduction, Project Gutenberg #28513
- Robert Calef, More Wonders of the Invisible World (London, 1700). Project Gutenberg
- Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, eds., Salem-Village Witchcraft: A Documentary Record of Local Conflict in Colonial New England (1972), for the 1678 Oliver court record
- Bernard Rosenthal, Salem Story: Reading the Witch Trials of 1692 (Cambridge University Press, 1993)
- Bernard Rosenthal et al., eds., Records of the Salem Witch-Hunt (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- Marilynne K. Roach, The Salem Witch Trials: A Day-by-Day Chronicle of a Community Under Siege (2002), and "Bridget Bishop's house" research in American Ancestors 14.4
- Emerson W. Baker, A Storm of Witchcraft (Oxford University Press, 2015)
- Mary Beth Norton, In the Devil's Snare (Knopf, 2002); Carol F. Karlsen, The Devil in the Shape of a Woman (Norton, 1987)

- Charles W. Upham, Salem Witchcraft (1867)
- Where did accused witch Bridget Bishop live?, Witches of Massachusetts Bay (probate, deeds, and house site)
- Bridget Bishop Home and Orchards, Site of, Salem Witch Museum (1680 accusation by Wonn; daughter Christian)
- Massachusetts clears five "Salem witches", Nov. 14, 2001 (Oct. 31, 2001 signing)
- Nathaniel Saltonstall, Salem Witch Museum self-guided tour

Family records, clothing and later portrayals

- Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630–1699. 1883 typeset edition, p. 98.
- British History Online. Dictionary of Traded Goods and Commodities, “Paragon.” Textile terminology used in the red-bodice discussion.
- Alice Morse Earle. Customs and Fashions in Old New England. Chapter 13. Later historical account quoting clothing inventories.
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants. “Dress Like a Pilgrim.” Costume and color context.
- NBC Boston, October 31, 2023; Ghost City Tours, “The Haunted Lyceum of Salem.”
- Massachusetts General Court. Acts of 2001, Chapter 122. The named legal exoneration discussed in the closing.

Support resources

- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (United States and territories). Call 988, text 988, or use the online chat.
- RAINN. National Sexual Assault Hotline and online support.
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline. Support and safety-planning resources.