

**Record of the examination of Rebecca Eames (Sept. 15, 1692)**

August 31't: 1692 Present Jn'o Hathorne Jona't Corwin Esq'r

Rebeca Eames further acknowledgeth & declareth that she was baptized aboute three years agoe in five Mile pond and that her son Daniell was also then baptized by the Divell, and that her son Daniell hath benne a Wizard aboute thurteene Yeares and that [] Toothaker Widow, and Abigail faulkner are both Witches and that her son and both them have benne in Company with her in Ando-ver afflicteing of Timothy Swan and further Confirmes what she formerly acknowledged (viz) that she hath benne a wicth this 26 years and that the Divell then appeared to her in the likeness of a black man and she then gave herselfe she sayth soul and body to the Divell and promised to sarve & obey him and Keepe his ways and further declares that she did Then at that tyme signe to a paper the Divell then had that she would soe doe and sayth she made a Mark upon said paper with her finger, and the spott or Mark she made was black, and that she was then in such horror of Conscienc that she tooke a Rope to hang herselfe and a Razer to cutt her throate by Reason of her great sin in Committing adultery & by that the Divell Gained her he promiseing she should not be brought out or ever discovered.

the abovesaid  
Confession is the  
truth as wittnese my hand

*Rebecka Emes*

The mark

of

Rebecka Emes

Exa 31 August 92 Salem,

Rebecka. Emes. signed & owned the abovesaid Confession to be the truth before me \*John Higginson Justice of peace. 15 Sep't 1692

( *Essex Institute—Fowler Papers* )

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