

Trial for Witchcraft in New York State

The Tryall of Ralph Hall and Mary his wife, upon suspicion of Witchcraft.

The names of the Persons who served on the Grand Jury. Thomas Baker, fforeman, of ye Jury, of East Hampton. Capt John Symonds of Hempsteed. Mr Hallet and Anthony Waters, Jamaica. Thomas Wandall of Marshpath Kills. Mr Nicolls of Stamford. Balthazer de Haart. John Garland, Jacob Leisler, Anthonio de Mill, Alexander Munro and Thomas Scarle of New Yorke.

The Prisoners being brought to the Barr by Allard Anthony Sheriffe of New Yorke, This following Indictm was read, first against Ralph Hall and then against Mary his wife, vizt.

The Constable and Overseers of the Towne of Seatallcott, in the East Riding of Yorkshire upon Long Island, Do Present for our Sovereigne Lord the King, That Ralph Hall of Seatallcott affpresaod. Upon ye 25th day of December; being Christmas day last, was Twelve Monthes, in the 15th yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord, Charles ye Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, ffrance and Ireland, Defender of the ffaith &e, and severall other dayes and times since that day, by some detestable and wicked Arts, commonly called Witchcraft and Sorcery, did (as is suspected) maliciously and feloniously, practice and Exercise at the said towne of Seatalcott in the East Riding of Yorkshire on Long Island aforesaid, on the Person of George Wood, late of the same place by Wch wicked and detestable Arts, the said George Wood (as is suspected) most dangerously and mortally sickned and languished, And not long after by the aforesaid wicked and detestable Arts, the said George Wood (as is likewise suspected) dyed.

Moreover, The Constable and overseers of the said Towne of Seatalcott, in the East Riding of ...
A Release to Ralph Hall & Mary his wife from ye Recognizance they entred into at the Assizes
These Are to Certify all whom it may Concerne That Ralph Hall & Mary his wife (at present living upon Great Minifords Island) are hereby released & acquitted from any & all Recognizances, bonds of appearance or other obligations-entred into by them or either of them for the peace or good behavior upon account of any accusation or Indictem upon suspicion of Witch Craft brought into the Cort of Assizes against them in the year 1665. there haueing beene no direct proofes nor furthr prosecucon of them or eith of them since-Giuen und my hand at Fort James in New Yorke this 21st day of August 1668.