Here is an example that is part of a longer section on a “bandit chief” who evaded capture for a long time, in part because he threatened to use Obeah against anyone who challenged him; in this case, the term “Obi” is also tagged with <name> and @ana with a value of “obeah”

Every endeavour to seize this desperado was long  
 in vain: a large reward was put upon his head, but  
 no negro dared to approach him; for, besides his   
 acknowledged courage, <seg ana="#obeah">he was a professor of <name ana="#obeah">Obi</name>,  
 and had threatened that whoever dared to lay a   
 finger upon him should suffer spiritual torments,  
 as well as be physically shot through the head.</seg>

Several pages later, the bandit is caught and sentenced to be executed; he threatens his captors & gaoler with Obeah, after which the island is struck by a storm and the gaoler dies; in this case, I have the term “Obeah” marked with <name> but haven’t added an @ana & “obeah” (just to have some variety in these examples). In this example, there is one <seg> that’s marked with both “obeah” and “punishment”; I could also see adding an internal <esg> on the gaoler’s wasting way, marked with “disease.” This example and the above one are not currently linked at all, but that is something we might want to talk about. It does feel a bit unsatisfying to have them as separate items, but it would also be less than ideal to fill our Obeah markup with pages about a bandit’s drunken adventures, so I don’t think merging them is the best idea.

<seg ana="#obeah #punishment">He died  
 most heroically; kept up the terrors of his imposture  
 to the last moment; he told the <rs type="persGroup">magistrates</rs>, who  
 condemned him, that his death should be revenged  
 by a storm, which would lay waste to the whole <rs type="place">island</rs>,  
 that year; and, when his <ecda:anonPers>negro gaoler</ecda:anonPers> was binding  
 him to the stake at which he was destined to suffer,  
 he assured him that he should not live long to  
 triumph in his death, for that he had taken good  
 care to <name>Obeah</name> him before his quitting the prison.  
 It certainly did happen, strangely enough, that,   
 before the year was over, the most violent storm  
 took place ever known in <placeName>Jamaica</placeName>; and as to the  
 <ecda:anonPers>gaoler</ecda:anonPers>, his imagination was so forcibly struck by  
 the threats of the dying man, that, although every  
 care was taken of him, the power of medicine exhausted,   
 and even a voyage to <placeName>America</placeName> undertaken,  
 in hopes that a change of scene might  
 change the course of his ideas, still, from the  
 moment of <persName ref="#plato\_0001">Plato's</persName> death, he gradually pined and  
 withered away, and finally expired before the  
 completion of the twelvemonth.</seg>

Here is a whole paragraph that is about a man who was convicted of Obeah and transported; the individual animal components of his practice aren’t currently marked with @ana and “obeah” but could be, certainly. In this paragraph, there are also a couple internal segments that are marked with “punishment” and “poison.” (Raising, of course, another question, on whether we’d actually want to say that the whole paragraph is on Obeah, punishment, & poison or whether it’s worth keeping the more precise markup of <seg> in these cases. ) It’s also worth noting that this paragraph immediately follows the previous example, but I’m treating them as two separate instances because they’re different episodes, because of overlap concerns, and because I’d rather apply the markup to <p> than add in a <seg> if I can.

<p ana="#obeah">The belief in <name ana="#obeah">Obeah</name> is now greatly weakened,   
 <pb n="103"/>  
 <fw type="pageNum">95</fw>   
 but still exists in some degree. Not above ten  
 months ago, my <ecda:anonPers>agent</ecda:anonPers> was informed that a <ecda:anonPers>negro</ecda:anonPers> of  
 very suspicious manners and appearance was harboured  
 by <rs type="persGroup">some of my people</rs> on the <rs type="place">mountain lands</rs>.  
 He found means to have him surprised, and on examination  
 there was found upon him a bag containing  
 a great variety of strange materials for incantations;  
 such as thunder-stones, <ecda:fauna>cat's ears</ecda:fauna>, <ecda:fauna>the feet  
 of various animals</ecda:fauna>, human hair, <ecda:fauna>fish bones</ecda:fauna>, <ecda:fauna>the teeth  
 of alligators</ecda:fauna>, &amp;c.: he was conveyed to <placeName>Montego  
 Bay</placeName>; and no sooner was it understood that this <ecda:anonPers>old  
 <rs type="properAdjective">African</rs></ecda:anonPers> was in prison, that depositions were poured   
 in from all quarters from <rs type="persGroup">negroes</rs> who deposed to   
 having seen him exercise his magical arts, and, in   
 particular, to <seg ana="#poison">his having sold such and such <rs type="persGroup">slaves</rs>  
 medicines and charms to deliver them from their  
 enemies; being, in plain <name>English</name>, nothing else than  
 rank poisons</seg>. He was convicted of <name ana="#obeah">Obeah</name> upon  
 the most indubitable evidence. <seg ana="#punishment">The good old  
 practice of burning has fallen into disrepute; so  
 he was sentenced to be transported, and was  
 shipped off the <rs type="place">island</rs></seg>, to the great satisfaction of  
 <rs type="persGroup">persons of all colours—white, black, and yellow</rs>.   
 </p>

Here’s an aside on Obeah within a “Nancy story” that has headless old women who can also speak. The story itself is currently tagged with <ecda:embLore>

Now this reply was doubly offensive;  
 it was rude, because it reminded the <ecda:anonPers>old lady</ecda:anonPers> of  
 what might be considered as a personal  
 defect; and <seg ana="#obeah">it was dangerous, as, if such a circumstance  
 were to come to the ears of the <rs type="persGroup">buckras</rs>,  
 it might bring her into trouble, women being  
 <pb/>   
 <fw type="pageNum">258</fw>   
 seldom known to walk and talk without their heads,  
 indeed, if ever, except by the assistance of <name>Obeah</name></seg>.

There are also very short mentions like this one; note that in this case “Obeah” is acting as a proper adjective and is tagged with <rs>

<seg ana="#obeah">I cannot discover that the <rs type="persGroup">negroes</rs> have  
 any external forms of worship, nor any priests in   
 <placeName>Jamaica</placeName>, unless their <rs type="properAdjective">Obeah</rs> men should be considered  
 as such</seg>;