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The Examination of [Sarah Carrier](/tag/carrier_sarah.html) Taken before [Dudly Broad- steat](/tag/bradstreet_dudley.html) [Sarah Carrier](/tag/carrier_sarah.html) being accused of witchcraft Confeseth as fol- loweth that she hath been a witch Ever Since She was Six years Old that her Moth'r brought a red book to her and She touched it that her Moth'r Baptiz'd her in [Andrew fostters](/tag/foster_andrew.html) pauster the day

before She went to prison & that her Moth'r promised her she should not be hanged that her Mother taught her how to afflict persons by pinching them or Setting on them that She began to afflict [Sarah Phelps](/tag/phelps_sarah.html) last [Elizabeth Johnson](/tag/johnson_elizabeth_jr.html) h'r gave her a Spear last Night & that She pri [Andrew Foster's](/tag/foster_andrew.html) w'th it.

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(On side of paper) [Sarah Carrier](/tag/carrier_sarah.html)

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(Examination of [Sarah Carrier](/tag/carrier_sarah.html) .)

[August 11, 1692.]

Aug. the 11th, 1692.

It was asked [Sarah Carrier](/tag/carrier_sarah.html) by the Magistrates or Justices [John Hawthorne](/tag/hathorn_john.html) Esq; and others: How long hast thou been a witch? A. Ever since I was six years old. Q. How old are you now? A. Near eight years old, brother [Richard](/tag/phelps_richard.html) says, I shall be eight years old in November next. Q. Who made you a witch? A. My mother, she made me set my hand to a book. Q. How did you set your hand to it? A. I touched it with my fingers and the book was red, the paper of it was white. She said she never had seen the black man; the place where she did it was in [Andrew Foster's](/tag/foster_andrew.html) pasture and [Elizabeth Johnson junr.](/tag/johnson_elizabeth_jr.html) was there. Being asked who was there beside, she answered her Aunt Toothaker and her cousin. Being asked when it was, she said, when she was baptized. Q. What did they promise to give you? A. A black dog. Q. Did the dog ever come to you? A. No. Q. But you said you saw a cat once. What did that say to you? A. It said it would tear me in pieces if I would not set my hand to the book. She said her mother baptized her, and the devil or black man was not there, as she saw, and her mother said when she baptized her, thou are mine for ever and ever and amen. Q. How did you afflict folks? A. I pinched them, and she said she

had no puppets, but she went to them that she afflicted. Being asked whether she went in her body or her spirit, she said in her spirit. She said her mother carried her thither to afflict. Q. How did your mother carry you when she was in prison? A. She came like a black cat. Q. How did you know that it was your mother? A. The cat told me so that she was my mother. She said she afflicted Phelp's child last saturday, and [Elizabeth Johnson](/tag/johnson_elizabeth_jr.html) joined with her to do it. She had a wooden spear, about as long as her finger, of Elizabeth Johnson, and she had it of the devil. She would not own that she had ever been at the witch meeting at the village. This is the substance.
Attest. [Simon Willard.](/tag/willard_simon.html) (Thomas Hutchinson, The History of the Province of Massachusetts-Bay, vol. 2, ed. Lawrence Shaw Mayo. (Harvard University Press, 1936). p. 34..)

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