

B 8535 no 2; witch 134, Ydatte veuve Demenge Moyne, de Rozieres

5 December 1603; interrogation

Asked why she had been arrested, said it was to be confronted with Jehenne, who had denounced her as a witch. Agreed that she was such, and told of seduction 30 years before on guées de Vigneulles. Had found her on eating fish, which she had taken home; when carrying it met young men dressed like priest, who asked her to believe in him and she would never want. Usual seduction scene; named himself as Persin.

Said she had been to sabbat 8 times. Had seen there Jehenne, Catherine veuve Claudon Aulbert (currently absent), Mengin Lamourou paistre des vaches, Margueritte la Cuuresse, and Symonatte la Pauresse. Was then asked whether Olry Go's wife was also present, agreed she was; marginal note that 'ne fault interroger au personne'. Then added name of Didiere veuve Henry Lallement.

Asked about powders, described usual black, grey and white. Agreed that she had made small son of Gerard Marchal ill 3 years before, after wife had called her witch; had cured him with powder after making pilgrimage at their request.

Said she was 68, native of Tonnoy, daughter of maire Vaultrin of that place and his wife Margueritte. First husband was Francois Masson, from near Epinal; married for 13 or 14 years, then widow for 4. Second husband was manouvrier of Sessey named Demenge le Moyne, and this marriage lasted 12 years, then she had been widow for 18. Was already resident at Rozieres some 4 years before widowhood.

6 December 1603; interrogation

Confessed that she had killed Sibille fille Mengin Regnauld some 4 years earlier; she had been giving alms at door, but had none left for her, so she gave her a pear poisoned with powder. Had also killed daughter of Alix Domballe paticier, after dispute over price of 'curielz'. Then confessed to making hail on several occasions. Also confessed to several other malefices against people, usually after they had refused her alms.

10 December 1603; interrogation

Had killed one of her nieces at Tonnoy 7 years earlier, after asking for alms and being given some cheese with no bread. Had also killed another widow and small son who were begging with her 5 years earlier, because woman was 'plus habille a prendre les aulmosnes' than she was. When she was 'Ermitrasse' at Cuytfebeve had killed pigs which damaged her garden. Made some other specific admissions, but said she had killed a large number of people, large and small, around Rozieres, and could not remember them all because of her old age.

11 December 1603; Remy asks that summary testimony be taken against her.

12 December 1603; Change de Nancy agrees

13 December 1603; informations

(1) Chrestienne femme Alixy Domballe paticier de Rozieres, 35

Told of dispute over price of curielz, and subsequent death of child after 18 month illness. Had several times heard she was reputed a witch.

(2) Francoise femme Gerard Barlet marchal de Rozieres, 30

Four years before had sick child, and neighbour told her Ydatte had touched him; asked her to make pilgrimage for him. On return she touched child and gave her an egg for him to eat after it had been rewarmed 15 times. Recovered although still lame; believed her to be a witch.

(3) Annon femme Mengin Regnault le jeune, 40

General suspicion; thought she had killed daughter Sibille, aged 14, 5 years before, when she died after a week with strange illness during which she vomited more than 2 basins of poison as black as ink.

(4) Mengeon femme Claudon Chapelier de Rozieres, 50

Told of death of 17 year old daughter previous Whitsun after being ill for 6 months, vomiting all the time; girl had blamed Ydatte, and had refused to give her any of the piquatte she was taking to poisle. Reputation as witch.

(5) Catherine femme Sr Jean Clerc mre echevin, 36

Some 7 years earlier Ydatte had come up and hugged head of her small child, saying 'he le bel enfant'; immediately afterwards fell ill and died in 3 days, she suspected her, and she had long reputation.

(6) Didier Clement bouchier de Rozieres, 56

His daughter, wife of Didier Cadet, had died of strange illness some 3 years before, believing that Ydatte had bewitched her; lived in same house, had dispute over some bread.

13 December 1603; interrogation

Was confronted with Jehenne Medecin, and they confirmed respective confessions. Then she agreed to all the malefices suggested on basis of witness depositions, protesting that she already confessed them.

17 December 1603; Rémy asks that she be tortured, on grounds that she still seems to be concealing some offences.

Change de Nancy agrees, and also approves death sentence if she confirms earlier confessions.

19 December 1603; interrogation

Executioner (Claude Janney) declined to torture her, because she was so feeble and terrified that he thought she might die. Persisted in confessions.

20 December 1603; formal death sentence by court at Rozieres