

B 8691 no 8; witch 218, Marguitte femme Dieudonné Marond, de la Neveville-les-Raon

23 December 1602; interrogation

Had been accused by Zabel femme Didier Pescheur and Colatte femme George Mongeat. Now said she wanted to confess, and was brought from prison. Said she was about 50, native of Glonville; father Demenge Gerard, mother Zabel. First husband had been Demenge Jean Mathieu of Thiaville, second marriage 8 years earlier.

Seduced 14 years previously. Had been to law and won case against Jean Regnier of Thiaville, who had taken a field from her; he was very angry and insulted her daily. Decided to go and consult brother-in-law Jean de Cruveler at Fagnon about this, and on way was miserable and crying about this and difficulty she had making a living. Met Parsin, who promised she would not have such problems if she served him; gave her money (leaves) and black powder. Carried her off immediately on shoulders to sabat - usual dancing and feasting, and saw others making hail. Added that he had intercourse with her. Saw Zabel, the late Marguitte de Magnieres, femme George Ganat, and Mongeatte femme Thoussaint de Leuce; could not recognize others because they were masked.

Had killed a pig of Jean Regnier, a calf of Colas Fasat of Faignon, and another belonging to Regnier. Also 2 pigs of Demenge Bada le vieux of Thiaville, who refused to cart some corn. 3 sheep of Grand Curien of Thiaville, who had closed a pathway to her land, and a pig of Anthoine de Brut, brother-in-law of Regnier, with whom she had many disputes. When Colas Jacquat of Thiaville encroached on her field while reaping she killed his son aged 9. Killed a foal of Colas St Remy of Thiaville, because his horses caused damage, and he mocked her after accord was reached.

Killed horse of Jean Claude of Thiaville because of damage he caused as they sowed field of oats together, also heifer of Grand Idoult of the same, who took her pears and insulted her. 10 years earlier was angry with Claude Hamo of Thiaville, whose hens and geese were trespassing in her garden, and who insulted her, so killed him with powder. Claimed she had not committed any maléfices at la Neuveville.

Went to sabat about twice a year; now added some more names, including François Marion - others were already dead or convicted. Said that at sabat 'y avoit des grosses personnes qui sont tousjours honorez tout de mesme que par icy et sont tousjours assis au haultz bout dans des chayre lesquels on leur fait la reverence et honneur, et entre autres estoit l'une ladite Mongeatte cy devant declare'.

Had also been to smaller sabat near Thiaville, where she saw Jehenne veuve Jean Pescheur de la Chapelle, and thought she recognized wife of Chretien Tixerant of the same by her stick (she was crippled); were also 'assez des grosses de Baccarat', but could not identify them. Asked if she had seen Parsin in any form but that of a man (she had described claws etc already), claimed to have seen him in form of a hare, which disappeared when she made sign of cross. Had appeared to her on 2 successive days as she went to fetch straw, telling her she should kill her husband, and when she refused, saying he was 'ung bon gagne-pain', beat her and raped her. After this did not dare to go that way again.

Parsin had told her not to go to church or take holy water, but she took no notice, and had found that if she washed hands and made sign of cross in morning she did not see him.

27 December 1602; confirmed earlier confessions, but now discharged wife of Chretien Tixerand, saying she had not seen her properly.

28 December 1602; further confirmation

31 December 1602; Change de Nancy asks for depositions

4 January 1603; informations

(1) Jean Regnier

Had lost a pig - did not know why. Had suspected her over loss of calf, after he called her witch several times without reparation being sought.

(2) Colas Saulsatte, de Faignoulx, 60

Had lost many animals, but did not know whom to blame - losses still continued.

(3) Le Grand Curien, de Thiaville

Suspected she had caused loss of 3 sheep; if it had not been for her reputation he would have sought her as his wife.

(4) Didielle femme Anthoine du Bru

Lost a pig in strange fashion 9 years earlier - already suspected her.

(5) Colas Jacquot, 40

Agreed that son had died soon after quarrel over field.

(6) Colas St Remy, 34

Agreed that a foal had died suddenly 4 years earlier.

(7) Jean Claude de Thiaville, 42

10 years earlier had lost a horse for which he paid 22 francs, and did not know who was responsible.

(8) Idoulx de Thiaville, 40

Had lost a heifer which died in a week. His father-in-law Claude Hamo had died 8 years earlier after a brief illness.

4 January 1603; interrogation

Asked not to have to repeat all earlier confessions, because she was tormented by pains in ribs. Was finally persuaded to give simple list of people and animals she had bewitched.

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7 January 1603; death sentence from Change de Nancy

8 January 1603; execution carried out