

## Position Paper for Salem Village of the Crisis Committee

As a person of great importance in Salem, Massachusetts Bay Colony, I, John Hathorne advocate for the Salem Witch Trials. Witches are roaming among us in Salem. These devil creatures must be caught and punished. This is a crisis in our village, in which I will avenge all of the witches to ensure the long-term sustainability and prosperity of Salem.

I was born in Salem Village in 1641 and have lived here all of my life. My father was one of the earliest settlers in Massachusetts Bay Colony and was a very prominent man who held political and military power in Massachusetts and was a very reputable man. I followed in his footsteps, and am now a very important man myself. Salem is where I learnt everything there is to know about being a businessman. I am now a merchant and magistrate who owns a small business empire in which I nurtured and expanded from my father. My business relies on trade with England and the West Indies. I am a member of the Colony's Council of Assistants where I moderate controversy in Essex County which is where the cursed Salem Village is located. It is for these among other reasons for which I am adamantly in favour of these trials.

1692 has been a cursed year for our beloved village. This ill-fated year was the year where a great number of witches roamed my hometown. In early 1692, the allegations that witches and witchcraft were present in Salem Village began to roll in.

Luckily, I was one of the leading judges for the Witch Trials and, this way I had the opportunity to rid the village that I love of these menacing and inhumane creatures. I look forward to the opportunity to question the accused and accusers who are tied to witchcraft.

Some people believed that my approaches were harsh within the trials. They believed that my questions were harsh and they were convinced that I believed that every accused victim was guilty. However, that was not the case. I just want to do what is best for the people of my village. If witches were still among us, no foreign business would want to trade with me making me a very poor man. Furthermore, ridding the Earth of witches would guarantee that my children will be able to live in Salem Village safely without them having the constant fear of experiencing the devil's creatures roaming the Earth with them.