

Witch 017, George Parmentier 1

B 2583 no 3; witch 017, George Parmentier de l'Estraye

31 July 1624; informations preparatoires

Accused not only by his niece Chretienne, but by Mongeotte femme Nicolas Colombain, currently imprisoned at Arches.

(1) Nicolas Thouvenin, sergent prévôtal de Remiremont, 28

Guarding him that day, heard him groan and say 'mon dieu, je voudrais bien trouver les moyens de me faire mourir'. (Signed, taken at Arches)

(6 September 1624, taken at le Thillot)

(2) Mongeotte, femme Nicolas Cosme de l'Estraye, 23

Had heard him suspected in village, and story that he had climbed church tower against house of Mathieu Mathieu.

(3) Mre Pierre Roucelot, tabellion de l'Estraye, 50

Had heard 3 or 4 accusations against him, but had never seen him do any harm. Had recently said to witness, speaking of accusations, 'qu'il voudroit que s'en soit ja fait'. (Signed)

(7 September 1624)

(4) Remy Jandel, de Ramonchamp, 60

Had not had good reputation since his mother Jeannon Garnise was accused 16 years earlier.

(5) Anthoinette fille Nicolas Petit Jean, servante de Jean Parmentier, 28

Had heard of accusations, but had seen nothing but good in him.

(6) Chrestienne fille feu Demenge Collenot, de Ramonchamp, 20

Had been in his service since Christmas, but had seen nothing wrong in him.

(7) Catherine veuve Delon Vincent, de l'Estraye, 32

6 years before her son aged two and a half had died suddenly by 'auge de la fontaine' outside house of Jean Parmentier. Body was not wet, and when she was called found George holding him - but did not want to charge anyone.

(8) Mathieu Mathieu, de l'Estraye, 50

Had been suspected since accusation against mother, but had never seen any harm in him.

9 September 1624; interrogation (at Arches)

Said he was 32 or 33; knew he had been accused by Chretienne. Did not know he had been accused by Mengeotte Colombain; son Nicolas had called him witch 16 years earlier 'par impulsion des autres garcons'.

Asked about accusations by Chretienne, said 'qu'il ne scait ou est noigotte, scait bien ou est morbieu mais n'y a jamais esté et n'a jamais porté escharpe verte mais bien a porté son espée avec une jartiere qui n'estoit verte.'

Asked if brother had not wanted him to leave, replied 'qu'il luy avoit conseillé de vendre ou engager de son bien pour avoir une piece d'argent affin de s'en servir et qu'il y avoit un grand jubilé a Rome et qu'il y deubt aller.'

On business of climbing church tower, said he had helped to repair roof, and had carried cock to place above cross, but had not climbed against the house.

On accident to child of late Delon Vincent, said he had drowned, and he had taken him from water in presence of cleric juré.

Later was confronted with Mongeotte, who maintained accusation that she had seen him at sabat.

16 September 1624; Mongeotte had withdrawn accusation, saying she had made it out of hatred, because he had deposed against her and accused her of killing a cow. Had made this declaration before she was tortured, and again before execution.

24 September 1624; PG des Vosges suggests that he be renvoyé.