

Witch 021, Royne Parmentier 1

B 2583 no 7; witch 021, Royne veuve Dilan Parmentier, dite des Tartres, de Ramonchamp

6 September 1624; informations preparatoires

(1) Remy Jean Parmentier, 50

Reputation 30 years. Told of occasion 12 years earlier when her late husband took all his animals out at night, guarding them with an iron fork; he and other relatives rushed around, and he said that his 'diabliesse de femme le vouloit mener au diable et qu'il estoit contraint de rompre son mesnage'. Story in village that she took milk from other people's cows to her own.

(2) Jean Thiebault Gerard, 70

Reputation more than 20 years - story about milk, of which all villagers complained.

(3) Remy Jandel, 60

Reputation as witch and over milk. Recently Remy Lambert, son-in-law of Demenge des Tertres, told him he suspected his aunt since having a child ill.

(4) Jean Micquel, 50

General reputation; had heard from Marie fille Remy Jandel that Mongeotte fille Demenge Thiebault Rougieux, her son-in-law, said much about her, but did not want to tell.

(5) Maurice Clanne, d'y Champ, 36

Reputation only.

(6) Jacot Jean Jacot, de Xouarupt, 60

Long reputation.

(7) Jean Haillant, de Xouarupt, 40

General reputation.

(8) Bastien Demenge Remy, de Xouarupt, 50

General reputation.

(9) Nicolas Jean Remy, de Xouarupt, 36

General reputation.

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(10) Margueritte veuve Demenge Romain, 60

Long reputation; story about milk.

(11) Marie fille Remy Jeandel, 11

Her grand-daughter Mongeotte, aged 6 or 7, had told her as they guarded animals that her grandmother was very frightened because of arrests of witches.

9 September 1624; interrogation

Said she was over 60; said she had been suspected as witch for about a year, but was a good woman. Asked about husband's behaviour, said she had refused to agree to sale of a meadow which belonged to her, and he had become mad.

Asked if she had been frightened of being arrested, said 'qu'elle avoit si peu de peur qu'elle estoit preste d'aller a Plombieres, mais qu'ayant entendu qu'estions en hault pour ces sorcelleries, elle ny voulu aller.'

Confronted with Jean and Mongeotte, who maintained she had been at sabbat, insisted on her innocence.

Note that on 16 September Mengeotte had withdrawn accusation.

24 September 1624; P.G. des Vosges orders that she be renvoyée.