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B 8691 no 6; witch 217, Claudatte femme Georges Mongeat, de la Neuveville-les-Raon

21 December 1602; interrogation

Stated that she had just been accused as accomplice by Marie veuve Martin Oudinat, having previous week (at time of arrest) been accused by Zabel femme Didier Pescheur. After confrontation with Marie offered to make voluntary confession.

Said she was about 40, daughter of Nicolas Baillé and his wife Jenatte, of Vacqueville (both dead). Seduced by Parsin 10 years earlier, when angry at having to go to woods; offered her money, but first time she would not renounce God. Appeared again 3 days later and she yielded. Money was leaves, powder black/kill and white/cure. Tried powder out on own hen and calf, which died.

4 or 5 years earlier had visited married sister at Vacqueville, and was angry because she was well furnished with linen but offered her none; used powder to kill her son aged 3. 4 years earlier was angry with Jean fils Lucas Brandeq, aged 7, because he had beaten her son; sprinked powder outside house with intention of killing him, and same day he was butted by a sheep and died in 2 days.

Had been to sabat 3 times a year; usual dancing and feasting. Carried on master's shoulders, were many present, and they discussed ruining crops. Also made hail etc; not always successful, but that year had made stinking mist which had apparently ruined crops. Had seen Marguitte femme Dieudonné Marond, Marguitte femme Mengeon Colas Jacquot, Zabel femme Didier Pescheur, Nicolas(?) femme Jean Gerardin, and la grosse Marie veuve Martin Oudinat.

23 December 1602; confirmed earlier confessions

27 December 1602; interrogation

Further confirmation of previous confessions. Added names of Mengeotte femme Thoussaint Delence and Didier Grand Claudon, boulengier, to accomplices.

31 December 1602; Change de Nancy requests that depositions be taken to check her story, particularly about maléfices.

3 January 1603; informations

(1) Georges Mongeot, mari de la prevenue

Asked about loss of calf, said he had lost one some years earlier after illness of 10 weeks; his wife had taken great trouble trying to heal it.

(2) Colas Masson, de Vacqueville, whose child she was supposed to have killed, was not available, but the Sr Xanrey had heard him speaking about it within last few days, and testified that he had heard him say that in view of arrest she might well have been cause of child's death.

(3) Jennon femme Lucas Brandeck, 30

4 years earlier her son had been strangely ill, and everyone said he was bewitched; he died in 2 days.

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4 January 1603; interrogation

Denied having committed other crimes.

6 January 1603; death sentence approved by Change de Nancy