Dealing with Demons: Witchcraft in England and Colonial America, 1550 to 1700

The University of Edinburgh: Survey of Scottish Witchcraft Database

To begin exploring the nearly 4,000 records of accused witches and documentation of witchcraft belief, click on one of the options listed below. Should you encounter any difficulties we have help pages along the way to guide you through your searches and to help you interpret your results.

University of Sydney: Witchcraft

The Rare Book Library, University of Sydney, contains a significant collection of works on witchcraft, demonology, exorcism and the occult. Here also may be found related works on canon and civil law, reports of trials, the Inquisition, torture, prophecy and alchemy, and more modern texts on occult practices by writers such as A. E. Waite and Aleister Crowley.

The Internet Archives: Pott's Discovery of Witches in the County of Lancaster

This contains a reprinted copy from the original ed. of 1613. The website also has an introduction and notes, by James Crossley.

The National Archives: Crime and Punishment – Witchcraft

The National Archives has a small selection of documents that are related to witchcraft. The exhibition contains documents from Witchcraft trials.

Witches in Early Modern England

Witches in Early Modern England provides a selection of witchcraft narratives from Early Modern England (1540-1700) which have been tagged to facilitate searching and mapping in a number of ways (authors, locations, events, people, preternaturals). The website's open-ended platform encourages users to visualise texts and discern patterns in different ways, for example through time lines and maps. About three thousand individual 'nano-histories' are included, derived from printed texts about witches, medical manuals, and legal archives.
The Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project consists of an electronic collection of primary source materials relating to the Salem witch trials of 1692 and a new transcription of the court records.

Part of Cornell University Library’s Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell's Witchcraft Collection contains over 3,000 titles documenting the history of the Inquisition and the persecution of witchcraft, primarily in Europe.

The Hannover Historical Text Collection has a section of documents on Witch Hunts in early modern Europe. This includes: court records, trials and accounts.

German History in Documents and Images (GHDI) is a comprehensive collection of primary source materials documenting Germany's political, social, and cultural history from 1500 to the present. It comprises original German texts, all of which are accompanied by new English translations, and a wide range of visual imagery.

Collection of Books related to Witchcraft including contemporary accounts and letters. Sources range from 1613 to 1718.

Database includes a collection of Primary material on witchcraft trials and court records, including some individual cases.

This database is a medieval collection of primary source documents from the 15th century. It includes: a Bull from pope Innocent VIII Summis Desiderantes; the circa Ant hill; and extracts from ‘The Hammer of Witches’.
University of Oxford: Witches Abroad

The University of Oxford has a small selection of documents, from its Bodleian Library, that are related to medieval Witchcraft.

Scottish Archives Network: The Horrid Sinne of Witchcraft

This exhibition consists of images of documents which illustrate the part played by Scottish burghs in seventeenth century witch-hunts. The documents concerned are among the records of the burgh of Dumfries, and date from 1650 to 1671

University of Glasgow: The History of Witchcraft and Demonology

The Damned Art is an exhibition of books relating to the history of witchcraft and demonology, drawn mainly from the Ferguson collection.

National Galleries Scotland: Witches & Wicked Bodies

This is a small selection of highlights from the Witches & Wicked Bodies exhibition. This website contains a number of portraits that depict Witches.

Internet Archives: More Wonders of the Invisible World

This is a copy of Robert Calef’s book, *More Wonders of the Invisible World*, which was originally published in 1700, from 1823. The book is a contemporary account of the Witch Trials in Salem of 1692.

Broadside Ballads Online: Witches

This a small collection, of nine, ballads that are related to witched in Medieval England.

The City Guide, Massachusetts, Salem Witch Trials

Link contains images of stoned, as a memorial of the victims of the Salem Witch Trials.

Famous American Trials: Salem Witch Trials 1692

Database contains letters, petitions, deaths and death warrants, evidences and Witchcraft papers from the Salem Witch Trials.

The Malleus Maleficarum

The *Malleus Maleficarum* online project was started by Wicasta Lovelace. The full text of the *Malleus Maleficarum* was transcribed by Wicasta and Christie Jury in the hopes of expanding general knowledge of the work. The transcription project was begun in 1998, and was completed in 2000.
Connecticut Law Libraries: Witches and Witchcraft

This website contains a small selection of colonial records from the Connecticut Judicial Branch which are related to witchcraft.

Lane Memorial Library: Witch-Hunting

Lane Memorial Library has a selection of court depositions that focus on Eunice Cole. Over two decades Cole was charged with witchcraft, a number of times and eventually sent to prison. The site contains depositions from members of her community. The depositions highlight the way in which some women were suspected of witchcraft.

A Guild to the Online Primary Source of the Salem Witch Trials

Collect of primary material on the Salem Witch Trials.

Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index

Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index covers journal articles, book reviews, and essays in books about women, sexuality, and gender during the Middle Ages.

University of Virginia: Salem Village in 1692

The GIS of "Salem Village in 1692" is part of an electronic Research Archive of primary source materials related to the Salem witch trials of 1692.

Women in World History

Database contains primary sources on women and witchcraft.

University of Glasgow: Newes from Scotland

Newes from Scotland is the earliest tract on Scottish witchcraft. It claims to give a true account of a famous trial of alleged witches in North Berwick which had far reaching effects due to the fact that King James VI himself played a prominent part in it, giving credence to the existence of witchcraft and setting the standard for later trials.

The Virtual Library of Medieval Manuscripts

The virtual library of medieval manuscripts (BVMM), developed by the Institute for Research and history texts (IRHT-CNRS), provides access to the reproduction of a wide selection of manuscripts from the Middle Ages to the sixteenth century. Use with Google Chrome for translation.