

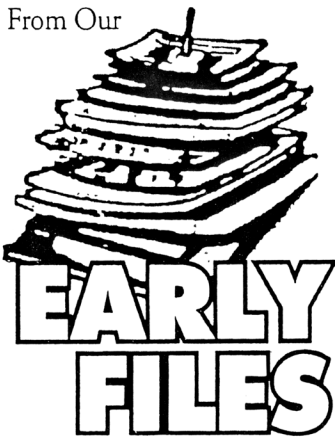
Historic Times: The Salem Witch Trials

By Roger Hardaway
Some people who came to the New World from England—although not all—were seeking religious freedom. The American colony where religion was perhaps more central to life than in any other was Massachusetts. But “religious freedom” to Puritans in Massachusetts meant that all residents had to believe the same things that the colony’s leaders did. They were not at all tolerant of those who disagreed with them. In the 1680s and 1690s, Puritans in Salem, Massachusetts, began trying and convicting residents for allegedly being witches. By definition, a witch was someone possessed by the devil. The way to deal with someone so possessed was to kill them before they could

influence other people. Salem was not the only American town where people were executed for being witches, but its leaders were the most ardent prosecutors. Those accused were presumed guilty and had to go before a church tribunal and attempt to prove their innocence. This is, of course, just the opposite of the way we do things in the United States today—where someone is presumed innocent until proven guilty by the government. And, lest you think that perhaps the religious leaders of Massachusetts were ignorant and uninformed, note that many of them were college educated. Prominent Massachusetts clergyman Cotton Mather, for example, had studied theology in England and had written books on religious philosophy. He be-


lieved in witches. By 1692, the religious leaders of Salem had executed 22 presumed witches—20 people and two dogs! The people included 16 women and four men. Several others had been convicted and were awaiting execution. Others were accused and were awaiting trials. At this point, the joint monarchs of England—King William and Queen Mary—stepped into the controversy. They stopped the executions and freed the imprisoned. Massachusetts had, since its founding, been transformed into a theocracy where church and state were one and the same. But after the English monarchs halted the Salem Witch Trials, religious freedom became a reality in Massachusetts and the Puritans lost their hold on the colony.

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EARLY FILES

60 YEARS AGO - 1965
Two Anthony Girl Scouts received the coveted God and Community Award at the Congregational Church in Anthony on Sunday, March 21. The awards were presented to Nancy Foster and Marjorie Barber by their minister, Rev. Harald Wisegarver. Boys selected by the American Legion to attend the 1965 Boys State Convention in Lawrence, Kan. were Howard Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stewart, Innis Croft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Croft and



ANTHONY WEATHER REPORT

Mon. Mar. 31....58/39
Tue. Apr. 1.....75/44
Wed. Apr. 2.....70/52
Thu. Apr. 3.....54/50
Precipitation.....Trace
Fri. Apr. 4.....57/43
Precipitation.....0.43"
Sat. Apr. 5.....44/39
Precipitation.....0.51"
Sun. Apr. 6.....56/34
Precipitation.....0.18"
March Totals
Precipitation.....0.32"
Normal.....2.47"
2025 Totals
Precipitation.....1.60"
Normal.....4.70"

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NWS CO-OP OBSERVER

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Whaley and Meredith; Venbita Bogdanovecz and Angie; Eileen Jacobs and Matt; Terry Seifert and Richard. Singles winners at the tournament were: Tim McDermott, Mary Ward, Richard Seifert, Brett Whealy, Lara White and Meredith Whaley. **30 YEARS AGO - 1995** The students of Liberty Academy and the Anthony Christian Home Educators shared a day of educational touring in the Harper community. Businesses visited were DewEze Mfg., Greenline, Inc. and Hoover Sign Co. After the tours and pizza at D'Mario's, the group enjoyed a skating party at the Harper Rolla-Rena. Students attending were Jaclyn and Kevin Arnet, Scott and Jeff Batterton, Kenton and Kyle Cooperrider, Sara, Lindsay, Quinton and Karlissa Crow, Kara, Mike, Matt and Amy Fadenrecht, Susan Gates, Jay and Ty Hoover, Amy, Tyler and Sara Jelinek, Nathan McBride, Katie, Shannon, Megan and Patrick Nolan, Bryant Struble and Ellen, Kyle and Anna Velasquez. A group of Anthony sixth graders won their three rounds of the Battle of the Books held at Clearwater, 97-64. Members of the group were Dustin Warner, Andrew Leland, Mitch Hall, Tyson Prouse, Nolan Younce, Kelly McKee, Virginia Brown and Jessica Reber.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
BRYAN S. BERGMAN, deceased.) CASE NO. HP-2025-PR-06

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 26, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Ethan Bergman, surviving son of the Decedent, requesting that Letters of Administration be issued to him, without bond.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before April 25, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the District Court of Harper County, Anthony, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Ethan Bergman, Petitioner

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
Kristina Dawn Smith)
) Case No. HP2025CV12
TO CHANGE HIS/HER NAME TO:)
Kristina Dawn Tipton)
PURSUANT TO K.S.A CHAPTER 60

NOTICE OF HEARING - PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Kristina Dawn Smith, filed a Petition in the above court on the 20th day of March, 2025, requesting a judgment and order changing his/her name from Kristina Dawn Smith to Kristina Dawn Tipton.

The Petition will be heard in Harper County District Court, 201 N. Jennings Ave, Anthony, Kansas, on the 21st day of April, 2025, at 2:15 p.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before April 18th, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Kristina D. Smith
Petitioner, Pro Se
Anthony, KS 67003

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF)
) Case No. HP-2025-PR-07
ROBERT E. FINN,)
a/k/a Robert Earl Finn, Deceased.)

Pursuant to Chapter 59, K.S.A.

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Terry L. Finn, an heir of Robert E. Finn, a/k/a Robert Earl Finn, deceased, praying that the foreign Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record without administration in this Court; that the Will be construed; and that the property described in the Petition be assigned to the person entitled thereto in accordance with the terms of the Will.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of May, 2025 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. of said day, in such court, located at 200 N. Jennings, Anthony, Harper County, Kansas, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Terry L. Finn, Petitioner

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