



LITTLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ROOF REPAIRS

Hip, Valley, Hooray!
Construction Timetable
Commemorative Slates **NEW!**
Wave of Slate-signing
Fun Facts and Photos!

HOURS

Every Wed: 1-4 pm
2nd Sun of month: 2-4 pm
By appointment

PEOPLE

Meet the staff
Become a volunteer

ACTIVITIES

Exhibits
Meetings
Calendar

MEMBERSHIP

Become a member!
Society News **NEW!**

MISCELLANEOUS

Visit our shop
Activities for children

Fall Meeting 2009

Thursday Nov 19th at 7:30 pm
Littleton Congregational Church

Daniel Boudillion of Littleton: **1720 Littleton: The Dudley Witchcraft Affair**

The Town of Littleton was barely 6 years old when it was rocked in 1720 by accusations of Witchcraft. The young daughter of Joseph Blanchard, followed by her two younger sisters, exhibited outrageous afflictions and behaviors that they attributed to the machinations of a witch. Ultimately they accused Mrs. Abigail Dudley, the wife of Littleton's first Town Clerk and Selectman, Samuel Dudley, as their diabolical tormentor.

In the almost 300 years that have since passed, fact has faded into fiction, and many peculiar tales have been woven around the so-called "White Witch of Littleton"-- many as outrageous as the contortions of her accusers. And yet, in the words of the youthful Puritan minister, Rev. Ebenezer Turell in 1728 regarding the affair, "Many things that have been dubbed witchcraft, and called the works of the devil, [are] nothing more than the contrivance of the children of men."

Told correctly for the first time since it happened, this is the story of the last recorded accusation of Witchcraft in Massachusetts.

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