



# Discovery by University of Virginia Researchers Prompts New Look at What Led to the Salem Witch Trials

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES, April 3, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Stephen Hawley Martin, a direct descendent of a victim of the Salem witch trials, says new evidence has come to light that prompted him to update and revise the award-winning book he wrote in 2006, which attempted to identify the root cause of the 1692 witch hysteria that ravaged the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

"Many historians maintain the so-called 'afflicted' who accused others of witchcraft were faking their symptoms," Martin said. "I didn't think so in 2006, and I certainly don't now. The findings revealed by U.Va. provide the missing piece of the puzzle that causes the others to fall into place."

Martin's seven-times-great grandmother, Susannah North Martin, was hanged on July 19, 1692. Nineteen were hanged during the course of the trials, one was crushed to death, and five died in prison. Martin's book, "[A Witch in the Family](#)," has maintained a 4.5 Star rating on Amazon over the years.

"This new, second edition is nothing less than a riveting, real-life murder mystery—the ultimate reality show no one who wants to know the truth will want to miss," Martin said.

Stephen Hawley Martin is a professional writer and ghostwriter, the winner of half a dozen national awards for his work, and the Editor and Publisher of The [Oaklea Press](#). Visit [www.OakleaPress.com](http://www.OakleaPress.com) to find out how you can work with him to bring your book to reality.

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