## <u>Legal Procedures in Salem</u>



The	witch trials took place in 1692 in Massachusetts.	
People were accused of	, a	crime taken very seriously.
The trials began with sever	al young	claiming to be
possessed by the devil. This	led to a series of	against
many townsfolk. Legal proc	eedings were quickly org	ganized to address these
claims. The	sessions were	filled with intense questioning
and dubious evidence. Many		_ individuals had little chance
to defend themselves. The		relied heavily on spectral
evidence, which was based o	n dreams and visions. Th	e
created a sense of panic an	d hysteria in the commu	nity. Some
to	witchcraft to save their	r lives, while others
maintained their	and were	executed. Eventually, the use
of spectral evidence was _	, I	but not before many had been
executed. The	finally intervened and stopped the trials.	
This dark chapter in history	y shows the dangers of fl	awed
pı	rocesses and mass hyste	ria.
discredited Salem co	onfessed innocence	[accused] [accusations]
court governor witc	hcraft judges girls	s trials legal