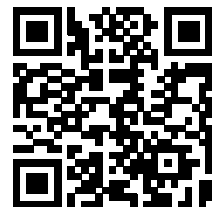


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# Pendle Witches History



The \_\_\_\_\_ Witches were a group of people accused of witchcraft in the early 17th century. This happened in \_\_\_\_\_ during a time when fear of witches was very strong. The most famous of these trials took place in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1612. Twelve people were accused, and ten were found guilty. They were hanged on \_\_\_\_\_ 20th, 1612.

The main reason for the accusations was local rivalry and fear. Many of the accused were poor and relied on \_\_\_\_\_. Some had reputations as healers, but they were suspected of causing harm through \_\_\_\_\_. The trial was significant because it showed how superstition and fear could lead to deadly \_\_\_\_\_.

The story began with a young girl named Alizon Device, who was accused of cursing a \_\_\_\_\_. This incident led to the arrest of her and her family. The trials were held at Lancaster \_\_\_\_\_, and they were very unfair by today's standards. Evidence was often based on \_\_\_\_\_ and superstition rather than fact.

King James I, who was the monarch at the time, had a strong \_\_\_\_\_ in witchcraft. He wrote a book called "Daemonologie" which influenced how witch trials were conducted. His \_\_\_\_\_ promoted the idea that witches were real and dangerous. This book had a big \_\_\_\_\_ on the Pendle Witch trials.

Many of the accused witches were from two families, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chattoxes. These families were known for their long-standing \_\_\_\_\_. The accusations they made against each other were part of the evidence used in the \_\_\_\_\_. The Pendle Witch trials were among the most famous witch trials in English \_\_\_\_\_.

Overall, the Pendle Witches remind us of a dark time in history when fear and \_\_\_\_\_ could lead to innocent people being condemned. The trials show the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ and the dangers of prejudice.

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