

Witchcraft

The use of magic or supernatural powers to inflict harm on others

Magic

The use of means (such as charms or spells) believed to have supernatural power over natural forces.

Swimming a Witch

The use of power gained from the assistance or control of evil spirits especially for divining

Witch-Finder

A 17th century investigator charged with hunting down and obtaining evidence against supposed witches.

Superstition

A belief or practice resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, trust in magic or chance, or a false conception of causation.

Short Drop

A method of hanging in which the condemned prisoner stands on a raised support such as a stool, ladder, cart, or other vehicle, with the noose around the neck. The support is then moved away, leaving the person dangling from the rope

Devil's Mark

A spot on the body of a person held guilty of witchcraft that was supposed to be insensible because the devil had touched it in sealing his bargain with the witch.

Sorcery

The use of power gained from the assistance or control of evil spirits especially for divining

Maleficium

An act of witchcraft performed with the intention of causing damage or injury; the resultant harm.

Cunning Folk

Also known as folk healers or wise folk, were practitioners of folk medicine, helpful folk magic and divination.

Necromancy

Conjuration of the spirits of the dead for purposes of magically revealing the future or influencing the course of events.

Daemon

A supernatural being whose nature is intermediate between that of a god and that of a human being.

Witch

A person (especially a woman) who is credited with having usually malignant supernatural powers.

Spell

A spoken word or set of words believed to have magic power.

Familiar

An entity that has a spiritual bond with a witch, sometimes said to shape shift into a physical being such as a companion animal.

Evil Eye

A particular look or stare that is believed to bring bad luck for the person at whom it is directed, for reasons of envy or dislike.