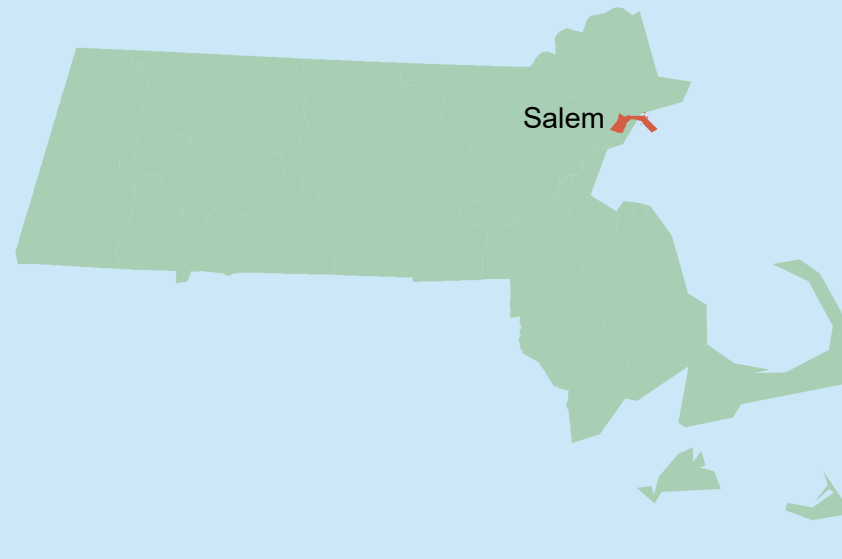


WHO WAS TITUBA

Indigenous to Central America, Tituba was the slave of the Reverend Samuel Parris, Salem's Puritan minister. She was in charge of caring for the Parris' children, including the daughter and niece that were among the first girls to start acting strangely. After she tried to help the girls by baking a "witchcake" Tituba was accused of being the cause of the girls' troubles. After a confession was forced out of her, she gave a list of other "witches" in the town. She embellished her confession and vivid details of selling her soul to the devil. Against all odds, Tituba was never executed. Eventually after many years she was purchased and bailed out of jail. She was then granted her freedom, after which she faded from history.



SALEM MASSACHUSETTS



A WICKED PAST

The thing Salem is most well known for, without a doubt, are the infamous witch trials of 1692, with over two hundred accused, thirty found guilty and nineteen executed.

HOW IT STARTED

These trials and the hysteria that came with them all started with two girls having fits of violent contortions and outbursts of screaming. These fits would spread to others. Eventually, an accusation was made, accusing the slave Tituba, owned by the Parris family, the same family whose 9-year-old daughter was one of the first two girls to suffer these violent fits.

VICTIMS OF NOTE

Giles Corey: Crushed to death, after pleading “not guilty” and refusing to even be tried. Before being accused himself he had turned his own wife in for the crime of witchcraft.

Sarah Good: One of the earliest accused, hanged as a witch on July 19, 1692, after the imprisonment of her six-year-old Dorcas, also accused of being a witch, and the tragic death of her infant in prison.



SALEM TODAY

These days Salem has a popular tourism industry, with guided tours and multiple museums and stores capitalising on everything related to witches.

WHAT TO DO

When visiting Salem one would be a fool not to explore the town and see what it has to offer.

A good place to start would be a relaxing stroll through the Ropes Mansion's garden. Open to the public, the Ropes Mansion hosts both a museum as well a beautiful garden, which is open all hours of the day. One great way to get the full Salem experience and learn more of the town's history and culture is to take one of the many walking tours offered. These tours are perfect for seeing the whole town and for planning what areas are worth exploring or revisiting in more detail.



WHAT TO EAT

When looking for a quick snack to enjoy, try “Caramel” a local bakery with a lovely selection of charming desserts from Macarons to Flan.



SALEM IN MEDIA

Due to a studio fire on the set of Bewitched the cast and crew made a trip to Salem to film some episodes in 1970.

In 1993 the cult classic Hocus Pocus was partially filmed in Salem including the Ropes Mansion as Allison's House, Old Town Hall, Salem Common, and more.

