Databases for Research Articles about the Salem Witch Trial (and witches/witchcraft more generally)

To get a list of articles and eBooks about the Salem Witch Trials, type “salem witch trials” into the search box in any of the databases below. Once you have looked at some of the results, you may decide to add another key word to narrow or focus the results. For example, you could type “salem witch trials and feminism” or “witchcraft and history” just to give a couple of examples. As Prof. Bernardini notes, you do not have to focus your research question only on the Salem witch trials; you can explore the cultural and historical issues of people charge with being witches in different countries or time periods. The Gale Virtual Reference and Credo Reference databases are particularly good to use to get information from specialized encyclopedias that provide the background information and topics you can read and choose from to create your research question or focus one that really interests you and encourages your curiosity.

You can choose which of these databases you want to use. Try a few and take a look at the different materials each one offers. There will also be overlap. It’s not necessary to use every resource on this page. But variety is the spice of life!

- American History Online
- Academic Search Complete
- Credo Reference
- Gale Virtual Reference
- Gender Watch – Highly recommended for articles that look at the subject through different perspectives, particularly feminist perspectives, and through gender.

Some Excellent Web Resources!

- The University of Virginia's Electronic Text Center has created a comprehensive collection of primary documents about the Salem Witch Trials. Resources include transcripts of court records, historical maps of the village, and witchcraft accusations and notable people during the trials. [http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/home.html](http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/home.html)

The University of Missouri/Kansas City School of Law has excellent materials about famous trials, including the Salem Witch trial.

- The Salem Witch Trials. From this webpage, you have access to all kinds of materials about Salem and the trials: [http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/salem.htm](http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/salem.htm)


- More Famous Trials by Douglas O. Linder (2013). Arranged in chronological order. One trial which is of some relevance is that of Alger Hiss (1949-50) – House Unamerican Activities Committee (HUAC) [http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm](http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm)