

Deposition of Ann Jenkins, her within written testimony, 11 June 1695

Ann Jenkins, of full age, Testifieth & saith, that at Oyster River, on the eighteenth of July last past, in the morning about the dawning of the day my husband being up went out of the dore, & presently returning cried to me & our children to run for our lives, for the Indians had beset the town: whereupon my husband & myself fled with our children into our corne field, & at our entrance into the field, Bomazeen, whom I have seen since I came out of captivity in the prison, came towards us & about ten Indians more: & the sd Bomazeen then shot at my husband and shote him down, ran to him & struck him three blows on the head with a hatchet, scalped him & run him three times with a bayonet. I also saw the said Bomazeen knock one of my children on the head & tooke of her scalp & then put the child into her father's armes; and then stabbed the breast.

And Bomazeen also then killed my husband's grandmother & scalped her, and then led me up to a house and plundered it & then set it on fire & carried me & my three children into captivity, together with the rest of our neighbors, whose lives were spared, being at first forty nine: but in one miles going, or thereabouts, they killed three children, so there remained forty six captives. & that night the company parted & the captives were distributed, but before they parted I, this deponent, numbered one hundred and fourty of Indians & fourteen Frenchmen & then, when I tooke account, there were more firing at Woodman's garrison & at Burnhams garrison, but the number unknown to me.

Myself with nine captives more were carried up to penecook & were Left with three Indians, & that party went to Greaten [Groton, MA], Bomazeen being their Commander. In nine days they returned & brought twelve captives: & from thence with their canoes, sometimes a float, & sometimes carried, untill that we came to Norridgeawocke, which took us fifteen dayes, & staid about two months there, then dispersed into the woods, twoe or three families in a place, & kept moving toe & froe, staeing about a week in a place, until they brought us down to pemaquid & delivered us to Capt. March. Bomazeen was my Master; his wife my Mistriss, untill Bomazeen was taken at pemaquid; after that I belonged to his wife, untill about two months before I was brought down to pemaquid; for then the Indian Minister, called prince Waxaway, bought me, when I was brought to great weakness and extremity by their bad usage, and showed me great kindness; by whose means, under God, my life was preserved.

My mistriss was very cruel to me & I was cruelly whipt seaven times & they intended so to proceed, once a week, untill they had killed me; but that the Indian Minister had compassion on me & rescued me. That Indian Minister also bought three captives more, and freed them from their hard usage. Their names are Nicholas Frost, Sarah Braggonton and Thomsand Drue [Tamsen Drew of Oyster River].

The mark of W AN JENKINS.

The Deposition of Damsen [Tamsen] Drew lately dwelling att Oyster River in Piscataqua, Boston, May 23rd 1698

This Deponent maketh Oath that on or about the last day of August [evidently traumatic] in the year 1694 she this Deponent being in Bed with her Husband they heard a great

Tumult and Noise of firing of Guns which awakened her out of her sleep, and she understanding that the Indians were in arms & had encompassed the House, willing to make her escape, she endeavored & att last got out of the window and fled, but the Indians firing fast after her she returned to the House and her father in law took her by the hand and haled her into the House again, where upon she endeavored to get out at another window, but the Indians had besett that, so she returned to the other Room where her friends were, and the window of that Room being open an Indian named Bombazine (as she was then informed & has since seen and known him in the Prison at Boston) caught hold of her Arm and pulled her out att the Window & threw her violently upon the ground, she being then with child & when he had so done he went into the House to plunder, when another Indian named Assurowlaway (who could speak good English) came to her & told her she would receive no hurt & took her and carried her into the woods, And further this Deponent saith not.

The mark of Damson x Drew.